

next week at colquitz

friday, december 20, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

This last week is a busy one. Finalizing Learning Updates (see page 5 and email sent by Sam for how to access on Parent Connect), an Ugly Sweater Contest, Candy Grams, a Student Connections meeting with members of our District, our Winter Concert, and of course Hot Chocolate and our Winter Assembly today. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the fun activities, and a special thanks to parents who helped organize and execute our Hot Chocolate extravaganza today. We could not have done it without you!

Looking back on our first term together, I feel grateful to be part of such a kind, caring, supportive and exceptional community of learners, including our staff, students, and families. Things are not always easy or simple in Middle School, but we are all working towards the same goal: supporting each other to be our best selves and trying to learn from missteps and mistakes when they happen. We are all better for the experiences we have together.

May you all have a wonderful winter holiday with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Carrie Schlappner
- Principal



next week at a glance

- Monday, Dec 23
- Tuesday, Dec 24
 - Christmas Eve
- Wednesday, Dec 25
 - Christmas Day
 - Hanukah Begins
- Thursday, Dec 26
 - Kwanzaa Begins
- Friday, Dec 27
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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Monday, January 6

Friday, January 10

Wednesday, January 15

Tuesday, January 21

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25

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Wednesday, January 29

School re-opens

Indigenous Student Lunch

Black Excellence Day

PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm

Pro D Day (No School today)

International Day of Commemoration to Honor Victims of the Holocaust

Chinese/ Lunar New Year

New Pick up and Drop off Location!

Starting January 6, daily school bus drop-off and pick up will be at the back parking lot, past the Gaga Ball pit. This measure will greatly improve traffic congestion in front of the school.



Important Reminder for Grade 8 Families

As we prepare to send out Transition Letters to Grade 8 Families on **January 8th**, we encourage everyone to **update the school with any changes of address and provide the necessary supporting documents.** This will help prevent any surprises or concerns when they receive their child's transition letter in the New Year, which will reflect the next school based on the current information we have on file.



Reporting

Absences



Please email colquitz@sd61.bc.ca AND your child's teacher if your child will be late or absent, or call the **Attendance Line at 250-479-4313.**

This is the best way to ensure we get the message and a call-out does not go out to you in error.

Thank you

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SPORTS @ COLQUITZ

**Here is the schedule for Sports practices and games.
Please check in with your students around information from coaches.**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ii_RjwQmRWcUiQaguArHIQ6Mj882QdROC2rNWcV1Q5k/edit?usp=sharing

A huge thank you to all coaches, staff and parents who helped to begin our sports season so successfully.

****We are looking for a volleyball coach to possibly coach a 7/8 girls rec team and a possible 7/8 boys team. This will be determined once cuts are made in our competitive tryouts and interest is gauged. This would involve having a practice once a week (I can help with that) and three jamborees after school.**

**If you are able to help, please contact
Christine Crljenkovic ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca**

Registration, Transition and Transfer Processes to be aware of:

Families, especially Grade 8 Families: Please note the following important registration dates and refer to the [Registration Guide](#) if you have any questions. Thank you!



January 31, 2025	Grade 8s - Deadline to submit Secondary Programs of Choice and Career Program applications
February 10 – 13, 2025	Grade 8 parents who may want their child to go to a high school other than their catchment, or families considering a change of school – you must put in for a transfer during Kindergarten to Grade 12 Student Transfer Process
February 12, 2025	Grade 8s - Last day for Secondary Schools to inform students re: acceptance into Programs of Choice and Career Programs
February 13, 2025	Deadline to submit ALL transfer requests (no later than 3:30pm)
On or before March 14, 2025	Notification of all transfer decisions will be communicated to families
May 15, 2025	District Orientation/ Student Transition Day (grade 5s go to Middle Schools, Grade 8s visit high schools) in the afternoon

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MUSIC

Congratulations to all students who performed yesterday. Thank you to all parents, guardians, and everyone who came to the concerts!

- An email update will be sent a few days before school comes back about schedule and a reminder about the tour meeting that first Wednesday.
- Students do not have to record practice over the break, but it is encouraged to practice over the break if possible!
- Please make sure your student brings their instrument and folder home for the holidays.



CPAPA

Colquitz Performing Arts Parents Association (CPAPA)

CPAPA is an organization of parents of performing arts students.

We help support the performing arts at our school throughout the school year.

Join us in the art room for our next meeting at **6:30 to 7:30pm on Monday Feb 3, 2025**
The door will be open at the front of the school to the right of the main entrance.

Contact CPAPA at: cpapainfo@gmail.com



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Scott Doust and his employer, Sysco, for their generous donation of hot chocolate to Colquitz School. This kind gesture made the season even more special. Your support and community spirit are truly appreciated!

Yearbooks are on sale now!

Yearbooks cost \$25

To order your child a copy of the yearbook, please go to **ybpay.ca** and use the
order ID **13717625**.

Deadline to order yearbook is May 20th, 2025

If you have any questions please contact Megan Schuring at mschuring@sd61.bc.ca

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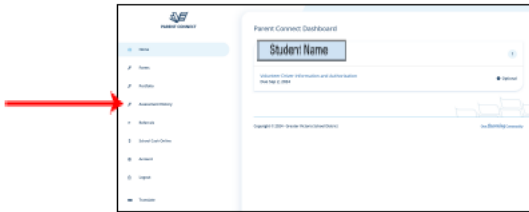
How to Access Your Child's Learning Update

Step 1: Sign into Parent Connect

Go to parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca. Log in using your account information. If you are new to Parent Connect, you can create a new account by clicking on the blue icon. You can also sign in using an existing service such as Google.



Step 2: Using the Toolbar Menu, select Assessment History



Step 3: Click on the Learning Update you would like to view.

*You can access all of your child's previous updates through this chart. To view the most current learning update, click the green icon on the first row (2024/2025) under the column for Term 1.

Year	School	Portfolio & Reports	Term 1	Summary of Learning
2024/2025	Margaret Jenkins Elementary			
2023/2024	Margaret Jenkins Elementary			
2022/2023	Margaret Jenkins Elementary			

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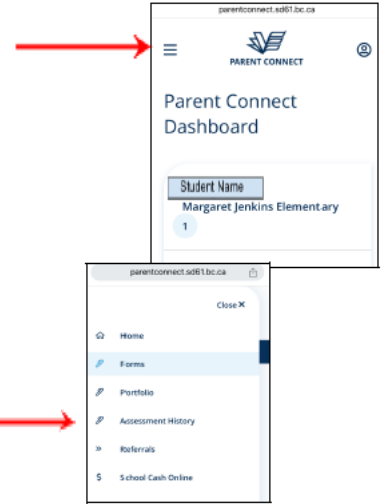
Are you using a mobile device? It might look something like this instead...

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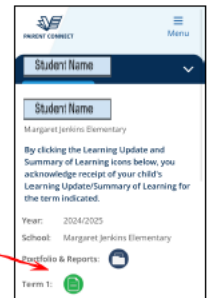
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Parenting Programs

BGC South Vancouver Island offers two programs to support parents of teens: Parents Together, an ongoing online program, and Parents in the Know, a 10-week in-person program. Both provide tools, skills, and support to help parents guide their teens with confidence. Your teen's future starts with your support. Let's navigate this journey together!

Parents Together

When: Tuesdays Online
Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
(Ongoing)

Join this flexible online education and group support program designed for parents of teens. Gain valuable skills, knowledge, and confidence to guide your teen through their journey into adulthood. The program focuses on 10 key topics, with content tailored to the needs of participating parents.

Parents in the Know

When: Tuesdays In-Person
at 345 Wale Rd
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
(10 Weeks)

Looking for a more structured experience? This 10-week in-person program offers the same comprehensive topics and support as Parents Together but with a clear beginning and end. Build meaningful connections while learning in a supportive environment.

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Nicola Mackay
Family Programs Manager
250.686.9109
carefamilies@bgcsvg.org



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Youth Centre Winter Camp

Youth Centre Winter Camp is happening **December 30, 31, January 2, 3**. It is open to students in **grade 6**.

Camp hours are **9 am - 4 pm**.

The cost is **\$150**

There will be indoor and outdoor activities, a visit to Boardgame cafe, a dip in the pool and to close out 2024, there will be a NYE celebration!



I have attached a copy of the camp registration forms, or you can visit our webpage to download a copy: <https://burnsidegorge.ca/youth-recreation/camp-survivor/>. All completed forms can be sent to me via email: vanessa@burnsidegorge.ca or dropped off at the centre (Burnside Gorge Community Association).

Once forms are received, I will follow up with the parent/guardian for payment. Please share this information that you feel would be interested.

Registration form is attached separately.

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Ages 11 - 17
IN OUR YOUTH CENTRES
MONDAYS 6:00 - 8:00PM @ GORDON HEAD RECREATION
THURSDAYS 7:00 - 9:00PM @ PEARKES RECREATION
CLICK TO SIGN UP
WWW.SAANICH.CA 250 475 5462 TYLERA.SMITH@SAANICH.CA

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STORIES & SLIME YOUTH BOOK CLUB
AGES 11 - 15
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00pm
Jan 15th - June 4th
@ The Flipside Youth Centre
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre
REGISTER HERE
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SUBWAY AND PIZZA LUNCHES

Tuesdays - Subway

We are pleased to offer Subway as a lunch option to order on Tuesdays

Thursdays -- Pizza Day



We are pleased to offer pizza as a lunch option to order on Thursdays. If you are interested, you may order through **School Cash Online (NOT through the Lunch Box section)**. Please note that you need to order pizza WEEK TO WEEK, thus giving you the option to skip weeks if you so choose.

Please note that there are no refunds for unclaimed pizza or Subway.

Parents – you can arrange to pick up your order the same day or transfer it to another student if you inform us by 11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays at colquitz@sd61.bc.ca or call 250-479-1678.

The weekly deadline to place orders for Subway and Pizza for the upcoming week is Monday at noon

Here is the link to School Cash Online to make your order:

<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/>



PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES



FRIDAY NIGHTS DINNER SKATING & MOVIE

AGES 11 - 16
\$5


Jan 10th - April 18th
Fridays - 5:45 - 9:00pm

@ The Flipside Youth Centre
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre


[REGISTER HERE](#) 

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Bring your friends and hang out on a Fridays at the Flipside. Enjoy Dinner, themed skates & a movie in our awesome youth centre.



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