

next week at colquitz

friday, april 04, 2025

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It has been a lovely first week back, both in re-connecting with kids and of course the beautiful sunshine! Spring is here! Yahoo!

April is Sikh Heritage Month and we have already kicked it off with a display in the front foyer, a slideshow presentation (along with this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgrErO_5rhM) that was provided for classes, and the Culture Club is planning on an event on April 14, which is Vaisakhi/Baisakhi.



Wednesday was Autism Awareness Day, and most classes viewed this video along with a slideshow to learn more about autism and other forms of neurodivergence, especially their strengths. We encourage you to watch it too! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=haBENW96T5g>

Autism Awareness

Understanding Neurodiversity
and the Positives of Autism



Badminton, Rugby, and Track and Field are also starting. Parents: if you or anyone you know is a high jump expert, we would appreciate some help! Please email our Athletic Director, Christine Crljenkovic, at ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca—we appreciate your assistance! Check out the practice and games schedule on page 3.

If you have not yet had the chance to view your child's Learning Update with them, please do so today! The instructions on how to do so are on page 2 of this newsletter. We appreciate you taking the time to honour all of their efforts and hard work, and model reflection about how things went and to create goals for term 3.

Enjoy this weekend with your family and friends—especially this sunshine!

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, Apr 7

- World Health Day
- CPAPA Meeting @ 6.00pm **(new time to accommodate the music tour meeting)**

Tuesday, Apr 8

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Wednesday, Apr 9

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Thursday, Apr 10

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Friday, Apr 11

- Indigenous Student Lunch

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

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| Monday, April 14 | Vaisakhi/Baisakhi |
| Tuesday, April 15 | PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm in Library |
| Friday, April 18 | Good Friday (No School) |
| Monday, April 19 | Easter Monday (No School) |
| Tuesday, April 22 | Earth Day |
| Wednesday, April 23 | International Admin Assistants Day |
| | Yo HaShoah |
| | Student-Led Conferences starting at 2:30pm-6:30pm |
| | Early dismissal @1.49 pm |
| Friday, May 2 | Class/Group Photos |

Accessing Parent Connect Portal (Learning Updates on March 14th)

If you have not already created a Parent Connect account [please click here](#)

If you have a Parent Connect account [please click here](#) to log in after reviewing the instructions below.

Instructions for viewing on a computer:

- Once logged in, click **ASSESSMENT HISTORY** on the left-hand side
- In assessment history, you will see current year reporting information with **green icons** for learning updates and a **blue icon** for portfolio
- When you click the learning update icon the learning update will download to your computer.

Instructions for viewing on a phone/device:

- Once logged in, click on the 3 bars at the top left corner of the screen
- Click on ASSESSMENT HISTORY
- In assessment history, you will see current year reporting information with **green icons** for learning updates and a **blue icon** for portfolio
- When you click on the icon it will open the learning update.

[Step by Step video guide for accessing Parent Portal](#)

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

| April 7-11 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | PRO-D |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Before school | | Gr 7(Kiet) girls Kiet 6/7 girls 7:00-8:10 am | | | |
| Lunch practice | T & F practice | T & F practice | Rugby Rec. Badminton | Rugby Track and field practice | |
| After school practice | Mountain Bike Club Resumes. | Badminton Practice 3-4:30 | Track and Field Practice 3-3:45 | Badminton Practice 3-4:30 | |
| Competition | | | Badminton exh 1 Hosting St. Joe's | | |

**If you have any questions, please contact
Christine Crljenkovic ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca**

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 some pictures for the
yearbook please send it to:
colquitzyearbook@gmail.com**

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

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KIDS RUN 2025



Kids Run 2025 May 4th, 2025

One of our goals at Colquitz Middle School is to raise awareness of childhood cancers and to support Pediatric Oncology for Vancouver Islands' Kids through fundraising events! We are proud to be teaming with Kids Run 2025 once again this year.

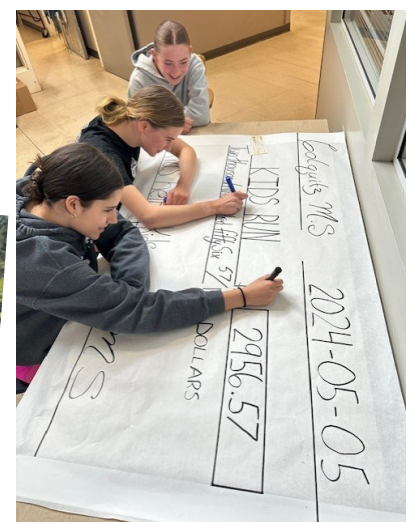
You can support this very important cause by participating in our school fundraisers, volunteering at the event, donating online through Kev (beginning April 7th), and most importantly registering for the 1km or 5 km walk/run. When you register, please use the team Colquitz Fights Cancer team.

For more information: <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/103887/kidsrun-victoria-2025>

Colquitz Fights Cancer team Link: <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/103887/kidsrun-victoria-2025/register?team=799451>

You can also contact Christine Crljenkovic at the school. ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca

Through research funding, social support and ongoing education, we CAN make a difference.



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Tour Updates:

- Reminder: There is a **required tour meeting for parents, guardians and students on THIS Monday, April 7th at 6:30 pm in the drama room.** The CPAPA meeting will be at 6:00 pm the same night.

Important Information:

- Practice is next due on April 30th.
- The parade is on Saturday, May 10th. Parent/guardian volunteers will be needed!
- Marching band has started! All band 6-8 students participate in marching band at Colquitz, and we perform in the Esquimalt Buccaneers day parade! Colquitz is one of the few middle schools in Victoria who do marching band. Extra help is available during nutrition break on Tuesday-Thursday, and Tuesday/Wednesday lunch recess.
- During early morning rehearsals next week, the yearbook team will be by to take photos! No uniforms are required.

Band Schedule:

- **Tuesday:** Jazz Band 7:40 am
- **Wednesday:** Band 6 **COMBINED** (All instruments, amber **and** green pod) at 740 am.
- **Thursday:** Band 7/8 **Combined**. Jazz band at lunch.

All other information about Fine Arts can be found at our website:

<https://www.colquitzfinearts.weebly.com/>

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.

- Music Tour Meeting - Required meeting for all Music tour parents, guardians and students in the drama room on Monday April 7th at 6:30pm
- Please note that the **CPAPA meeting will also take place on Monday April 7th at 6:00pm** (new time to accommodate the music tour meeting) in the drama room. Everyone is welcome!!!

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Musical Theatre Calendar

APRIL

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| | | 1 Lunch: Soloists After school: Scene 3 (in the park) | 2 BEFORE SCHOOL: Tour choir Lunch: "Broadway Melody" Soloists only After school: Scene 12 | 3 Lunch: Don & Kathy After school: Scene 4 (RF's party) | 4 | 5 |
| 6 SUNDAY REHEARSAL 1:00 - 2:30 Review all D, C, K Music & chorus + Scenes 2:45 - 4:00 Chorus Girls | 7 Lunch: CREW After school: Scene 7 (movie studio) | 8 Lunch: Scene 6 (before "Make 'em") After school: Scene 8 (after 4 leaf) | 9 BEFORE SCHOOL: Tour choir Lunch: "Broadway Melody" Soloists only After school: Scene 2 (after premiere) | 10 Lunch: Dancers After school: Scene 10 a & b (Ms. Dinsmore scenes) | 11 Lunch: Scene 14 (RF's office) | 12 |
| 13 SUNDAY REHEARSAL 1:00 - 4:00 "Moses Supposes Reprises" "People in the Movies" | 14 Lunch: CREW After school: Scene 15 (sound studio) | 15 Lunch: Soloists After school: Scene 17 a & b (RF's office, no song) | 16 BEFORE SCHOOL: Tour choir After school: Scene 18 (finale, no ensemble) | 17 Lunch: Scene 2 After school: Scene 16 "What's Wrong With Me?" | 18 GOOD FRIDAY | 19 |
| 20 | 21 EASTER MONDAY | 22 Lunch: Soloists After school: Review Don, Kathy, Cos | 23 Lunch: Transition Scene After school: Scene 18 (finale, no ensemble) | 24 Tour Prep Day | 25 SENIOR MUSIC TOUR TO VANCOUVER | 26 SENIOR MUSIC TOUR TO VANCOUVER |
| 27 | 28 Lunch: CREW After school: Scene 4 (RF's party: speaking characters only) | 29 Lunch: TBD After school: Scene 3 (in the park) | 30 Lunch: Norman Bailey After school: Review Norman scenes + Stars (scene 1, no ensemble) | | | |

MAY/JUNE

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | 1 Lunch: Don & Kathy After school: Scene 7 (Movie studio) | 2 Lunch: TBD | 3 |
| 4 SUNDAY REHEARSAL 1:00 - 4:00 FULL RUN | 5 Lunch: CREW After school: Scene 4 (RF's party: speaking characters only) | 6 Lunch: Scene 6 (before Make 'em) After school: Scene 12 (people on the street) | 7 THEATRE PULLOUT 1:45-4:15 "Broadway Melody" | 8 Lunch: TBD After school: "Make 'em Laugh" (people in the movies) | 9 Lunch: TBD | 10 |
| 11 Mother's Day | 12 Lunch: CREW After school: Chorus Girl scene review | 13 Lunch: Scene 14 After school: Scene 18 (no ensemble) | 14 THEATRE PULLOUT 1:45-4:15 "Broadway Melody" | 15 Lunch: TBD After school: Scene 15 | 16 PRO-D | 17 |
| 18 | 19 VICTORIA DAY | 20 Lunch: CREW After school: Review Don, Kathy, Cos | 21 THEATRE PULLOUT 1:45-4:15 FULL RUN | 22 Lunch: TBD After school: TBD | 23 Lunch: TBD | 24 |
| 25 SUNDAY REHEARSAL 1:00 - 4:00 FULL RUN | 26 Lunch: Review solos After school: Run Act 1 | 27 Lunch: Review Duets After school: Problem scenes | 28 THEATRE PULLOUT 1:45-4:15 FULL RUN | 29 Lunch: Review Trios After school: Run Act 2 | 30 Lunch: Crew final meeting | 31 |
| 1 FULL DRESS rehearsal AT COLQUITZ: 12 - 4pm | 2 Show week! Dress and Tech 3 - 10pm AT SPECTRUM | 3 Show #1 6 - 10pm AT SPECTRUM (show starts at 7:30pm) | 4 Show #2 6 - 10pm AT SPECTRUM (show starts at 7:30pm) | 5 NO SHOW TONIGHT!!! | 6 Show #3 6 - 10pm AT SPECTRUM (show starts at 7:30pm) | 7 Final night! 6 - 10pm AT SPECTRUM (show starts at 7:30pm) |

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SUBWAY AND PIZZA LUNCHES

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

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

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



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 (Subway) and Thursdays (Pizza) at colquitz@sd61.bc.ca or call 250-479-1678.



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FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Snacks
Included

VALUES AND INCLUSION THROUGH SPORT

DATE **TUESDAYS AT 4:00-5:30**
APRIL 1, 8, 15

Sign Up Here

Learning cooperation through games,
teaching mindfulness, and building
self-identity.



10-13 Years Old

Open
Group

Location Neighbourhood Learning
Centre at Vic High



Registration Link <https://forms.office.com/r/ysdK5mbdxR>

Contact for More Info 778-990-0813, gfu@viccir.org



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Grupo de Apoyo y Conexión

Objetivo: Desarrollar un espacio seguro para compartir experiencias y aprender juntos estrategias para favorecer el bienestar emocional.

- MINDFULNESS
- ARTE
- NARRACIÓN
- CONEXIÓN

ESPACIO LIMITADO!

Fecha límite para registro: 15 de Marzo del 2025

QUIEN? Mujeres mayores de 20 años.

CUANDO? Duración 8 semanas iniciando el 18 de marzo del 2025

- Martes de 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- Miércoles de 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

DONDE? Online a través de Zoom.

COMO? Para más información:
smontiel@viccir.org o hbowie@viccir.org

- Registrarse utilizando el QR

COSTO

\$ 35 CAD



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World Cup Festival

World Cups Youth Soccer Festival will be held over the Easter weekend, April 18th and 19th 2025!

As a bonus, the school with the highest participation will win \$1000 for their school! **REGISTER TODAY!**

2025 WORLD CUPS FESTIVAL
WESTSHORE REC
WORLD CUPS Youth Festival
APRIL 18 & 19, 2025

REGISTRATION
\$45-00 - BEFORE APRIL 15
\$55-00 - AFTER APRIL 15

INCLUDES:
- SWAG BAG
- FUN & SKILL STATION
- PRIZE WHEEL
- A PACIFIC FC GAME TICKET

REGISTER TODAY
WWW.WORLDCUPS.CA

WORLD CUPS FESTIVAL
\$1000
SCHOOL CHALLENGE
THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST REGISTRATIONS WINS \$1000

STEP 1: SIGN UP AT:
WORLDCUPS FESTIVAL@GMAIL.COM

STEP 2: PROMOTE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSLETTERS & WE'LL PROVIDE PAPER POSTERS

STEP 3: KEEP POSTED OF YOUR SCHOOL NUMBERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

STEP 4: WE'LL DECLARE A WINNER THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL

www.worldcups.ca



MIDDLE SCHOOL TRADES EXPLORATION SUMMER PROGRAMS

Open to all students from our partnership school districts born between 2011-2013.

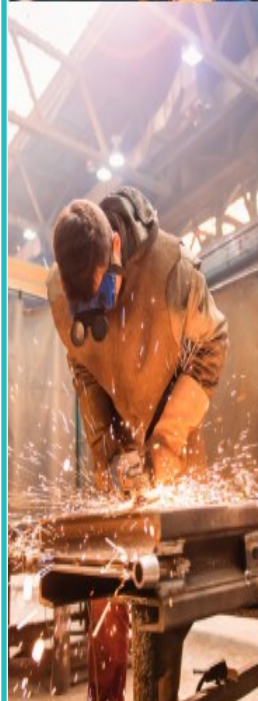
Expressions of Interest:
March 17 - April 11

JULY 2 - 4 (3 days only)
• Future Women in Trades Sampler
• General Trades Sampler

JULY 7 - 11
• Culinary
• Masonry
• Pipe Trades
• Sheet Metal
• Welding

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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 ✨

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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PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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 ✨

Are you ready for exciting adventures, mind-bending mysteries, and powerful stories? Whether you love fantasy, action, or stories that make you think, our book club has something for everyone. If you love reading, making crafts, and having a blast with friends, Stories & Slime is the place to be.

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U13 TUESDAYS
U15 WEDNESDAYS
PICK UP SUNDAYS

STARTS APRIL 8TH
VUPS.BC.CA/YOUTH

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HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES April 4, 2025



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Highway 1-Colquitz River Bridges Widening project will widen and seismically retrofit both existing two-lane bridges over Burnside Road on Highway 1 in Victoria, as well as establish a dedicated bus-on-shoulder lane. Widening the Colquitz River bridges will make for a more reliable, efficient commute for south Islanders while protecting local waterways and ecosystems. The Project will provide environmental enhancements by planting native trees, removing invasive species and treating highway runoff via a rain garden before discharging into the Colquitz River. Pomerleau Inc was awarded the construction contract in March 2024 for the project.

PROJECT UPDATES

Construction activities continue to progress onsite, including ongoing widening work on the South and North Colquitz Bridges. The construction crew has continued works for the South Bridge deck work, including concrete pouring and curing for the parapet and approach slab. At the North Bridge, works continued for the new Bent installation and preparation for the deck work. Works continued along the Western Median, including sawcutting and removal of existing asphalt, and grading with granular materials.

1 MONTH LOOKAHEAD

The following construction activities are anticipated to begin/continue over the next month:

- Preparation for opening a third lane along the North Bridge.
- Paving Western median shoulder.
- Ongoing work for the North Bridge B1 and B2 bents, as well as the North Bridge deck works.
- Lane closures, traffic control and temporary crosswalk along Burnside Road West.

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Regular third-party environmental audits are being conducted throughout construction. The latest audit conducted on March 20th, 2025, included in-situ water quality monitoring and noted the project was in compliance with turbidity levels from measurements conducted upstream, downstream, and adjacent to the Project. Tree clearing for the Project was conducted prior to nesting season, and trees will be replanted prior to the end of construction.

The Peninsula Streams Society have installed their Smolt Trap in the Colquitz River this month. The Smolt Trap is used to count out-migrating salmon smolts and track their movements. Understanding where the salmon spend their time at different life stages will help inform further restoration efforts and will contribute towards a better understanding of coho and cutthroat within the river system.



Figure 1: Smolt Trap in the Colquitz River

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HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES April 4, 2025



Figure 2: Works Along West Median on Highway 1



Figure 3: Highway 1 Grading Works
Clearing was done prior to nesting season, and trees will be replanted prior to the end of construction



Figure 4: Installation of Smolt Trap



Figure 5: Heating and Hoarding for Concrete Curing

For more information about this project, please contact:
Mike Boissonneault, Project Manager, MOTT - 778-974-2632
Krista Englund, Regional Manager of Environmental Services, MOTT