

next week at colquitz

friday, may 9, 2025

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It's been a beautiful week in the sunshine here at Colquitz.

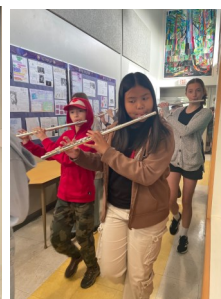
Monday was Red Dress Day, which is a day to remember and honor the higher proportion of Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people who have gone missing or been murdered in Canadian society. We wear red because it is a sacred colour, to symbolize the spirits of those who have been lost, and serves as a visual reminder of the need for justice and action. We had a display and drummed The Women's Warrior Song, written by Martina Pierre, a Lil'wat elder from British Columbia. The song is a tribute to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and serves as a symbol of healing and strength.

Today, the Marching Band surprised us this morning with a trip through the school—it was so much fun! Enjoy the photos!

Please note that next Thursday is District Transition Day, which has grade 8s going to their next year's high school in the afternoon. More information is on page 3. Only students going to Spectrum will be accompanied by staff, and families need to arrange transportation to all other schools.

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

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal



next week at a glance

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| Monday, May 12 | • |
| Tuesday, May 13 | • Gr 6 Immunization catch ups in afternoon |
| Wednesday, May 14 | • |
| Thursday, May 15 | • <i>Moosehide Campaign Day</i>
• District Transition Day—Early dismissals of Grade 8's |
| Friday, May 16 | • Pro D Day (No School for students) |

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upcoming important dates—mark your calendars!

Monday, May 19	Victoria Day—No School
Tuesday, May 20	Rainbow Week begins; PAC Meeting @ 6.30 pm
Wednesday, May 28	Theatre Pull-out ends
Monday, June 2	Musical Dress Rehearsal
Friday, June 6	CC Day (Early Dismissal @ 11.45 am)
Saturday, June 7	Eid al-Adha
Monday, June 9	CPAPA Meeting @ 6.30 pm
Tuesday, June 10	Year-End Concert @ 7pm
Wednesday, June 11	Year-End Concert @ 1.15 pm and 7pm
Tuesday, June 17	PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm

May Mental Health Awareness

Hello Colquitz Community,
In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, we are offering various fun student activities throughout the month to promote mental wellness.

Thank you to Pearkes for their support! Please check out the calendar for more information and encourage your student to join in.

Colquitz May Mental Health Awareness Month Student / Family Calendar				1	2 Cultural Connections 12:30 / 1:15 Beading with Oceanloverjen
5 Exercise & Connection Lunch recess: Outdoor games on the soccer field with Pearkes.	6	7	8	9	
12 Pride Week Self-Care Lunch recess: Yoga in the gym with Pearkes.	13 Creativity Lunch recess: Pride Week Craft in the Home Ec Room	14 Pride Parade and dance party outside @lunch recess.	15 Connection District Transition Day Afternoon	16 ProD Day - No School	
19 Victoria Day 	20	21 Exercise & Connection Lunch recess: Outdoor games on the soccer field with Pearkes.	22	23	
26 Creativity Lunch recess: Craft in the library with Pearkes.	27	28 	29	30	

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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DISTRICT TRANSITION DAY THURSDAY, MAY 15th

This is a reminder that **District Transition Day happens on Thursday, May 15th in the afternoon.** On this day, grade 5s come to visit here and **Grade 8s go to their Secondary schools.**

Our grade 8 teachers will walk students who will be attending Spectrum there, however, **if your child will be attending ANY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL, families will need to figure out transportation to and from there;** they will not be accompanied by staff. Typically, they ask that students be there by 12:45pm, but we recommend contacting your child's secondary school directly for details.

Students will be dismissed directly from Spectrum, however, teachers will be walking back to Colquitz, so students can do that as well. If you would like your child to walk back to Colquitz with their teacher, **PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOW DIRECTLY.** We recommend that students that catch the school bus walk back with teachers to ensure they catch it on time.

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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.**

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

May 12-16	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school		Kiet 6/7 girls volleyball 7:00-8:10 am		VB practice 7:30 girls 8	Pro-D Day
Lunch practice	T & F practice Discus, shotput, LJ/TJ Hockey Intramurals in the Gym Yoga in gym	T & F practice Running-all distances Hockey Intramurals in the Gym	Track and Field Practice LJ/TJ Shot Put/Discus Rugby	Rugby HJ in gym	
After school practice	Mtn biking		T & F practice		
Competition		Boys 6/7 Rugby @ Colquitz		Track Meet 2 @ UVIC	

**We are looking for community
coaches who can help with track
and field**

please contact
Christine Crljenkovic
ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca



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MUSIC

Important Information:

The Grade 6 band attended and performed at the 10th annual band 6 festival on Thursday! They played very well and had a great time!

Please check your email for marching band information!

- Practice is next due Wednesday, May 28th
- Please return any marching band equipment on Tuesday!
- Term check-in #3 has gone out on paper and google classroom. It is due Friday, May 29th.

Band Schedule: (May 13-15)

Tuesday: Jazz Band 7:40 am

Wednesday: Band 6 COMBINED (All instruments, amber **AND** green pod) at 740 am.

Thursday: Band 7/8 Combined at 7:40 am. Jazz band at lunch.

All other information about Fine Arts can be found at our website:
<https://www.colquitzfinearts.weebly.com/>



Yearbooks are on sale now!

Reminder: Tuesday, May 20th is the last day to order Colquitz yearbooks!

HOW TO ORDER:

Yearbooks are on sale now! Yearbooks cost \$25. To order your child a copy of the yearbook, please go to [ybpay.ca](https://www.ybpay.ca) and use the order ID 13717625.

Yearbooks include:

- 64 colour pages of individual photos, class photos, clubs, teams and fun memories from throughout the year.
- Sturdy soft cover featuring a custom design from a Colquitz student
- Zoom insert that features current events and world news from the past year.

If you have any questions or require financial assistance, please reach out to Megan Schuring at mschuring@sd61.bc.ca

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Musical Theatre Calendar

MAY/JUNE

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)



Ticket sales are now live!

Bee's Knees: <https://cur8.com/19910/project/132057>

Cat's Meow: <https://cur8.com/19910/project/132058>

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Musical Theatre

Now that tickets for the musical are out, time to see **if you are able to help volunteer during show week which is from June 1-7.**

A number of parents have volunteered over the past few months and their help is appreciated! A number of them will be volunteering during show week as well. **More help is needed!**



Volunteer

There are leads for each of the areas who will be there to guide you with what the role entails when you arrive.

June 1: at Colquitz

June 2-7: at Spectrum

Check out the link to Sign-up Genius for opportunities: [Singin' in the Rain Jr - Volunteers](#)

LEAD THE CHANGE

"Lead the Change will be doing our Walk for Water campaign at the beginning of June and we are looking for washed out 2L or 4L Milk jugs **with** lids please. We would greatly appreciate donations of these jugs to help with this important awareness campaign.

What is the water walk?

Individual classes sign up to walk around the school, down at the creek, or around the neighbourhood carrying the milk jugs filled with water.

Why?

To help build understanding and empathy for the many people around the world who don't have access to clean drinking water and who have to walk very long distances to get their water.

After the campaign is over, we will use the water from the jugs to water our Colquitz garden in the coming months. "



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TRI-SPHERE TRAINING

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS



Skills and Development Camp:

July 21st – 25th

Game Ready Camp:

August 11th – 15th

COACHED BY:

ETHAN BOAG

5th Year Captain of UVIC Vikes
Mens Basketball Team



8-11 YEARS OLD

Boys & Girls
9.00 AM – 12.00 PM

12-15 YEARS OLD

Boys & Girls
1.00 PM – 4.00 PM

To register or for more
information please contact:

250-896-4875
edboag@gmail.com

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.schoolcashonline.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.



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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School District 61

3 on 3 After School Basketball League

All Skill Levels Welcomed



Sign Up Here!



Reversible Jersey Included
Grades 6-8

Mentor Message ★
Pizza + Drink

Victoria High School Gym
Meet Retired UVIC Players

Fridays, 7-9 PM
April 25 - June 6

Contact: Sean Powell spowell@sd61.bc.ca

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HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES May 6, 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 continued concrete works along the overhang parapet. At the North Bridge, works continued for the new Bent installation including pouring and curing concrete. The new bicycle railing along the South Bridge has also been installed. Paving was completed along the Highway 1 southbound shoulder.

1 MONTH LOOKAHEAD

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

- Preparation for opening a third lane along the South Bridge.
- Ongoing work for the North Bridge B1 and B2 bents including continued curing of concrete.
- Ongoing deck work along the North and South Bridges.
- Lane closures, traffic control and temporary crosswalk along Burnside Road West.

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT - POISON HEMLOCK ON THE PROJECT SITE

During construction, several Poison Hemlock plants have been found adjacent to the Project Site. Poison Hemlock is an introduced European weed which is toxic to both humans and livestock, affecting the central nervous system. It is important to prevent small-scale infestations of poison hemlock by periodically inspecting the area for newly established plants. Once identified, individual plants can be removed by hand pulling, hoeing, or spot application of a herbicide. Gloves need to be worn to minimize direct contact with the toxic sap. Plants cannot be burned because this may release toxins into the air.

The Provincial management goal for poison hemlock is regional containment and reduction in extent. MOTT retains a qualified contractor each year to treat infestations. Due to the risk to the public and wildlife, poison hemlock is a high priority species to manage in publicly accessed locations. Poison hemlock is easily mistaken for other species with white umbels in the carrot family, so accurate identification is important.



Figure 1: Poison Hemlock Presence on the Project Site

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Tuesday, April 15, 2025 21:16:25

Figure 2: Highway 1 Shoulder Paving



Figure 3: Tree Protection Fencing Installed Along Multi-Use Path



Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:45:53

Figure 4: Installation of South Bridge Railing



Wednesday, April 16, 2025 20:36:24

Figure 5: Heating and Hoarding for Concrete Curing

For more information about this project, please contact:
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Krista Englund, Regional Manager of Environmental Services, MOTT