

next week at colquitz

friday, january 23, 2026

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Many thanks to all of the family members who came to our first Family Game Night last Friday! It was a huge success! Thank you to Ms. Schuring and Ms. Irving and the leadership students who helped make it a fun evening for everyone.

We have a lot of wonderful learning opportunities happening all the time at Colquitz. This week, our Community Action teacher, Ms. Weir, took grade 8 students to be Reading Buddies with Kindergarten students at Tillicum Elementary School. It is heartwarming to see our "big kids" being so kind and patient with the little ones!

This is a reminder that grade 8 students wanting to apply for a Program of Choice at an SD61 Secondary School need to have their applications in by next Friday. Here is the link to the various programs: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/programs-of-choice/>

Also, remember Monday is a ProD Day! As much as we love seeing our students, we doubt they want to get up early on Monday if they don't have to.

Have a wonderful (hopefully sunny!) weekend with your friends and family.

- Carrie Schlappner,
Principal



next week at a glance

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| Monday, Jan 26 | • Pro D Day (No School Today) |
| Tuesday, Jan 27 | • <i>International Day of Commemoration of Honour the Victims of the Holocaust</i> |
| Wednesday, Jan 28 | • |
| Thursday, Jan 29 | • <i>National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia</i> |
| Friday, Jan 30 | • Grade 8's—Deadline for programs of Choice and Career program applications |

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upcoming important dates—mark your calendars!

Monday, Feb 2	Black Heritage Month Assembly
Friday, Feb 6	Indigenous Student Lunch
Monday, Feb 9	CPAPA Meeting @ 6.30pm
Wednesday, Feb 11	Cycle 2 Theatre Pull-out starts
Thursday, Feb 12	Palentine's Day (observed)
Friday, Feb 13	Pro D Day (No School today)
Monday, Feb 16	Family Day (No School today)
Tuesday, Feb 17	Chinese/ Lunar New Year
	Ramadan begins
	PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm

Survival Socks

"The Survival Socks Initiative is back at Colquitz! The students in the Leadership Club are collecting small toiletries/ personal care products for our Survival Socks. Our goal is to put together 100 socks stuffed with these items and deliver to people in need. Last year we donated 92 fully loaded socks to Our Place Society.



We are looking to collect new warm, dark coloured adult socks (crew or longer), toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, travel size mouth wash, small (hotel size/ sample size) shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, small tissue packages, feminine hygiene products, combs, band-aids, q-tips, hand sanitizer or wipes and new or nearly new crew (or longer) adult sized socks. We can also stuff the socks with small non-perishable items such as Granola bars, fruit leathers and packages of gum."



A special thank you to the Aleli, Charlie, Piper, Scarlett, and Willow for designing and creating the *Holocaust Remembrance Garden* for January 25, 2026. I truly appreciate the time, thoughtfulness, and care that went into this board.

-Ms. Goldman

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.**

Colquitz Winter Sports

Jan 26-30	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	PRO-D	Girls 7/8 Comp practice w Kiet 7:00am	Grade 6 boys 7:45 am	Girls 7/8 Comp practice w Kiet 7:00am	7/8 girls Rec Practice 7:15am
Lunch practice			7/8 girls rec volleyball practice	Grade 6 Boys rec	Grade 6 girls volleyball
After school practice					Swim Club
Competition	Boys 7/8 @home	Girls 6/7 Rec @ home	Girls 7/8 REC @ home 7/8 girls blue @ PCS 7/8 girls white @ St. Andrew's	6/7 boys rec @Home	

Please email Christine Crljenkovic ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca if you are interested.



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MUSIC UPDATE

Tour Update:

There was a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, January 14th. If your student is on tour and you were unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Forster will send you an email to set up a meeting time. The forms are available in person from Ms. Forster or on the google classroom for tour.

Tour Payment #2 is up online now and is due ASAP! Payments can also be made via cheque. Students' fundraising will be applied to payment 3, unless they had enough money to cover more than one full payment, which the money has been equally applied to payment 2 and 3.

Schedule:

Tuesday:

7:40 am: BAND 7/8

8:54 am: Band 6 Green

9:36 am: Band 6 Orange

Lunch: Jazz Band (Please come right at lunch EATING time.)

Wednesday:

7:40 am: BAND 6 COMBINED

10:33 am: Band 7

11:15 am: Band 8

Thursday:

7:40 am: JAZZ BAND

8:54 am: Band 8

9:36 am: Band 6 Green

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Reminder: If students do not have their instrument/ music, they are still expected to show up to class.

MUSICAL THEATRE!!!!

Families of students in Musical Theatre are invited to an information meeting on **Monday Jan 26th at 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Art room** (the door opens onto the parking lot). I'll be there to answer any questions you may have, share some of the amazing things we're doing for the show, and ask for some volunteers to help make this production as magical as it can possibly be! Even if you don't have time to volunteer, I'm sure many of you have questions you'd love to ask. Please join us!



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CPAPA News

Musical Theatre Parent/ Caregiver Information Night on:

Monday January 26 at 6:30 PM in the Art Room.

- ♦ Ms. Mackenzie will be available to answer questions about this year's production of the Lion King!
- ♦ This production is not possible without the support of our parent/caregiver community. If you have talents in:
 - o Set design
 - o Hair
 - o Costumes
 - o Makeup
 - o Corralling small humans (aka shushing and keeping order backstage)

or simply want to help out in any capacity, we want to hear from you!



CPAPA Monthly meeting on:

Monday February 9 at 6:30 PM in the Art Room (In Person)

<https://meet.google.com/jvs-njts-ihc> (Virtual)

- Come and find out what exciting plans we have for the winter and spring term
- We are looking for parents and caregivers to join and prepare to carry CPAPA through the 2026-27 school year! Help keep the performing arts alive at Colquitz!

Drop us a line at cpapainfo@gmail.com if you are interested

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Yearbooks are on sale now!

Yearbooks cost \$26.

To order your child a copy of the yearbook, please [click here](#).

- Yearbooks are delivered to students at the end of June



Pizza Update!

We are now offering a **gluten-free pizza option** for pizza day. The price per slice will still be \$4.00 but the slice size is slightly smaller than the regular.



Literacy Family Forum

Join us for an inspiring evening dedicated to building stronger literacy foundations in our community. Hear from educators, connect with local families, and discover practical ways to support your child's learning journey. Featured speakers include: Dr. Shelby Pollitt, Literacy Coordinator in SD62; David Hovis, Director of Instruction, Learning & Inclusion in SD61; and Breanna Glover, District Literacy Teacher in SD61.

Thursday, January 22, 2026

6:45 pm - 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:15)

Oak Bay High School Theatre

Childminding, pizza and games will be provided for the kids

[Register here](#)

The poster for the Literacy Family Forum features the VCPAC logo at the top. Below it, the title 'LITERACY FAMILY FORUM' is prominently displayed, followed by 'PRESENTED BY VCPAC'. A paragraph invites parents to join for an evening dedicated to building literacy foundations. A 'FEATURED SPEAKERS' section lists three individuals: Dr. Shelby Pollitt (Literacy Coordinator, Sooke School District), David Hovis (Director of Instruction, Learning & Inclusion, School District #61), and Breanna Glover (District Literacy Teacher, School District #61). A QR code is provided for registration, with a link: <https://forms.gle/duuE6eTfKDMthw9d>. The event details are listed at the bottom: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM, at Oak Bay High School Theatre, 2121 Cadboro Bay Rd. It notes that doors open at 6:15 PM and presenters begin at 6:45 PM. A final note states 'Pizza and games available for kids!'. The poster is decorated with colorful dots and a stack of books at the bottom right.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Shelby Pollitt Literacy Coordinator Sooke School District	David Hovis Director of Instruction, Learning & Inclusion, School District #61	Breanna Glover District Literacy Teacher School District #61
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• Learn about effective literacy strategies and supports
• Engage with educational leaders
• Discover ways to enhance literacy learning at home and support your child's education
• Open Q&A to share your questions and experiences

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Find Support Here

Help
for the
Hard
Times

[Support for Your Family
After a Mental Health Crisis](#)

[Join Us Online](#)

Connect and Learn
Online Events for Parents and Caregivers

If you are a parent or caregiver who would like to know more about crisis support and safety at home, but your child has not had an emergency room or inpatient experience, we can still help! We created this video for you: [Supporting Safety At Home When Your Child Has A Mental Health Crisis](#)

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Saanich Parking Survey – We Need Your Input!

Watt Consulting Group is working with the District of Saanich to update local off-street parking regulations. As part of this project, families, staff, and volunteers are invited to complete a short travel survey to help understand how our school community gets to and from school.

Survey links:


- **Parents & Guardians:** [School Travel Survey – Parents & Guardians](#)
- **Staff & Volunteers:** [School Travel Survey – Employees & Volunteers](#)

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will help shape future parking needs at Saanich schools.


Deadline: Saturday, January 31 at 11:59 p.m.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact **Tim Shah** (WATT Consulting Group - tshah@wattconsultinggroup.com) or

Adam Smith (District of Saanich - adam.smith@saanich.ca).



PEARKES YOUTH CENTRE (FLIPSIDE)
WEEKLY CALENDER
10-17yrs
Jan-May 2026

Monday After School Drop-in 3:30-5:30PM (FREE) Girls on the Go - Girls Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM (FREE)	Tuesday After School Drop-in 3:30-5:30PM (FREE) Magic: The Gathering Club 6:00 - 8:00 PM (FREE)	Wednesday After School Drop-in 3:15-5:15PM (FREE) Pearkes Youth Art Hive 6:30 - 8:30 PM (FREE)	Thursday Homeschool Social Drop-in 12:00 - 2:00 PM (FREE) After School Drop-in 3:15-5:15PM (FREE) 2SLGBTQIA+ Dinner + Social Drop-in 6:00-8:00PM (FREE)
Friday After School Drop-in 3:15-5:15PM (FREE) Flipside Fridays (Jan-Mar) 4:00-7:00PM (\$30) Teen 2 Chef (Apr-May) 5:00-7:30PM (\$15)	Saturday BIRTHDAY PARTY RENTALS 11:00AM - 1:00PM OR 2:00-4:00PM \$170	SCAN TO REGISTER 	

Program Info
Closed on STAT Holidays and some Pro-D days
All programs are free or low cost for the community

- Drop-in Programs include snack
- Registered Program

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Online via [Saanich RecOnline](#) site, through the above QR code, or through this direct [LINK](#)
2. Phone: 250-475-5462
3. In person at G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre Reception

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre
3100 Tillicum Road Victoria, BC V9A 6T2, 250-475-5400

The Youth Centre entrance is located beside the 5 minute loading zone parking at the front of the building