

# next week at colquitz

friday, may 01, 2026

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

We have enjoyed another wonderful, sunny week at Colquitz.

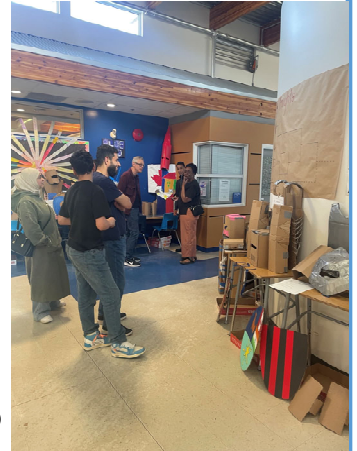
A big highlight this week was our Student-Led Conferences on Wednesday. Many thanks to all of the families who came to tour the school and connect with teachers and their children's learning. Many families played badminton together, and donated to our Kids Run Bake Sale.

Speaking of the Kids Run, it's this Sunday at Tillicum Center at 10am. Many thanks to families who have donated and will be joining us for the walk/run! So far we have raised \$3061.00 !!! Wahoo!

One of the fundraisers, the Twonie Drive, culminated today in taping me to a wall at a school-wide assembly. Students who brought in twonies all got a piece of tape; it was hilarious and a great community event.

Enjoy the weekend (and hopefully Kids Run!) with your friends and family,

- Carrie Schlappner,  
Principal



## next week at a glance

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Monday, May 04    | • CPAPA Meeting 6.30pm |
| Tuesday, May 05   | • <i>Red Dress Day</i> |
| Wednesday, May 06 | •                      |
| Thursday, May 07  | •                      |
| Friday, May 08    | •                      |

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## upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Tuesday, May 12	Indigenous Student Lunch
Thursday, May 14	District Transition Day Early Dismissal of Grade 8's
Friday, May 15	Pro D Day (NO SCHOOL TODAY)
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day
Tuesday, May 19	PAC Meeting @6.30pm
Wednesday, May 20	Cycle 3 Theatre Pull-out ends
Thursday, May 21	Moose Hide Campaign Day
Friday, May 22	Fire Drill @10 am
Tuesday, May 26	Eid al-Adha

## Kids Run—May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026



One of our goals at Colquitz Middle School is to raise awareness of childhood cancers and to support Pediatric Oncology for Vancouver Island's Kids through fundraising events! We are proud to be teaming with Kids Run 2026 once again this year May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

When you register, please use the team **Colquitz School** team:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/116365/kidsrun-victoria-2026>

You can also contact Christine Crljenkovic at the school. [crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca),

Megan Schuring [mschuring@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mschuring@sd61.bc.ca) or

Ashleigh Albach [aalbach@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:aalbach@sd61.bc.ca)

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

## COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

### School Spirit Wear 2026



Please order the spirit wear by clicking the following link:

<https://cmsspr2026-2.itemorder.com/>

## Reporting

Absences



Please email [colquitz@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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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## MUSIC UPDATE

We will still do our hallway parade in a few weeks instead of this coming week. The date will be announced in a weekly email!

**CPAPA: Help needed! Meeting This Monday, May 4th at 6:30 pm!**



Our PAC, CPAPA (Colquitz Performing Arts Parents Association) is looking for people to join the team for the rest of this year and next year! Right now, we have 3 very dedicated parents who make up our CPAPA executive. 2 of those parents will be flying up to Spectrum, as their students are in grade 8 this year. We are in **DESPERATE** need for more parents and guardians to join CPAPA. Our current exec would love to show you the ropes and what you need to do.

We need at least 4-5 parents/guardians through the school year to run everything smoothly. Meetings are once a month and last about one hour maximum. Each role only requires a few hours of time a month and makes a huge difference to our students and teachers. Many hands make light work!

In our monthly meetings, CPAPA and the music teachers meet to talk about fundraising, communications, event planning, and more! As teachers, we are unable to handle everything that makes this program successful by ourselves. Between band, choir and strings, we teach almost 400 students across the disciplines.

CPAPA helps by organizing fundraisers through the year, including poinsettias and Purdy's chocolates, sending out sign-ups for concert bake sales, and we are always open to new fundraising ideas! These fundraisers help lower the costs of trips for students. They normally also pay for one meal for the group on tour.



They offer feedback about planning the music tour and are often the people we turn to when we need chaperones for the trips.

CPAPA also helps plan events and send communications out the goings on at Colquitz!

This music program would not provide the experience it currently does without CPAPA. As the funding model changes for the next school year, we need your help more than ever before. As teachers have to do more with less, we need help to continue to do everything we can for your students experience!

The more people who are able to be involved in any capacity, the lighter the workload for everyone in CPAPA. As teachers, we are also on the CPAPA team and we need your help!

Please consider coming to our next meeting on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 pm in the art room. There will also be a digital option as well!

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## MUSIC UPDATE

### Transition Day performance for Band 6: Thursday, May 14th

The majority of grade 6 band students are going to stay and perform for the grade 5 students! Thank you to everyone who is going to perform. Details and exact times will be released closer to transition day.

Students will be called to the band room during lunch recess for set up and warm-up. More details will be sent out next week!

There are at least 2 grade 6 classes who are staying at Colquitz. Students in those classes will be given the choice to stay and help with transition day or return to their classes. Students whose advisory classes are leaving Colquitz will stay in the school, either with Ms. Forster, or helping out around the school until the end of the day at 2:49pm.

**Tour Update:** Please make sure your student brings \$2.00 for the bus driver's gifts if they have yet to do so.

**Practice Records:** Practice records have resumed being posted and due weekly. Paper copies are always available in the band room.

Please encourage and remind your students to practice regularly. To make progress, students need to practice what is worked on during classes to reinforce. If they are not able to practice at home due to volume concerns, they are welcome during breaks above to practice in the band room!

### Schedule:

#### Tuesday:

**7:40 am:** Band 7/8 COMBINED (All grade 7/8 band students!)

**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 (All instruments, both pods)

**10:33 am:** Band 7

**11:15 am:** Band 8

**11:57 am:** JAZZ BAND Saxophone sectional

#### Thursday:

**7:40 am:** JAZZ BAND

**8:54 am:** Band 8

**9:36 am:** Band 6 Green

**10:33 am:** Band 7

**11:15 am:** Band 6 Orange

#### Dates To Note:

**Monday, May 4th:** CPAPA meeting at 6:30 pm in the art room; online option should be available via NWAC.

**Thursday, May 14th:** Transition Day

**Monday, June 8th:** CC Day #3

**Wednesday, June 10th:** Year End Concerts



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## **MUSICAL THEATRE**



### ⇒ **Craft Night**

Thanks to the significant progress made by student stage crew and parent volunteers, Craft Night scheduled for May 4 has been cancelled.

The CPAPA meeting will still take place. Please feel free to attend if you'd like to hear updates and learn more on how the fine arts are supported at Colquitz.

### ⇒ **Production Assistant**

We're looking for someone to step in as Ms. Mackenzie's production assistant (lead parent volunteer). This is Serena's final year and she's hoping to transition knowledge before leaving Colquitz. If you're interested, please contact SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com.

### ⇒ **Show Week - Tickets**

Ms. Mackenzie will let students know when tickets are available for purchase. Please ask your student to keep you informed.

**If you're interested in being a parent volunteer for the musical or want more information, please contact Serena at [SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com](mailto:SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com)**

## **Yearbooks are on sale** **now!**

*Yearbooks cost \$26.*

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

## ***PAC UPDATE***

The PAC AGM and Elections are coming up on **May 19 at 6:30 pm**

*This is YOUR opportunity - all PAC Executive*



*roles will be open for the upcoming school year!*

With Leanne and Serena preparing to step aside, now is the time to get involved.

If you're curious, interested, or would like to submit a nomination, please reach out

to [KoppLeanne@gmail.com](mailto:KoppLeanne@gmail.com) or [SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com](mailto:SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com)

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## Reminder School Newsletter Grade 6 - Spring

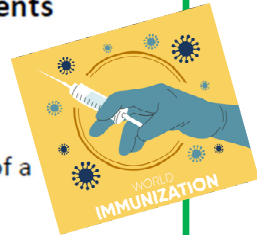


The following wording should be included in a school newsletter for grade 6 students 2-3 weeks prior to the school-based clinic:

Consent packages for grade 6 students were sent home from the school in the fall. Public health nurses will be returning to offer grade 6 immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent/guardian/representative on **May 26, 2026**.

[Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccine](#) is recommended in grade 6 as part of the B.C. immunization schedule to prevent 6 types of cancer (cervical, oropharyngeal, anal, vaginal, vulvar, and penile cancers).

Contact the local Health Unit at **250-519-5100** if you have any questions.



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## Outdoor Youth Programs Summer 2026

### Who WEA Are

WEA offers outdoor camps and programs for kids & youth in Greater Victoria, BC, Canada. WEA's experienced staff teach life skills such as independence, teamwork, and problem-solving through outdoor play and adventure. Our programs help kids unplug, connect with others, and build real-world skills in a safe and supportive outdoor environment.

### 2026 Summer Camps



#### 6 Day Overnight Camp

Ready for a next-level adventure? Our 6-day overnight camp for ages 9-13 packs in all the classic activities—canoeing, hiking, archery, swimming, geocaching, and fire-building—plus wilderness cooking and camping. It's the ultimate week of outdoor fun, new skills, and unforgettable memories! Overnight Camp fees start at only \$995!

Dates: Jul 26-31 & Aug 2-7



Ferry and Airport  
Pickups Available!

[View All Summer Camps](#)



#### Day Camps

Unplug and get wild at WEA's day camps!

Kids ages 6-13 spend their days canoeing, hiking, swimming, shooting archery, geocaching, building fires, and making new friends. Every day brings a fresh adventure. Starting at only \$245!

Running weekly from June 15-Sept 4

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## Leadership Development

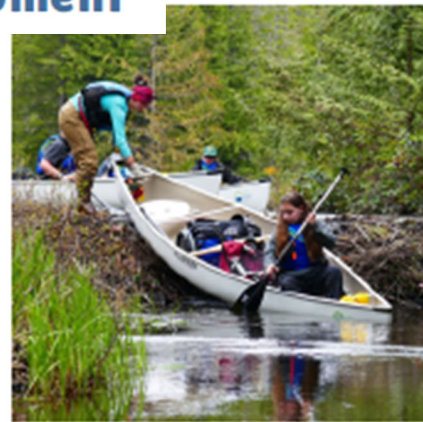


### Hike Expedition

Embark on a 6 day coastal or mountain hiking expedition, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and gain confidence as you explore some of Canada's most rugged terrain and beautiful coastlines.

*Starting at only \$995!*

Dates: July 12-17 &  
August 23-28



### Canoe Expedition

Paddle the Sayward Circuit while learning canoe rescues, paddling techniques, portaging, camping, and outdoor cooking. Participants are given opportunities to develop leadership, communication, and problem-solving abilities that last a lifetime. *Starting at only \$1,375!*

Dates: June 28-July 5



### Bus Charters

WEA offers affordable, reliable bus charters with experienced drivers. Perfect for schools, camps, and outdoor adventures across Vancouver Island.

[Learn More](#)



### School Groups

Take your students on an unforgettable outdoor adventure! We provide flexible options for school groups, including partial day, full day, and overnight programs.

[Learn More](#)

Get in touch!

(250) 888-1622 [westernadventures.ca](http://westernadventures.ca)

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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.**

May 4-May 8	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Girls 7/8 comp volleyball w Mark and Kiet			Badminton practice	
Lunch practice	Running practice, library field Albach and Harvie	HJ in the gym For those jumping below 125cm	Intramural Floor Hockey  Shotput practice with Mrs C Discus practice with Mr Arnott	HJ in the gym advanced	Long Jump/Triple Jump practice Albach and Harvie  Run practice with Mrs C
After school practice	Rugby Practice 2:50-4:15 Library Field  Basketball grade 7 boys w Jesse til 4:30		Track and Field Open Practice Library field	Mountain Biking 3:45-5pm at Hartland	
Competition	Badminton City Finals SMU  Field Hockey @UVic	6/7 Boys Rugby @ Lansdowne North		Track and Field Meet 1 @ UVic *See scheduled events on handout  7/8 Boys Rugby @ Home	

Please email Christine Crljenkovic [crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any questions

## School Beach Volleyball

From the Organizer, Jean Morrison:

Hi everyone! Thank you so much for registering a team for our middle school beach volleyball tournament, it is going to be such a fun day! We already have 15 teams registered, both boys' and girls' teams in grades 7 and 8! Yay!



To finalize the team registration, please use the following link:

<https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/77995/140/False/True>

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## *The Society for Kids*

The Society for Kids at Tennis (KATS, [www.kidsattennis.ca](http://www.kidsattennis.ca)) is once again providing their free tennis lessons and equipment to families experiencing financial barriers. This program uses the “progressive tennis” approach recommended by Tennis Canada, it uses smaller racquets, smaller courts, lower nets and low compression balls. This approach helps kids to develop confidence in their ability to hit the ball, learn quickly, and most of all, have fun playing the sport! Kids will be introduced to the fundamental skills which form the foundation for future development.

**Anyone interested in registering, please get them to send me a completed registration form, found on our [website](#) before Friday, April 10.**

**Please note, this tennis program takes place at Banfield Court on Craigflower Rd, next to Vic West Community Centre.**

### Tennis 5 - 8 year olds

Mondays: 11-week program.

April: 13, 20, 27

May: 4, 11, 25

June: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### Tennis 9 - 13 year olds

Mondays: 11-week program.

April: 13, 20, 27

May: 4, 11, 25

June: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



## HORIZON DUSK & DAWN LAUNCH CAMP

MAY 9 & 10: 2-4PM

BRAEFoot PARK

Join Vancouver Island's premier junior ultimate club. Register for assesment camp at [VUPS.bc.ca/e/horizon2026](http://VUPS.bc.ca/e/horizon2026)



## Horizon junior ultimate club

- ⇒ May to August 2026 (middle school and high school ages) - link: <https://vups.bc.ca/e/horizon2026>.
- ⇒ Free launch / intro camp on May 9-10

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VCPAC Educational Townhall  
Spectrum Highschool  
Thursday April 23, 2026  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

## AI & TECH IN EDUCATION

### BENEFITS, RISKS, AND STUDENT RIGHTS

#### What Parents Need to Know

- How AI & tech are used ✓
- Protecting student rights ✓
- How parents can engage ✓

**SPEAKERS**

- OLINE TWISS, Deputy Commissioner, BC OIPC
- JOSH BARKS, A/Director of IT & Learning, SD61
- TOM AERTS, Deputy Superintendent, SD61

**FREE TO REGISTER**  
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## National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

When Our Children Hurt Inside:

**NURTURING AWARENESS AND THE POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS**  
Younger children can experience emotional pain that they don't yet have the words to describe. Sometimes this shows up as statements about not wanting to be here or behaviours that look like self-harm. This gentle, supportive session may help parents and caregivers understand why these moments happen, what they may mean, and how to respond with calm connection. Together we'll explore how small moments of being seen, heard, and supported can make a big difference in a child's safety and well-being.

THURSDAY MAY 7, 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8 PM (PST)

Meet the Speaker

Join Katie DeReus a Registered Clinical Counsellor with over 20 years of experience as a teacher and Elementary School Counsellor. As both a professional and a parent, Katie brings a depth of insight to the challenges and well-being of young children.

For more information and to register for this free event, visit [familysmart.ca/may-7th/](https://familysmart.ca/may-7th/)


Register for FREE

## LEADERSHIP IS RUNNING OUR

# WE WALK FOR WATER

CAMPAIGN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To gain awareness and empathy for the people who have to walk long distances each day to get clean water, Colquitz students will carry milk jugs on a walk around the school or in the neighborhood.



TO HELP WITH THIS INITIATIVE, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR WASHED (AND PREFERABLY DRIED) 2L AND 4L MILK JUGS.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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# Soccer Day Camps 2026

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- Morning & Full Day sessions
- Ages 5 to 13
- Before & After Care available

For more information:  
[royalsoccerclub.com](https://royalsoccerclub.com)  
800-427-0536

Mornings Starting from \$165\*/week  
Full Days Starting from \$249\*/week

\* Limited time, discounts vary, see website  
Additional discounts for week 1 & 6 (4 day weeks)

For location & registration details visit our website.

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## Spectrum Dry Grad Bottle Drive

Fundraiser

May 9 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Spectrum High School Parking Lot

Bring your refundable bottles, cans & containers!



Can't make it?

We offer pick-up within 3 km of the school!

Email: [selena.roberts@shaw.ca](mailto:selena.roberts@shaw.ca)

Support our grads and help us celebrate safely!  
Every bottle counts 🌈



UNEARTHED

Marigold Robotics x Spectrum Thunderbots

## LEGO Robotics Night!

Featuring **7 teams** of École Marigold Elementary School **Grade 4-5 students'** work with **LEGO robots**.

**Monday, May 4th, 2026 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ Spectrum Community School's Theatre**

We invite our teams, their families and friends, and members of the community to **support youth** as they **showcase their work and learning in areas of STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) through **LEGO Robotics!**

Teams will arrive at **5:30 p.m.** for **set up at the theatre!**

Remember to bring anything you need to be successful and have fun!

### Event Highlights

- LEGO Spike Prime robot built and customized by each team
- LEGO block-style programming demonstrated on the playing field
- Research project regarding **archeology** or STEM
- Project presentation, judging, and keepsakes!
- **FUN and CELEBRATION!!**

For more information, please contact [marigoldrobotics@gmail.com](mailto:marigoldrobotics@gmail.com)

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# CLOTHING SWAP 2026

**EVENT:**  
Saturday, June 6th  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**PRE-EVENT DROP-OFF:**  
Friday, June 5th  
8:00 AM - 6:30 PM

**ADDRESS:**  
3120 Tillicum Rd.  
(SNP Child & Family Centre)

**ENTRY:**  
By Donation  
(\$5 minimum)

**LEFTOVER ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO:**

**Win cooperative** **Broad View UNITED**