

next week at colquitz

friday, may 08, 2026

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

We have enjoyed another wonderful, sunny week at Colquitz that had some poignant moments and some fun ones

On Sunday, Ms. Albach and Ms. Schuring and I were at the Kids Run (whose goal is to raise awareness of childhood cancers to support Pediatric Oncology for Vancouver Island's Kids) with many student volunteers and runners. Ms Crljenkovic has led the fund-raising for Kids Run for 13 years, and couldn't attend for the first time—many thanks to her (any everyone who donated!) for helping us raise \$3,061!!! And many thanks to the wonderful students who painted faces, ran the course, and added a positive energy to the day.



On Tuesday, it was Red Dress Day – the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Information was shared through the announcements, a display and in classes. Staff also drummed outside at Nutrition Break.



On Wednesday, we changed gears and enjoyed “Anything But a Backpack” Day. It was fun to see everyone's creativity and sense of humour in the choices they made.

This weekend is Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope that all of the mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers and mother figures feel the love and appreciation they so deserve on that day, and always.



Enjoy the weekend with your friends and family,

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal



next week at a glance

- Monday, May 11 •
- Tuesday, May 12 • Indigenous Student Lunch
- Wednesday, May 13 •
- Thursday, May 14 • District Transition Day—grade 8s go to High Schools
- Friday, May 15 • *Pro D Day (NO SCHOOL TODAY)*

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

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
Monday, June 1	Musical Theatre Week
Monday, June 8	World Ocean's Day
	CC Day (Early Dismissal @ 11.45 am)
	CPAPA Meeting @ 6.30 pm

Reminder School Newsletter Grade 6 - Spring

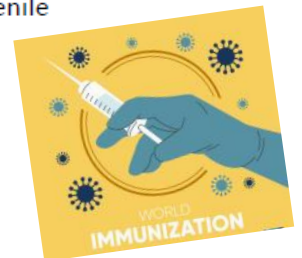


The following wording should be included in a school newsletter for grade 6 students 2-3 weeks prior to the school-based clinic:

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.



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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MUSIC UPDATE

Grade 6 band transition day performance:

Please see information and list of students performing from Katherine Forster's email or on the band 6 google classroom.

Students who are performing need to wear their band uniform (Colquitz music shirt, black pants or skirt with tights, black socks and shoes) or be able to change into it before lunch recess. Once we are done performing, students will either be sent back to their classes or will be helping around the school as needed. We will move the remainder of the equipment to the band room once the tours are done.

Marching Band Update: Hallway parade date to be announced in coming weeks. Likely late May or right after year end concert!

Extra help/practice space is available:
Tuesday Nut break
Wednesday Nut Break and lunch recess
Thursday Nut break

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!

Practice Records: Practice records have resumed being posted and due weekly. Paper copies are always available 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

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:

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



Our school-wide main stage musical has performances at **Spectrum Community School June 2,3,5,and 6 at 7:00pm.**

All seats \$15, and available online only. *(some tickets will be available at the door for cash only)*

While all 116 students are on stage every night, there are two teams for speaking roles: Team Swahili has shows Tues/ Fri and Team Zulu has shows Wed/ Saturday

Just follow the links below:

⇒ Team Swahili (Tues/Fri nights)

[https://cur8.com/19910/
project/139529](https://cur8.com/19910/project/139529)

⇒ Team Zulu (Wed/Sat nights)

[https://cur8.com/19910/
project/139528](https://cur8.com/19910/project/139528)

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Yearbooks are on sale
now!

Yearbooks cost \$26.

To order your child a copy of the yearbook, please click here.



Last date to order is
May 13, 2026

Many thanks again to Des Panjaab Restaurant and Bakery for providing the delicious pakoras for our Vaisakhi celebration.



<https://despanjaab.com/>

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PAC UPDATE

The PAC AGM & Elections take place May 19 at 6:30 pm.

All PAC Executive roles will be open for the coming school year.

Interested in stepping into a role?

Send a nomination to SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com or KoppLeanne@gmail.com, or simply attend the AGM to learn more and get involved.

Interested



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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 11-May 15	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Girls 7/8 comp vball w Mark and Kiet				PRO-D
Lunch practice	HJ in the gym Running practice, library field Albach and Harvie	Part Fit Fitness Class for Teachers & Staff 12:12 to 12:42	Intramural Floor Hockey Discus practice w Mr Arnot Shot Put w Mrs C	Hj in the gym	
After school practice	Rugby Practice 2:50-4:15 Library Field Jesse's bball practice 3-4:30		Track and Field Open Practice	Mountain Biking 3:45-5pm at Hartland	
Competition		6/7 Boys Rugby @ Colquitz		7/8 Boys Rugby- No game day Track and Field Meet 2 @ UVic *see schedule in info sheets	

Please email Christine Crljenkovic ccrljenkovic@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.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/77995/140/False/True>

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DO YOU ATTEND ONE OF THESE HIGH SCHOOLS?
(NOW OR IN SEPTEMBER)

- > ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL
- > BROOKES WESTSHORE
- > EDWARD MILNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- > ESQUIMALT SECONDARY SCHOOL
- > VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL
- > OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL
- > REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL
- > LAMBRICK PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL
- > ST. ANDREWS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
- > ST. MICHAELS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
- > PACIFIC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- > GLENLYON NORFOLK SCHOOL
- > CLAREMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL
- > STELLY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL
- > PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL
- > ALL HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS
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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



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.



2L **4L**

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!