

next week at colquitz

friday, may 15, 2026

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It was a wonderful, colourful week at Colquitz!

First, it was **Rainbow Week!** This week is a significant initiative aimed at promoting equality, acceptance, and safety for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals. It is a campaign designed to challenge discrimination, foster inclusive environments (particularly in schools), and celebrate the diversity of the community. On Wednesday, many staff and students dressed in rainbow colours to show their support, and played a fun Kahoot in the Library at lunch.



Thursday was District Transition Day. Our grade 8s went off to their new high schools to see and learn about them, while the incoming grade 5s came for a fun tour about Colquitz.

We first met in the gym, where they saw Indigenous drumming and the Grade 6 Band perform. They then went to stations around the school to see many of our exploratory classes such as Woodworking, Home Ec, Drama and Eco-Ed. They also toured the library, a grade 6 classroom, the Music Room, and the office. Students asked a lot of great questions and we are very excited for next year to start!



Friday was a ProD Day with an Indigenous Focus. Staff took an electric bus to French Beach to engage in land-based learning. Lessons and activities were modelled for staff so that they could lead them with their own classes another time. We hope all of you have time to enjoy the lands stewarded by the Lekwungen people this weekend as well.



Enjoy the looonnggg weekend with your friends and family,

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal

next week at a glance

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| Monday, May 18 | • Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL |
| Tuesday, May 19 | • PAC Meeting @6.30pm |
| Wednesday, May 20 | • Cycle 3 Theatre Pull-out ends |
| Thursday, May 21 | |
| Friday, May 22 | • Fire Drill @10 am |

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

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
Wednesday, June 10	Year end Concert @ 1.15pm
	Year end Concert @ 7pm
Monday, June 15	Indigenous Student Lunch
Tuesday, June 16	PAC Meeting @6.30 pm
Monday, June 17	<i>Spirit Day : Tacky Tourist Day</i>

Reminder School Newsletter Grade 6 - Spring

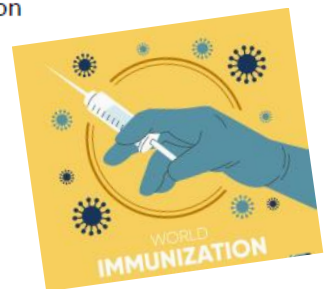


The following wording should be included in a school newsletter for grade 6 students 2-3 weeks prior to the school-based clinic:

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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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.



***Summer Camp Programs For
Children and Youth with Sup-
port Needs (CYSN)***

Please find **attached pdf's with this email** for 2026
Summer Camp Resources.

Also, see Summer Camp Programs for CYSN at the link below:
[Summer Camp and Programs for Children and Youth with](#)

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Be Part of the Magic *Volunteer for Lion King Jr.!*



The Sign Up Genius is now live for volunteers! Click here to sign up: [Sign Up Genius - Lion King Jr.](#)

If you would like to assess the make up / face paint required, come to the next Sunday rehearsal on May 24.

A breakdown, to give you an idea of where help is needed and to help you prepare your evenings:

Before the show (6–7 pm):

- Backstage help (hair, makeup, costumes, general support) - especially in need of volunteers for makeup/facepaint
- Foyer help (tickets, concession, troubleshooting)

Bring someone to stand in line for you as we are unable to reserve seats

During the show (7 pm–end):

- Shushers helping students remember we're in Spectrum's space – literally shushing them

Concession during intermission, at least one adult required and likely alumni students will participate

After the show (end–10 pm max):

- Cleanup, leaving Spectrum exactly as we found it

More hands = faster exit!

MUSICAL THEATRE



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>

⇒ Team Zulu (Wed/Sat nights)

<https://cur8.com/19910/project/139528>

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MUSIC UPDATE

Thank you VERY much to all the grade 6 band students who performed and helped out during transition day this afternoon! You played well and represented Colquitz band well.

Marching Band Update: Hallway parade date to be announced in coming weeks. Likely in June just after the concert in order for the grade 6 students to have more time to get ready.

Term Check-in 3: Term check-in #3 will be due Thursday, June 4th. Students will be given their assignments on paper this coming week but have been told what they will be playing today.

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

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 are being posted and due weekly. Paper copies are always available in the band room.

Schedule:

Tuesday:

7:40 am: Band 7/8 COMBINED

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:

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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 18-may22	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Victoria Day		Girls comp yball w Mark and Kiet 7:00 (all welcome who want to play comp.	6/7 Boys Rugby @ SMUS ALL DAY	7/8 Boys Rugby @ SMUS ALL DAY
NB		STAY W Ms Albach,	TUNED FOR Mrs Harvie	RELAY and Mrs C	PRACTICES
Lunch practice		HJ in the gym w Mrs C	Intramural Floor Hockey Discus practice w Mr Arnot Shotput w Mrs C	Hj in the gym w Mrs C	Intramural Floor Hockey Running practice w Mrs C Long Jump/Triple Jump practice Albach and Harvie
After school practice		Rugby Practice 2:50-4:15 Library Field	Track and Field Open Practice	Mountain Biking 3:45-5pm at Hartland	
Competition					

Please email Christine Crljenkovic ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca if you have any questions



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A DRAFT PLAN IS READY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Highlights of the Draft Tillicum Burnside Plan

- Opportunities for a diversity of housing that meets community needs, including for families, renters, and seniors
- Land use policies to support new mixed-use buildings with small businesses in Villages and the Centre
- Priorities for safety and mobility upgrades along Burnside and Tillicum Roads
- Creation of a future public square in the Burnside Village
- Improved access to the Gorge Waterway and Curtis Point, including a continuous Waterfront Trail
- A new greenway connection along Millgrove and Seaton Streets, connecting the Gorge Waterway to the Galloping Goose Trail

Join an upcoming session to learn more and share your input!

GET INVOLVED!

ONLINE WEBINARS

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM &
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Register at: saanich.ca/tbp

**Wednesday, May 13th
2026**

OPEN HOUSE #1

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Burnside Lawn Bowling Club
274 Hampton Road

**Wednesday, May 20th
2026**

OPEN HOUSE #2

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Tillicum Community School
3155 Albina St

**Saturday, May 23rd
2026**

OPEN HOUSE #3

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Gorge Pavillion, Upper Hall
1070 Tillicum Road

**Thursday, May 28th
2026**

ONLINE SURVEY

Online at: saanich.ca/tbp

**May 11th - July 13th
2026**

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER!



**TILLICUM
BURNSIDE
PLAN**

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