

next week at colquitz

friday, oct 23, 2026

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Hello Families,

It was another wonderful week at Colquitz!

Our second PAC meeting of the year was on Monday – many thanks to all of the parents who come out to support our students and school! We especially appreciate all of the fundraising efforts, including the apples from Sun-Oka that will be arriving next week and handed out at the same time as Parent-Teacher Interviews from 2:30-6:30pm.

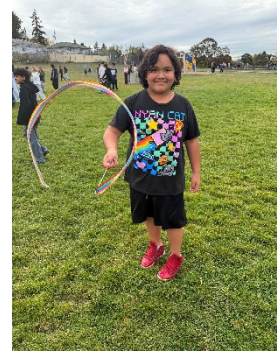
If you have not yet received an email from your child's teacher, please reach out to them directly. If they book up, simply email them to arrange another time to connect in person or on the phone.

We had photo retakes on Thursday, as well as what we call a "Rainbow Parade". This was to celebrate National Coming Out Day and also to celebrate diversity in general. We are committed to cheering on every student and staff member as they show up as their full, authentic selves, and we love standing together as allies to make sure everyone feels valued, celebrated, and at home here.

Also, just a reminder that costumes for Hallowe'en should be respectful of others' cultures and identities. We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity next week!

Thanks, and have a wonderful weekend with your friends and families.

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal



next week at glance

Monday, Oct 26	• Intersex Awareness Day
Tuesday, Oct 27	• Book Fair
Wednesday, Oct 28	• Book Fair • Parent-Teacher Interviews 2:30pm-7pm; dinner for teachers from 5:30-6pm • PAC Fundraiser - Apples pick-up from 2:30-7:00pm
Thursday, Oct 29	• Book Fair
Friday, Oct 30	• Hallowe'en observed – dress up and fun activities!

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Upcoming important dates – *mark your calendars!*

Monday, Nov 02	CPAPA meeting @ 6.30pm
Wednesday, Nov 04	Theater Pull Out Starts
Friday, Nov 06	Indigenous Student lunch
Tuesday, Nov 10	Wreath Bearer Practice @10am
	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10.45am
Wednesday, Nov 11	Remembrance Day (NO SCHOOL)
Friday, Nov 13	Theatre Pull Out-PM
Monday, Nov 16	Lockdown Drill
Thursday, Nov 19	Spirit Day
Friday, Nov 20	Transgender Day of Remembrance
	World Children's Day
Monday, Nov 23	Fire Drill @9am

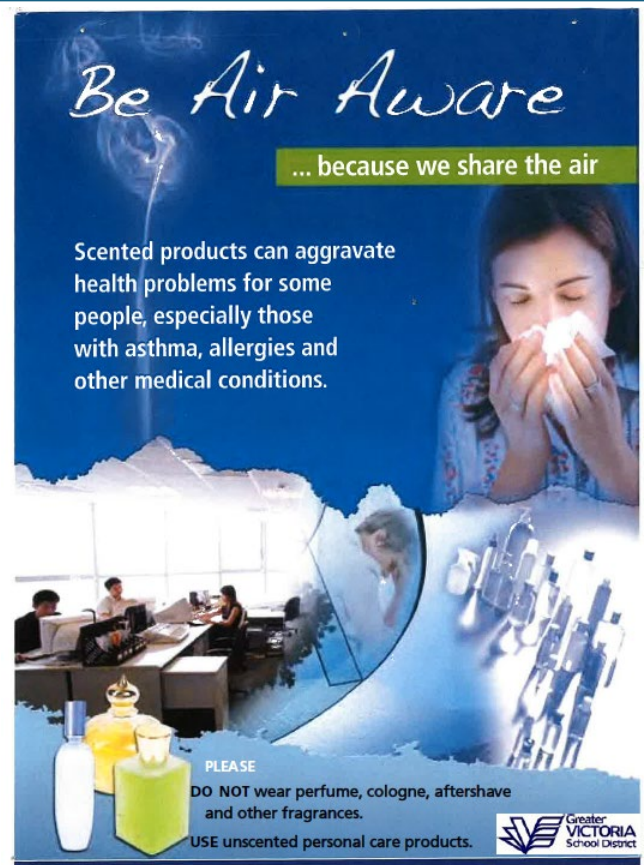


Greater VICTORIA School District

SAFETY TIPS FOR GETTING TO SCHOOL:

- BE SEEN**
Wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight, and stick to well-lit areas so all road users can see you.
- FOLLOW ROAD RULES**
Use sidewalks and crosswalks, looking both ways and making eye contact with drivers before leaving the curb.
- STAY ALERT**
Be aware of your surroundings and avoid using your phone or wearing both earbuds while walking.
- WALK IN GROUPS**
Walk with a friend and let an adult know your route and expected arrival time.

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Be Air Aware

... because we share the air

Scented products can aggravate health problems for some people, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions.

PLEASE
DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.
USE unscented personal care products.

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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

Reporting

Absences



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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BOOK FAIR

Join us on

Tues, Oct 27th - 2:50 to 3:30
Wed, Oct 28th - 9:00 to 6:30
Thurs, Oct 29th - 9:00 to 3:30

Cash/Debit/Visa/MC accepted

★ WHY VISIT THE BOOK FAIR?

- A wide selection of books for all reading levels
- Activity books & fun fidget toys
- Perfect for building home libraries and encouraging a love of reading

♥ SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Every purchase gives back! School House Teaching Supplies will donate **HALF of the profit** (equivalent to 20% of total sales) in the form of gift certificates to purchase new books and learning resources for school.

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COLQUITZ AUCTION FUNDRAISER

SUPPORTING STUDENTS AT COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

BIDDING STARTS NOV 6 2026 AUCTION ENDS NOV 20 2026

 RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS	 CAR SERVICES	 MOVIE & EVENT TICKETS	 AMAZING FAMILY OUTINGS!
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PRIZES!
EMAIL COLQUITZMIDDLESCHOOLPAC@GMAIL.COM

INCLUSIVE & SAFE SCHOOLS

Opportunity for Discussion
Parents & Students

 Spectrum Highschool
 Thursday OCT 29, 2026
 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Physical Emotional
Social

 **FREE TO REGISTER**
ON-SITE CHILDMINDING AVAILABLE
PIZZA & GAMES FOR THE KIDS.
<https://forms.gle/p826lmcJLviM4A6>

 **QR link to Survey ->**
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MUSIC UPDATES

- Our annual Purdy's fundraiser has launched! Students can choose to participate in fundraisers to help reduce the cost of their tour. Grade 7/8 students in band, strings and choir are eligible to go on tour! Each sale under your student's name will earn some money in their music account! This money is under their name, not the program generally. Purdy's fundraisers are all ordered digitally! Instructions will be on the band google classrooms and hard copies will be provided as well.
- Google classrooms are up for band 6, 7, 8 and jazz band. Students have been invited!
- Practice records, recordings, and other resources are all available!
- **Tentative dates for tour are Friday, April 16, Saturday, April 17th, 2027.**

Practice Records:

Practice records will be posted weekly on Sunday mornings and due weekly on Saturday evenings on google classroom. If students do not have reliable access to google classroom at home, paper copies are always available in the band room for students to grab if they would rather complete a paper practice record. They are welcome to grab multiple at once!

Extra Help/Practice Space is available on the following days:

Tuesday: Nut Break

Wednesday: Nut break and Lunch Recess

Thursday: Nut break and Lunch Recess

Friday: Nut break

Tour 2027:

Grade 7/8 band, strings and choir students

are all invited on tour in April. We will do it one night and will try to send out a draft itinerary soon. **Tentative dates are Friday April 16, Saturday April 17th, 2027.**

MUSIC Schedule: If students don't have their instrument, they are still expected to attend classes.

Monday:

9:36-10:18: Choir 6

10:33- 11:15: Choir 8

11:15-11:57: Choir 7

1:02: Beginner Strings

1:44: Intermediate/ Advanced strings

Tuesday:

Before School 7:40-8:35: Band 7/8

Combined, Choir 6

8:54-9:36: Band 6 Orange (With instruments, please!)

9:36-10:18: Band 6 Green

11:57-12:42: JAZZ BAND (right at 11:57)
Grade 7/8

Wednesday:

Before School 7:40-8:35: Band 6

WOODWINDS (Flute, Clarinet, Alto sax and Tenor sax) All other students do not need to attend this week.) Choir 7/8

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Senior Music Tour Fundraiser



It's chocolate time! Welcome to the Purdys Fundraiser! This is one of two main fundraisers for the Grade 7/8 Music Tour in April. Choir/band/strings students will be bringing home more information next week, but if you want to get a jump on your chocolate orders, here's the short version.

- If you want to join the fundraiser, please email cpapainfo@gmail.com. Include your student's name, division number, and the email you want to get the info sent to. This will allow any fundraising you do to be attached to your student.
- If you want to order chocolate without supporting anybody specific, go to www.tinyurl.com/cpapapurdys. These profits will help CPAPA support our performing arts teachers and programs.

Thank you for supporting Colquitz Performing Arts!

Colquitz Performing Arts Parent Association (CPAPA)

Do you have a student that is in the performing arts at Colquitz? Or a student that is interested in the performing arts, including band, choir and theatre?

Join our parents email list!

We send out information about fundraisers, like the upcoming Purdys and Poinsettias fundraisers supporting the Senior Music tour in April. We put out calls for volunteers for events like the Bake Sale at the Winter Concert. We also share information about upcoming important dates for fundraising and special events.

To join the email list, send an email to CPAPainfo@gmail.com with the subject line: "add me to the email list." It's that easy!

What is CPAPA?

A volunteer-run, non-profit group of parents and caregivers who:

- **Support performing arts directors and students**
- **Organize fundraisers for activities, supplies, and equipment**
- **Coordinate volunteers for musicals, theatre, and band events**

If you would like to get involved by becoming a member of CPAPA, email CPAPainfo@gmail.com and we will send you the next meeting invite. We meet once a month at the school.

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THEATRE

Wrath of the Buried King Rehearsals this week:

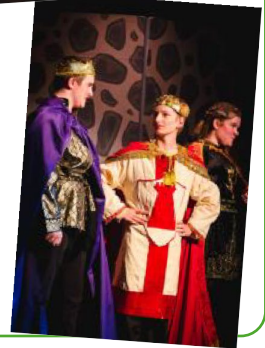
Sunday: Stage crew at noon, Quest Cast, Nor, Turi,
Airmid, Aetheric 1:00 4:00pm

Monday: Scene 20b

Tuesday: Quest Cast

Wednesday: NO REHEARSAL DUE TO PARENT TEACHER
INTERVIEWS

Thursday: Airmid's Hut scene



COLQUITZ SPORTS AT A GLANCE

October 26-30	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school		Girls 7/8 Comp Basketball Practice		Girls 7/8 Comp Basketball Practice	
Lunch practice	Girls 7/8 Comp Basketball Practice	Rec 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice	Intramural Basketball		
After school practice		Boys 7/8 comp practice	*Early Dismissal 1:45 P/T Interviews	Rec 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice 3-5	Swim Club 3:15-4:00
Competition	Basketball boys 7/8 rec Jamboree @ Colquitz 3:45 Girls 7/8 comp @ PCS 3:45		Boys 7/8 comp @ Royal Oak 3:45 Girls 7/8 comp @ Royal Oak 5:00		

