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THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION







Hello Colquitz Famlies,

Welcome to Hindu Heritage Month! We hope all families will take some time to learn more about Hindu culture and traditions. Hinduism originated more than 5,000 years ago on the Indian subcontinent. Today, more than 1 billion people practice it, with over 800,000 in Canada, making it the world's third-largest religion. The philosophy of Hinduism is based on respect for every living being and the concept that every aspect of daily life has spiritual potential.

Today was "Let's Get Visible Day!" to remind students to dress with the darker mornings in mind. We handed out some fun reflective items for students to put on backpacks or coats. We encourage families to review the safest, best-lit routes to school as well, especially now that the weather is cold and wet, which adds to the challenges with visibility.

We also had our second Indigenous Student Lunch today, and it was an amazing turnout! Thanks to our Indigenous Student and Family Advocates, Melanie Kennedy and Tasia Harris, for helping to lead it, as well as to Ms. Spies and Ms. James for leading drumming. We look forward to doing more cultural activities as the year goes on.

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

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal

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Monday, Nov 09	
Tuesday, Nov 10	Wreath Bearer Practice @10am Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10.45am *(Families Welcome ☺)*
Wednesday, Nov 11	***Remembrance Day*** ***(NO SCHOOL)***
Thursday, Nov 12	
Friday, Nov 13	Theatre Pull Out-PM

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Upcoming important dates – *mark your calendars!*

Tuesday, Nov 17	Find Your Fit Career Fair
Thursday, Nov 19	Spirit Day – **Twin Day!**
Friday, Nov 20	*Transgender Day of Remembrance*
	World Children's Day
Monday, Nov 23	Fire Drill @9am
	CC Day #1- Early Dismissal @ 11.45am
Wednesday, Nov 25	Theatre Pull Out Ends
Friday, Nov 27	Pro D Day **(NO SCHOOL)**
Monday, Nov 30	Fall Play @9am
Wednesday, Nov 02	Fall Play @1pm & 7pm
Thursday, Nov 03	*International Day for Persons with Disabilities*



On Halloween, many of our Leadership students participated in **We Scare Hunger**, giving up some of their candy-collecting time to gather non-perishable food items for the Burnside-Gorge Community Association to distribute to families in need. Their original goal was to collect 150 items, but they far surpassed expectations, collecting an incredible **475 items** to donate!

A big thank you to our Leadership students for organizing and supporting this initiative, and to the Colquitz community for their incredible generosity and donations. Your contributions will make a big difference to our community!



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 UPDATES

Updates:

- Dates for tour are Friday, April 16 - Saturday, April 17th, 2027. More information and first forms will be available as soon as there are enough confirmations on accommodations and activities to get a quote and itinerary!
- The trip will be one night to Vancouver, with a price around $500-$550 per student, spread out over 3 payments. Price subject to change; notice will be provided as early as possible. This is a large number; this is some of what the cost covers! We do not use a third-party agency to help keep the cost as low as possible.
    - We are going to see Peter Pan the Musical!
    - This includes bussing
    - Ferries
    - Hotel
    - dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner (if needed) on Saturday
    - Tour sweater
    - Clinics with some highly respected music educators
    - TTOC's for Ms. MacKenzie and Ms. Rebstock
    - At least 2 concerts!

Term Check-ins:
Due this Thursday, November 12th.

This week is term check-in week! Students will have the opportunity to sign up to see Ms. Forster individually during breaks to perform their check-in or perform in front of the class during normal class time. Students may submit a video recording at any time as well! Once students are done with their check-in, they may redo if they want to improve their assessment until Thursday, November 26th. Redoes are by drop in at nut break/lunches or via video recording.

If students do not complete their check-in by Friday, November 20th, Ms. Forster will send a separate email to parents/guardians requesting them to stay for CC day on November 23rd. It is done this way to allow students the maximum amount of time to complete it.

Green band students will also have during class on Tuesday, November 17th to do their check-ins during class, due to their Tuesday block having to be canceled for Remembrance day.

Band Updates:

- Our annual Purdy's and Winter plants fundraisers have 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. Both 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!

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, set up for assembly.
8:54-9:36: Band 6 Orange **in the GYM.**
9:36-10:18: Band 6 Green **CANCELED**, due to wreath laying practice in the gym at 10:00 am, and band equipment being in the gym.
10:18: Band 7/8 Call time for Remembrance day assembly in FULL UNIFORM with Poppies.
11:57-12:42: Jazz Band CANCELLED due to performing in remembrance day assembly.

Wednesday: NONE- Remembrance Day

Thursday:

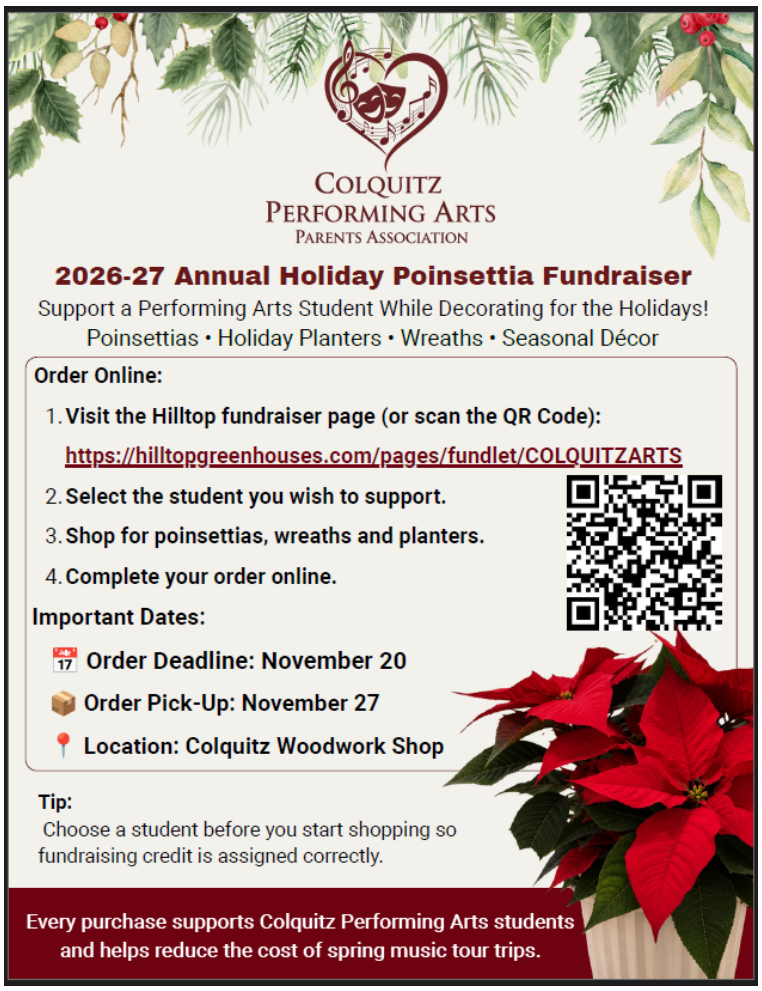
Before School 7:40-8:35: Jazz Band (will run per usual)
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10:33-11:15: Band 7
11:15-11:57: Band 6 Green

Friday:

8:54- 9:36: Band 8
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THEATRE

Wrath of the Buried King Rehearsals After School this week:

SUNDAY: Full Cast and Crew rehearsal! Our first full cast rehearsal is here; the show is only 30 days away! Crew arrives at 12 noon, cast arrives at 1:00pm until 4:00pm.

Monday After school: Scene 20b Underground battle scene (Elves, Quest Cast, Aethric, Goblins no Baza)

Tuesday: Quest cast, Airmid Elves Nor Turi (change from calendar)

Wednesday: NO SCHOOL Remembrance

Thursday: Scene 19 the Otherworld (Mab Quest Crew)



Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday and are available through the Colquitz Fine Arts Website colquitzfinearts.weebly.com

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

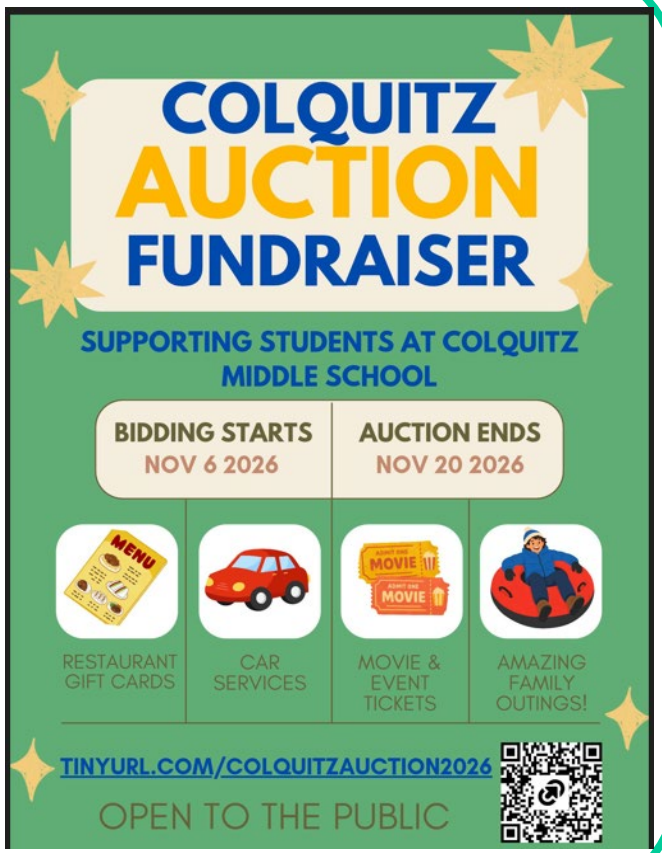
We are SO EXCITED that the Colquitz Online Auction officially opened Friday November 6 at 10:00 AM!
Community contributions have truly exceeded our expectations, with nearly 60 different local businesses offering amazing items, experiences, and services for this fundraiser!
We have a total of 94 different items to bid on:

- Lovely small items that would be great stocking stuffers or little gifts
- Great gift cards to restaurants and shops
- Handy grocery store gift cards
- Tickets to events and attractions; and
- Incredible services for your home, car, or business!

Extra special THANK YOU to the Colquitz family members who contributed prizes to our auction!
The auction is *open to the public* so please share this with friends and family! 100% of proceeds on each item will come back to our school community 💙
Auction opens November 6 @ 10 AM; closes November 20 @ 10 PM!
https://tinyurl.com/ColquitzAuction2026

The Tillicum School Winter Market has invited Colquitz PAC to run a bake sale during their event on November 21st. All of our sales in this event will support our PAC at 100%. We are looking for baked good donations to help make this a great fundraiser! Cookies and treats can be dropped off at Colquitz school on Friday November 20th until 2:30 PM, or at Tillicum School on Saturday November 21st until 11:00 AM.
Sign up to bake: https://tinyurl.com/WinterBakeSaleQZ

Questions? Want to take part? Contact us:
colquitzmiddleschoolpac@gmail.com



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COLQUITZ SPORTS AT A GLANCE

November 9-13	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		Remembrance Day	Intramural Basketball	
After school practice	Comp 7/8 boys basketball practice 3-5	Rec 7/8 boys basketball practice 3-5		Comp 7/8 boys basketball practice 3-5	Swim Club 3:15-4:00 Rec 7/8 boys basketball practice 3-5
Competition	Boys 7/8 Rec@ St Andrews 3:45				





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Junior Youth Program at Colquitz: Lunchtime and After School

The Junior Youth Program offers a welcoming place to make friends, have fun, grow their skills and make a difference in the community.
Run in partnership with Colquitz Middle School and the Community Empowerment Centre in Tillicum, the program includes:

- Lunchtime activities indoors: friendship-building and games in a friendly, supportive group.
- After-school program: homework help, plus activities that build reading, writing and math skills.
- Service projects: students plan and carry out their own projects, such as clean-ups, fundraisers and community events.

Along the way, students build social and emotional skills: confidence, cooperation, communication and caring for others.

Groups are led by trained youth mentors from high school and university, working alongside school staff. All mentors have a criminal record check.

The program is free and open to all students.

Participation is voluntary, and parent or guardian registration is required.

When: Fridays at lunch and Fridays after school
To register or learn more: tillicum.junioryouth.ca
victoria@junioryouth.ca or (250) 634-4395





