



Colwood Elementary News January 26, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday, Jan 29 – Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Tuesday, Jan 30 – Girls Basketball at Colwood
- Wednesday, Jan 31 – Boys Basketball at Crystal View
- Thursday, Feb 1 – Hot Lunch – Subway
- Wednesday, Feb 7 – PAC Meeting
- Thursday, Feb 8 – Winter Concert (2 performances)
- Thursday, Feb 8 – Popcorn
- Monday, Feb 12 – School Change Request Opens



Literacy Week Highlights! Thanks to everyone who made this week such a success!

Winter Concert

Colwood Elementary School proudly presents “Music Around The World”! Students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 will dazzle you with singing, dancing and instruments! You won’t want to miss it!

There will be 2 chances to see the performance. Thursday, February 8 at 10:50 am and 1:00 pm.

Tickets will be available through School Cash Online and will be limited to 3 tickets per child. For more information on logging into School Cash Online please visit: <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents-students/school-fees> you will need your student’s PEN which can be found on the [Consent Portal](#), or in [MyedBC](#).

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Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

January 8, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that align questions with the [core competencies](#) of the curriculum and the [British Columbia's Policy for Student Success](#).

We've worked in collaboration with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to update the parent and guardian/caregiver survey in 2018/19 and make it more useful for parent, guardians/ caregivers, teachers, and schools. Your valued participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, May 3rd, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The results of the parent and guardian/caregiver SLS survey will be available through the Ministry of Education and Child Care website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>) in summer 2024.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558- 5339 or email support@awinfosys.com.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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Regular Kindergarten: Jan 29-Feb 2

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Late French Immersion (Grade 6): Jan 29-Feb 2

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/schools/registration/late-french-immersion-grade-6>

School Change Request: February 12 – Feb 23

For more information on this process, please visit this website:

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/changerequests>



Key Notes:

- Beginning on February 12, 2024, families who have students who have been force transferred to an overflow school (placed in an overflow school due to space constraints) must submit a School Change Request (SCR) form to return to their in-catchment school.
- **You decide not to apply for an SCR and are currently a "force transfer" student.** Your child will no longer be considered a "force transfer" student. By not submitting an SCR to return to your in-catchment school, you will be choosing to continue at your current school through personal choice. As a result, you will be ineligible for district provided transportation services.
- **Students who are currently attending Colwood, do not need to re-register** for the upcoming school year. Your child will automatically be included in our enrolment numbers for next year.
- **Students who are currently attending Grade 5 at Colwood will be automatically enrolled at Dunsmuir Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year.** If you plan to have your child attend a different middle school, parents must submit a School Change Request. [Link to School Change Request](#)
- For families wanting to attend an out of catchment school due to extenuating circumstances, if approved, transportation is not provided and something the family should consider while applying for a school change request.
- If your family is moving out of the area and your children will not be attending Colwood next year, please let us know at the office once your plans are finalized.

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Basketball Game Schedules

<u>Boys Basketball</u>	<u>Girls Basketball</u>
Wednesday, Jan 31 – Colwood @ Crystal View	Tuesday, Jan 30 – Ruth King @ Colwood
Thursday, Feb 8 – Colwood @ Wishart	Thursday, Feb 8 – Colwood @ Lakewood
Monday, Feb 12 – Colwood @ Hans Helgesen	Wednesday, Feb 14 – Hans Helgesen @ Colwood
Tuesday, Feb 20 – Colwood @ Savory	Tuesday Feb, 20 – Crystal View @ Colwood
Wednesday, Feb 28 – Savory @ Colwood	Monday, Feb 26 – Colwood @ Sangster

Hot Lunch

If your child is going to be away and you would like to pick up their hot lunch in the office at noon an email must be sent by 9:30 am to colwoodhotlunch@hotmail.com. Please include the child's name and division. If an email is not received, the lunch will be donated to another child in need.

Inclement Weather

Please review this messaging from the Sooke School District for important reminders about school closures. Information regarding school closures due to weather will be posted on the SD62 website and social media and shared with local news media as close to 6:30 AM as possible.

Please continue to send your children to school with proper clothing for the weather.

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents-students/inclement-weather>

Attendance Email: colwood@sd62.bc.ca

Please email the school and the student's teacher to excuse their late or absence. Make sure your student's name and grade are in the email. Teachers email addresses can be found [here](#).

If you will be arriving early to pick up your student, please send an email as soon as possible to the office and the teacher. This process allows for a quick and easy pick up when you arrive.

Parent Portal Access [here](#)

Online Consent Access [here](#)

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LET'S GLOW NEON DANCE

Thursday, February 22nd

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Colwood Elementary School Gym

The concession will be selling pizza, drinks, chips & candy
There will be a photo booth + glow-in-the-dark tattoo station

Wear white and **neon** colours for the best glow!