



## Colwood Elementary News January 31, 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tuesday, Feb 4 – Boys Basketball at Wishart
- Wednesday, Feb 5 – Kindergarten Registration Closes
- Wednesday, Feb 5 – Dunsmuir Grade 5 Info Night 6-7
- Thursday, Feb 6 – Popcorn Day
- Thursday, Feb 6 – Family Fun Fest 6-7:30pm
- Thursday, Feb 6 – Girls Basketball at Colwood
- Monday, Feb 10 – School Change Request Period Open
- Monday, Feb 10 – Boys Basketball at Pexsisen
- Wednesday, Feb 12 – Girls basketball at Sangster
- Thursday, Feb 13 – Hot Lunch – McDonald's
- Friday, Feb 14 – Pro-D Day, no school
- Monday, Feb 17 – Family Day Stat, no school
- Wednesday, Feb 19 – Favorite Character Day (Spirit Day)
- Thursday, Feb 20 – Popcorn Day



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### **February 6th Fun Fest**

The staff at Colwood Elementary will be holding a February Fun Fest on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 7:30PM in the school neighborhoods outside the classrooms. This Fun Fest is for all families from Colwood Elementary. ***Students must be accompanied by an adult to attend the event.*** Please look for more information in the upcoming weeklies as we get closer to the date.

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Students from Colwood Leadership Team will be walking 5 km through the westshore on the evening of February 22 to help raise money for Our Place Society! Their fundraising goal is \$250. Please consider sponsoring our team and donating to this worthy cause.

<https://cnoy.org/donate>

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<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1026925&langPref=en-CA>

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### **Pink Shirt Day Ordering**

Pink Shirt Day is coming up at the end of February! The PAC is pleased to offer a variety of pink shirts available for purchase online at <https://colwoodelementary.deco-apparel.com>. The deadline to order is Friday, February 14th at 3pm and the shirts will be distributed Monday, February 24th. Thank you for your support!



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### **Weather Related School Closure**

With the possibility of snow in the forecast, please have a look at the image below to familiarize yourself with weather related closures, delayed school openings and class cancellations.

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### **Parents Do Not Park in the Staff Parking Lot**

Please do not park in the staff parking lot when first coming through the school gate. There is plenty of parking at the front entrance of the school. We need the back parking lot for teaching and support staff each morning. Please drop your children at the front of the school and drive out of the parking lot.

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### **Supervision Before School**

There is supervision available each morning from 8:15AM until the first bell. Please do not send your children to school before this time unless you are going to supervise them until 8:15AM. **Please note** that we do not have after-school supervision, so encourage your children to make their way home after school as soon as possible.

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## **Boys Basketball Schedule**

\*All games aim to start by 3:00 and end by 4:00, however times will vary depending on travel time

Tuesday, Feb 4	@ Wishart	
Monday, Feb 10	@ Pexsisen	
Wednesday, Feb 19	@ Colwood	Vs Millstream
Wednesday, Feb 26	@ Colwood	Vs Sangster

Driving: Please note that for away games, parents are to drive players to the games, we recommend carpooling to make this easier.

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## Girls Basketball Schedule

\*Games often start at 3pm or as soon as the visiting team arrives in the gym and end around 4pm.

Thursday, Feb 6	@ Colwood	Vs Millstream
Wednesday, Feb 12	@ Sangster	
Thursday, Feb 20	@ Pexsisen	
Thursday, Feb 27	@ Crystal View	

Driving: please arrange your own rides to away games.

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### **Save the Date – Grade 5 Bottle Drive for End of Year Field Trip**

April 5, 2025, from 10am-2pm the Grade 5 class will be having a bottle drive in the Colwood Elementary School parking lot to raise funds for their end of year field trip to Camp Barnard. Please hold on to any empty bottles, cans and milk beverages for this event!

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### **PAC Fundraisers - Everyday Fundraisers:**

- Mabel's Labels - Click "Support a Fundraiser" and search "Colwood Elementary"
- Cobs Bread Westshore - Mention "Colwood Elementary" at the checkout
- Glenwood Meats - Save your receipts and send them into the school
- Co-op Gas - Member #74600
- Alpine Return-It Centre - Mention "Colwood Elementary" when you drop off your beverage containers

### **School Cash Online**

Recently, payments and field trip permission forms have been issued through the School Cash Online website. Please make sure you have signed your [Consents](#) and then go to the [School Cash Online](#) website. You will need your child's PEN number (9 digits). Once you add your student, you will be able to see items available for purchase. There is a PDF attachment with detailed instructions on how to get it set up. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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### **Attendance Email: [colwood@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:colwood@sd62.bc.ca)**

Please email the school and the student's teacher to excuse their lateness 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.

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Myed BC Parent Portal Access [here](#)

Online Consent Forms Access [here](#)

School Cash Online Access [here](#)

Visit our website: <https://colwood.web.sd62.bc.ca/>

**Weather-related closures, class cancellations and delayed school openings**

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In the event of severe weather, we want to make sure students and staff know where to find updates and understand how we decide to cancel classes, send students home early, delay school start times, or change/cancel bus schedules.

Schools will stay open whenever possible to provide a duty of care, closing only in extreme situations.

**HOW DO WE MAKE DECISIONS?**  
Our school district covers a large geographic area, so conditions at individual school sites may vary. A number of factors are considered before a decision is made, including:

- Road, sidewalk, school and parking lot conditions;
- Issues such as power outages, and other unfolding events.

Designated staff members travel predetermined routes to assess conditions, and recommendations regarding school closures, bus cancellations, or delayed openings are carefully discussed with key district personnel and neighbouring school districts. The safety of students and staff is our top priority.

**WHEN WILL I KNOW?**  
A decision to close schools or delay openings across the district will be made by 7:00 AM at the latest, using the best information available at the time. Since road and bus route conditions can change quickly, our Transportation team will notify families of any weather-related bus cancellations or delays.

**HOW WILL I BE INFORMED?**  
Except under extreme circumstances, no announcement will be made that schools are open. Only cancellations, closures, or delayed school openings will be announced. We will communicate this information as soon as possible through:

@SD62\_Sooke      [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

Sooke School District      Local media

A stylized illustration of a winter landscape with snow-covered ground, evergreen trees, and a winding path or stream.

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