



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, September 10, 2021

Dear Families,

Well, what a week it has been. First of all congratulations to all our students (and their families) for your work settling down into the routines and expectations of life back at school. I know it was a challenge in my home, and appreciate all of your support through this process.

THIS WEEK AT RMS...A quick update about our school community. This week we have had a chance to review our school routines and protocols. Also the students have been taking part in a variety of collaboration and team building activities that we affectionately called "The Raven Games". It has been great to see, and hear, the students working together, supporting each other, and building connections throughout the school. A huge thank you and congratulations to all of the staff that were involved in the creation, and facilitation, of these activities.

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Sept 13th - Student Verification Forms sent home

Tuesday, Sept 14th

- 6:30 pm First RMS PAC meeting – We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, Sept 15th

Thursday, Sept 16th

- Meet the Teacher night (via ZOOM- see info below)

Friday, Sept 17th

- School Photo Day

Looking Further Ahead:

Monday, Sep. 20 Deadline for returning Student Verification Forms
Friday, Sep. 24

Terry Fox Run (toonies for Terry)

Monday, Sep. 27

Professional Development Day (No School for students)

Wednesday, Sep. 29 Orange Shirt Day at Rockheights (wear orange)

Thursday, Sep. 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)



Configuration UPDATE... As happens every year, we are very excited to welcome students back to school and part of that process is to let the district and the ministry know our class numbers. Through that process the district has identified that we are eligible to receive another teacher. This is great news as it allows for smaller classes and more direct support between our staff and students. The downside of this is that we will be re-configuring the school and rebuilding the classes so that there are 11 Advisories rather than 10.

This means that all students will be asked to confirm their Advisory class placements on the rolling boards on Monday morning when they arrive. Adults will be out front to help with any questions or confusion.



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT! – Thursday September 16, 2021

I am sure that you have started to hear stories about life back at school, unless of course your child answers all of your questions like my boys did with “fine” or “good”. This coming Thursday, you are invited to meet your child’s teacher (virtually) so that you can hear a little about who they are, the plans for the year, and the best ways to stay in touch and work together to support your child. These meeting will take place over Zoom and they are NOT individual parent/teacher conferences, but rather a chance to start to build a connection with your child’s advisory teacher or teachers.

Zoom Links will be sent home early in the week. If you have not received an email from your child’s Advisory teacher by Wednesday morning, please reach out to the school so that we can ensure that you have it for Thursday evening.

SUCCESS IN SCHOOL
COMMUNICATION
IS KEY

What is a “closed campus”?

One of the aspects of middle school is that we have a “closed campus”. This means that all members/visitors to the school must check in through the office. Teachers

complete attendance each morning, **and if students are needing to leave the school prior to 2:50pm that they please sign out at the office before they go. Students should also have a note from their parent/guardians giving them permission to be dismissed early.** This can be hand written or by sending an email to your child’s teacher or directly to the office at rockheights@sd61.bc.ca

Rockheights Bell Schedule 2021-2022

Warning bell:	8:35 am
Start time:	8:40 am (in class)
Nutrition Break:	9:48-10:03 am
Lunch:	11:55am -12:40 pm
Dismissal:	2:50 pm



Lastly, I just wanted to thank each of you for your support as we get the school year up and running.

Change can be difficult and I know that the reconfiguration might be challenging for some of our students. I want to assure you that we will be using all of the information that we have to ensure that your child is placed in a class that will best meet their needs.

I do appreciate those of you that have taken the time to reach out to me directly to introduce yourself and talk about your child, and if I have not yet, I look forward to meeting each of you soon. As I have mentioned before, I truly believe that the key to student success is clear communication so if you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school at 250-384-7125 or by email at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca and I would be happy to set up a time for a call or meeting.

Sincerely,

Mr. Maxwell

RMS PAC News: **Meeting THIS** **TUESDAY**

This is a great vehicle to stay involved with your child’s learning and ensure that you are connected to some of the other great families in our community.

We will be meeting, via Zoom
on Tuesday September 14

and hope you can join us at the following link:

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/67088204741?pwd=eDhDd2w0Z2tWVVBjeDdlYUJBMUpNUT09>