



# From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, September 24, 2021

Dear Families,

**THIS WEEK AT RMS...** I can not believe that next week marks the end of September. With the days getting shorter and it getting darker earlier, we want to continue to remind students of being safe as they are travelling to and from school. **Please remind your child to use sidewalks and crosswalks and ensure that they are visible when travelling to and from school. A message for those parents dropping off and picking up students, please ensure that you are not blocking any of the sidewalks or crosswalks as these need to be safe places for students to travel.** For those that ride scooters or bikes, helmets are required and we will be reminding students of this expectation. We appreciate your help to keep everyone safe!

### What's happening at Rockheights next week:

**Monday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - Pro D Day – No School for Students**

**Tuesday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Touch Rugby games at
- Cross country practice at lunch

**Wednesday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

- Music Pizza sales today
- GOLF club meeting in the Gym at lunch
- Ultimate Frisbee games at Glanford

**Thursday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Truth and Reconciliation Holiday**

**Friday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Ultimate frisbee practice from 2:50 – 4pm on the field
- Cross country practice at lunch

### Looking Further Ahead:

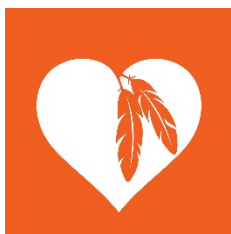
**Monday, October 11 Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Tuesday October 12 RMS PAC meeting**

**Wednesday October 20 and 21 – Parent Teacher Communication evenings**

**Thursday October 21 – Great BC ShakeOut Earthquake Drill**

**Friday October 22 – District Pro D Day**



### **Truth and Reconciliation Week**

As we have mentioned previously next Thursday is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As part of that we have a series of events that will be taking place here at Rockheights. Throughout the week, students will be learning about reconciliation in accordance with the Calls to Action laid out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Teachers have been talking about what “reconciliation” means and using age appropriate resources to explore this very important topic. **On**

**Wednesday we will be encouraging our community to demonstrate their commitment to this work by wearing orange as a visible symbol of awareness** of the injustices that have been a part of our history. We encourage you to ask your child about their learning and appreciate your support as we do this work together.

**Is your child interested in Golf?** –One of the amazing community partnerships that we have is with the Gorge Vale Golf Course. In the past, they have offered free lessons to our students, and are willing to do so again this year. **Interested students will be asked to meet with Mr. Harris and Mr. Maxwell on Wednesday at lunch time.** This is an amazing opportunity for students to receive FREE golf lessons every Wednesday for the month of October. **The lessons will take place at Gorge Vale Golf course with one of their club professionals after school on Wednesdays from 3:15 until about 4pm.** All equipment will be provided, but students are welcome to bring their own equipment as well if they have it. Gorge Vale is also keen to build a program aimed at girls that may be interested in playing golf and are willing to offer a specific group geared specifically for female-identifying youth. That being said there will be opportunities for ALL interested students regardless of experience or skill level so I hope you will encourage your child to take part.



### **An opportunity for you and your family?**

- *Have you ever thought it would be interesting to connect with a student/family from another country? If so this is could be a great opportunity for you.*

The Victoria International Education, a Division of the Greater Victoria School District No. 61 is seeking hosts for international students studying in our School District starting in October 2021. We are expecting many students from Brazil, Germany, Italy, and Mexico, along with many other regions / countries.

#### **Hosts receive:**

- \$975 per month to host one student (many hosts support two students)
- A Homestay Orientation to learn about hosting students
- On-going Support from a dedicated Homestay Coordinator (including a 24/7 emergency line)

To find out more about our homestay program or to apply please visit our **website:** [www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay) or contact Lukas Hahn (Homestay Manager) **email:** [lhahn@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:lhahn@sd61.bc.ca) **Tel:** 250-592-6871

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Music Update... Once again this Wednesday we will be selling "Pizza by the slice" for \$2.50 per slice out of the music room. All proceeds go to support our music program and to provide incredible opportunities for students!

## RMS PAC News: Subway Thursdays

Did you know that the RMS PAC organizes Subway lunch days on Thursdays from October 7 – November 25. Order forms were sent home today with details and your chance to order. This is a great way to have a day that you do not need to make lunches for your child, and at the same time support some of the programs and initiatives that the PAC support within the school

Thanks for your support!

**BC Fruit and Veggie Program** – If you have not already done so please return the consent form for the BC Fruit and Veggie Program. It will be starting this coming week and we look forward to having yet another resource to support our students health and wellness.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hopefully this information will help you remind your child of the various activities taking place around the school .

Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*