From the Raven's Nest...

Dear Families,

Once again we thank you for taking the time to review this newsletter. You have likely noticed we are experimenting with the format/content and would appreciate your feedback. Our goal is to try to ensure that the information is brief in the hopes that it is accessible to everyone.

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Sept 6th - Labour Day Holiday (no school)

Tuesday, Sept 7th

- **9:30-11:30am All students in session**

Wednesday, Sept 8th

- **Regular school hours in effect (see below)**

Thursday, Sept 9th

Friday, Sept 10th

- **Student information pack ups sent home**

Looking Further Ahead:

Tuesday, Sep. 14 First PAC meeting (via Zoom- see below for link)
Thursday, Sep. 16 Meet the Teacher night (Details to follow)
Friday, Sep. 17 School Photo Day (morning only)
Friday, Sep. 17 Deadline for returning Student Verification Forms

As we mentioned there are updates to our district "Communicable Disease Prevention Plan" and we ask that **ALL families review the attached letter from our Interim Superintendent, Deb Whitten.** We will be reviewing all of the information and expectations with students when they arrive next week.

Tuesday, September 7th school will start at 9:30 am and students will be dismissed at 11:30am. Grade seven and eight students will be able to see the name of their advisory class teacher, as lists will be posted on the boards outside the school. Then, those students will be able to make their way to their assigned entrance to meet with their teacher. Grade six students will be asked to meet on the basketball court so that they can meet their Advisory teacher there, and learn the procedures for entering the school. No school supplies are needed for the first week, but please ensure that your child has a lunch, a water bottle, and is dressed for the weather - as we will be spending much of the week outdoors.

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

Our regular bell schedule will be in effect starting Wednesday September 8th!

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For new families, please ensure you check the website for documents under the *"Parent Info"* Tab that pertain to important aspects of life here at Rockheights. There are documents there regarding the following:

- Does your child have a new or change to their **medical condition** that we should know about?
- Would you like more information about the **daily routines** here at Rockheights?
- What is the latest update about the **music program** and how can your child get involved?
- What are the **procedures and routines in the case of an emergency** such as fire, earthquake, or lockdown?

   All of these topics are covered in different documents that can be accessed via the school website on the *"Parent Info"* Tab.

RMS PAC News!

If you know your child will not be attending the school please take a minute to call (250) 384-7127 or email us at rockheights@sd61.bc.ca to notify the school of your child's absence. We really appreciate the heads up!

SAVE THE DATE!- Parent involvement and student success are strongly connected and we hope that you will be able to get involved in our school community. As the father of teenagers, I understand that independence is something that middle school students want, but the RMS PAC is a way to stay connected and involved in your child's education.

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=eDhDd2w0Z2tWVVBjeDdIYUJBMUpNUT09

We look forward to seeing your child on Tuesday morning at 9:30am! If you have any questions, please contact us at 250-384-7125.

Sincerely,

Mr. Maxwell & Ms. Pelletier

Do you have ideas/thoughts/ feedback on how we can make this information more relevant for you, your child, or your family? Please contact Mr. Maxwell at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca with your ideas. Thanks!

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