



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, October 15, 2021

Dear Families,

Parent-Teacher Communication Week... This is the week that we have a very important event on Wednesday and Thursday. Parent-Teacher Communication sessions (or Parent Teacher Interviews) are happening and this is a chance to connect with your child's Advisory teacher and get an update on how they have settled in as well as discuss how best to support your child going forward this year. These discussions are crucial for a successful year for your child as we need to establish a team approach to supporting their learning. We realize many of you have been in regular contact with your child's teacher and this is another opportunity to collaborate as we work together. Meetings will take place on Wednesday (2pm – 6pm) and Thursday (2pm-4pm) and are being scheduled by your child's teacher. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have returned the form or set up an appointment to connect by phone or by virtual conference with your child's teacher.

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Oct 18th

Tuesday, Oct 19th

Wednesday, Oct 20th

- Noon - Music Pizza sales
- 2:15pm GOLF club session at Gorge Vale
- 1:50pm dismissal for Parent Teacher Communication

Thursday, Oct 21st - Pre-ordered Subway Lunch

- Great BC Shakeout – Drill at 10am
- Anime/Manga Club at Noon
- 1:50pm dismissal for Parent Teacher Communication

Friday, Oct 22nd

- District Pro D day

Looking Further Ahead:

Wednesday October 25– Photo retake day

Thursday November 4 – School Lockdown Drill

Friday November 5 – No Stone Left Alone

Thursday November 11 – Remembrance Day Holiday

Attendance – We continue to refine our attendance procedures so that we can ensure students are here and supported at school. Our school day starts at 8:35 every morning and Advisory teachers will be submitting attendance to the office by 8:52. **This means that if your child arrives after 8:52 they need to check in with the office so that we can update the record and not phone home to alert you of their absence.** Please take the time to call our office (250) 384-7127 if you know that your child is going to be absent. We really appreciate your support with this and reminding your child to check in at the office if they are going to be late to school.

Compassionate Resource Warehouse

Helping students find meaningful community connections is one of our school goals here at Rockheights. One way in which we do this is through trying to find opportunities for students to get involved and give back to their communities by connecting with different community organizations and agencies. One example of this is the connection that we have with the Compassionate Resource Warehouse (<https://www.crwarehouse.ca/>) with whom we visit once a month and take some of our grade eight students to give them the opportunity to give back to our local, and global, community. Students

volunteer to be a part of this program and in return get a fun learning experience that also looks pretty good on a resume for future endeavours. We really appreciate the work this organization does to distribute resources to global communities in need and think that this experience helps our students start to think about their role in more of a global context.



School Police Liason Officer

Survey-

We NEED your input!

The District wants to hear from the community about the future direction of the SPLO Program, including individual experiences and perspectives. The results of the survey will inform recommendations for the Board's consideration by spring 2022.

“The Board is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and culturally responsive learning environment for all of our students and staff,” said Ann Whiteaker, Board Chair. “We are working hard to understand how best to move forward with the program to meet the needs of our diverse community, in partnership with the policing community. It is important we hear the perspectives and experiences of our learning community and encourage participation in this survey on the SPLO Program.”

For more than 30 years, police liaison officers from multiple departments have served as resources to District schools. They assist with education and drug prevention, school safety drills, community and sports events, and addressing school violence. Currently, there are 12 police liaison officer positions serving elementary, middle and secondary schools in the District.

The survey is open for two weeks. It will close on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 4 p.m.

SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD61-SPLO-Program>

Thank you, for your ongoing support as we work our way through the school year. Please remind your child to wear their mask, dress appropriately as the weather gets cooler, and to bring a water bottle that can be filled throughout the day.

Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*

RMS PAC News: **PAC Members wanted!**

RMS PAC is a way to stay connected and involved in your child's education. We are currently meeting via Zoom and do so on the second Tuesday of the month. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you at November's meeting. Until then, we hope you will join the RMS PAC page on Facebook for more information.

**Please check out the PAC Facebook group by searching
“Rockheights Middle School PAC”**