



# From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, December 3, 2021

Dear Families,

**Did someone say WINTER?** As we get into December, the weather definitely is getting colder. We could use your help with reminding/ecouraging your child to be dressing for the weather and if anything throwing in an extra layer for the end of the day.

We are also still working really hard to remind students to bring a mask to school and if you have an extra cloth mask at home feel free to send it so it can be kept here in case they forget in the morning. We have also included our district "Inclement Weather Protocol" as some forecasts are even mentioning a potential for snow! Please review it on page two of this update.

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

**Monday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** – CC Afternoon (11:55 dismissal for those students that are all caught up on their term work)

**Tuesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Winter Concerts
- Noon - Music Pizza sales

**Thursday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** -

**Friday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Dollar Dog Day – Hot Dogs and Freezies on sale for \$1 each
- Manga/Anime Club at Lunch

### Looking Further Ahead:

**December 13-17** – Winter Festivities Week

**December 14** – PAC Meeting

**December 15** – Young Entrepreneur Fair

**December 17** – Report Cards Home  
- Last Day Before Winter Break

## RMS PAC News:

Don't forget about the December PAC meeting on Tuesday December 14.



## December 2021 Middle School Snapshot Relationships, Romance and Consent



### Middle - December 2021 Relationships & Romance



We teach our kids how to cross the road and tie their shoes, but do we give them the tools they need to give and receive love in a healthy way? One of the most important things a parent can do is model love and caring in their interactions with others. Whether it's showing love for a family member, friend or partner, children often grow up and love others the way they were taught to love as a child.

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We know that one of the biggest changes that young adolescents go through are social; and part of that is them starting to see themselves in more mature relationships with peers. This month's snapshot focuses on these challenges and some thoughts on how to support young people as they experience these new thoughts and perspectives

## Greater Victoria School District Inclement Weather Protocol

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is a priority for the Greater Victoria School District to communicate effectively to parents, students and community partners during inclement weather. With cooler temperatures in our forecast, the District would like to remind families of its inclement weather protocol and where to find information about the determination of school closures.

The District assesses weather conditions on a daily basis and puts every effort into making a determination by 6:30 a.m. of whether or not schools will remain open. The status of schools and transportation is then provided to local media and communicated to our community.

### Inclement Weather Updates are provided through the following:

- School District website: [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)
- Local media outlets
- Social media channels
  - Twitter: [@sd61schools](https://twitter.com/sd61schools)
  - Facebook: [@sd61schools](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterVictoriaSchoolDistrict)
  - Instagram: [@sd61schools](https://www.instagram.com/sd61schools)

The District is regularly monitoring local weather conditions and Environment Canada's forecast, and will continue to do so over the weekend. Please stay connected with us for regular updates.

The Greater Victoria Region is broad and we understand that some areas may be more difficult to travel than others. It's always a parent's decision if you choose to keep your child home due to road conditions.

**For more information about notification of school impacts due to inclement weather:**  
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/inclement-weather-notifications-2/>

Thank you!



Lastly, a big thank you to those that have been helping minimize the congestion with morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We appreciate you not blocking driveways or trying to turn around in front of the school. In fact I have noticed some families dropping children around the corner or down by our field and that has helped a lot. Dropping students off away from the main entrance helps everyone as they get a little exercise and the reduced congestion improves everyone's safety. We really appreciate that. **Thanks!**

As always, please feel free to email me directly if you have any questions or concerns about any issues here at the school.

Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*



### JUST A REMINDER...

The Atom Smashers Robotics Team at Esquimalt High School invites **YOU** to the Flying Squirrel on December 12 from 3-7pm for a Jump For Bucks fundraising event! 50% of ticket profits associated with their event will go to their team. **SHOW THE ATTACHED POSTER TO THE FRONT DESK OR VERBALLY INDICATE YOU'RE THERE FOR THE ESQUIMALT ROBOTICS TEAM JUMP FOR BUCKS EVENT BEFORE PAYING, FOR VALID CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FUNDRAISER.** By coming to Jump for Bucks you are supporting STEM oriented opportunities for the youth in your community. You get to have fun while they financially benefit. They can't wait to see you there!

