



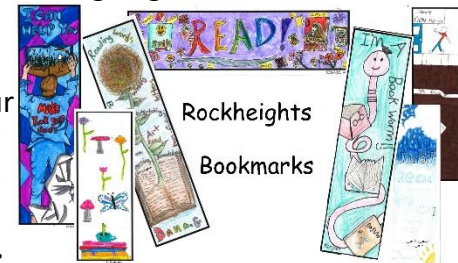
# From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, February 11, 2022

Dear Families,

**Feeling blessed...** Well I am not sure about you, but this week I am feeling very grateful to work with the young people at this school. On a side note, I LOVE watching the Olympics as they provide an opportunity to see people perform at the highest level on a global stage. I think what I am drawn to is the drama and the incredible performances that play out before my eyes. Maybe that is also what draws the adults in our school to work each day? There is no arguing that middle school has plenty of drama, but also we get to witness some incredible performances each and every day.

One example of this was a recent "Bookmark design contest" in which our amazing teacher librarian, Mrs Hutchinson, invited students to design bookmarks as part of the contest. The results were incredible and it was another opportunity for our student's talents to shine.



Rockheights  
Bookmarks

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

#### Monday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

- PJ Day
- Candygrams delivered today

#### Tuesday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

- Div 7, 8, & 11 Start "Exploring the Salish Sea"
- 3pm-4pm Volleyball practice after school

#### Wednesday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

- Noon - Music Pizza sales
- Skating for Div 1, 2, and 3

#### Thursday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

- Div 9 & 10 Start "Exploring the Salish Sea"
- Volleyball practice at lunchtime

#### Friday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

- District Professional Development Day

### Looking Further Ahead:

**February 21st** – Family Day holiday

**February 23th** – **Pink** Shirt Day

**March 2nd** –Gr 8 Course Selection with Esquimalt High

**March 7th** –Term Two CC Afternoon

## **Black History Month-** As you are likely aware,

February is "Black History Month" where we take the time and space to honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. The 2022 theme for Black History Month is: "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day," which focuses on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians make to Canada. Students will



be learning about some of these contributions through our daily announcements and through classroom activities. We encourage all of our families to look at some of the resources available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html> and for information specific to BC you can explore <https://bcblackhistory.ca/> and share it with your children.

And for those of you that are interested, next Thursday, there is a Black History Month virtual celebration on Facebook Live at 7 pm (ET), February 17, 2022. This live virtual event will feature performances, tributes, interviews and much more!

**GRAVITY CARS...** We also have a another opportunity for students to demonstrate their creativity this month which is open to all students. This is the building and racing of "Gravity Cars" which will be raced down a track with prizes awarded for speed, design and creativity.

The students in the grade 6/7 classes will be doing this work in class and the students in the grade 7/8 and 8 classes will have the option to take part this year but it will be run more as a club for those students that are interested.



As I mentioned last week is that one aspect of the gravity cars is that we use CDs or DVD's as the wheels. If by chance you have any spindles of CD's or DVD's that you are no longer using (as they have been replaced by cloud storage or memory sticks) and would be willing to donate them to the school, please send them to me here in the office. We can buy more, but if you have spindles or old CD's that you longer need, we would greatly appreciate the donation.

All cars will be raced during the last week of February so we look forward to seeing our students creativity and design racing down the track!

## RMS PAC Events:

**Tuesday March 8** – Parent Education evening with Dr Lisa Gunderson. Raising young people to be "anti-racist" and equitable. She will be discussing some of the challenges that families face during this Q&A style education evening. More information to follow next Wednesday including a chance to submit questions that you would like to be discussed. See <https://www.oneloveconsulting.com/> for more information about Dr. Gunderson and the work that she does in our community.

**Saturday March 12** – RMS PAC Bottle Drive – This is a chance to contribute to some of the great work that our PAC is involved in and around the school. Location and details to follow in next week's update but please consider donating any bottles/cans you may have around your house.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about these events or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to or child's Advisory teacher or to me directly. I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*