



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, April 14, 2022

Dear Families,

So nice to get together.....

It is amazing how long a short week can feel, but we hope that whether you celebrate Easter, Ramadan, Hanshi/Qingming, or other celebrations at this time of year that you get a chance to go outside with friends and family and enjoy the spring weather. (Yes, I do know that it snowed on Tuesday but I am trying to stay positive!)

We were very happy to be able to have a monthly assembly this week to talk about Earth Day, some upcoming school events and to thank our student teachers (Mr. Bain, Ms. Heaton, and Jenna) who finished their final practicum this week. We only met with half of the school at a time, but it was quite emotional to be able to come together again, and we look forward to continuing to meet as a group. The plan is to have the next assembly with the whole school – something that has not happened in over two years!



As you can see in the calendar below there are many events that are happening this week and beyond. We hope that you can add these to your family's organizational system and help remind your child of the events as they arise. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Apr 18th - Easter Monday holiday

Tuesday, Apr 19th

- Exploratory Rotation 4 starts
- Need2 Presentation for Division 11

Wednesday, Apr 20th

- Earth Day events at Highrock Park (Rain or Shine!)
- Div. 9/10 to Galiano Conservancy Program
- Noon - Music Pizza sales
- Badminton Tournament at Rockheights

Thursday, Apr 21st

- Div. 7/8/11 to Galiano Conservancy Program
- Chess Club at lunch in the LLC

Friday, Apr 22nd

- 80's Day – please help your child dress for the event!
- Student Learning Surveys for Grade 7 students
- Staff/ Grade 8 Student Basketball game

Looking Further Ahead:

April 25th – Gr 7/8 Band students at Esquimalt High

April 26th – RMS PAC meeting

April 28th –Badminton Tournament at Rockheights

May 4th– Showcase of Learning and Young Entrepreneur Fair

May 5th – Beginner Band to Spectrum Community School

May 13th– Grade 7 and 8 Band students to Camp Pringle



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Orders due by FRIDAY April 22:

Just a reminder that the last day to submit your child’s Subway orders is this Friday April 22. A big thank you to the PAC for organizing this as we know it is a welcome relief to families to not have to worry about lunches on Thursdays between May 6 and June 9. If you have not already submitted your order, please check your child’s backpack for the order form or feel free to print one as it is included as an attachment with this update.

RMS PAC News: PAC Meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday April 26

We will be meeting, via Zoom on Tuesday April 26 and hope you can join us at the following link: <https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/67088204741?pwd=eDhDd2w0Z2tWVVBjeDdIYUJBMUpNUT09>

Country Grocer receipts – Yes, the PAC is still collecting your Country Grocer receipts. Country grocer provides a percentage of all sales back to the school and this credit is used to support families within our community and to provide some of the materials for our food programs here at the school. We hope that if you support Country Grocer that you will please send you receipts to school with your child. They can be dropped off in the office and will be sent to our PAC who submit them to Country Grocer for the credit they provide.



Lastly, next week is Earth Day and as part of that we have activities planned on **Wednesday April 20 at Highrock Park** with some staff from the Township of Esquimalt. Students will be going to Highrock Park to learn/take part in activities around trail maintenance, Invasive species removal and native species planting. We are excited about this partnership and the opportunity for our school community to take an active role as stewards of this area that we enjoy so frequently. Please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather as this will be a “rain or shine” activity and as your child may tell you, I like to remind students that “there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!”

Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*