



# *From the Raven's Nest...*

for Friday, March 18, 2022

Dear Families,

## **We hope you enjoy your break.....**

I hope that as you are reading this you are looking forward to a couple of weeks of rest and relaxation with your family. I know that second term can be a long one and that students are ready for a rest. I also know that many of our families are looking forward to the loosening of restrictions, and I for one, am looking forward to being able to see people's faces again and the opportunity to get together in larger groups.

It has been a long two years and we are looking forward to getting back to being able to smile at each other, and to be able to come together as a large group to celebrate the great things that students have been doing. Please see the attached letter from our Interim Superintendent, Deb Whitten, for more information about what the return will look like on April 4.

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

**Monday, Apr 4<sup>th</sup>** - Welcome Back to students

**Tuesday, Apr 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Noon - Music Pizza sales

**Thursday, Apr 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Chess Club at lunch in the LLC

**Friday, Apr 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Dollar Dog Day

### **Looking Further Ahead:**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – RMS PAC meeting

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Monday

### **RMS PAC Event:**

**BOTTLE/CAN Drive-** Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors for your work at last weekend's bottle drive. Not only did the weather cooperate, but we had a great turnout of support from the general community. It was nice to connect with

people in person and have to say a big thank-you to all of the parents that volunteered to make this such a successful event.



**Cell Phone reminder**- Just a reminder that after the break, that we will be piloting a new process to try to reduce the distractions that cell phones are causing within our classes. The plan is that Advisory teachers will be collecting student cell phones during the Advisory portion of the morning. Cell phones will then be kept in a secure, locked closet or cupboard until they can be returned to students for supervised learning activities, or before they are dismissed at the end of the school day. We will also be initiating a series of lessons about

Digital citizenship and appropriate use of technology.

As always, the choice to send your child to school with a cell phone is up to you and should you choose to allow your child to bring expensive devices to school; it is their sole responsibility to ensure the security of their devices at all times, but the expectation is that cell phones will be collected by their Advisory teacher at the beginning of each day.

If you are not comfortable with your child's cell phone being stored by your child's Advisory teacher, then we ask that you not send it with your child. We understand that from time to time, you may need to get a hold of your child during the day, or need to send them a message. If it is time sensitive, such as they need to get it before the end of the school day, then we are happy to facilitate that through the office. You can call the office at (250) 384-7125.

We appreciate your support with this and look forward to seeing the potential effects of this change. We will also be sending home a notice the first week back to remind families of this process.



## **Staff/Students Volleyball** ... One of the great



activities that we look forward to expanding are our staff/student lunch time challenges. This week we had a staff vs student volleyball game for the students that joined our school volleyball team. It was fun to come together and have the students cheering for each other and everyone had a great time. The



next challenge for the staff comes from the grade 8 students who want to challenge us at basketball! We look forward to that in April!

As we enjoy longer days, reduced restrictions, and some time to rest and recharge, we look forward to the opportunities to gather and celebrate together while still being aware and respectful of the diversity of comfort levels in our community. We thank you for taking the time to talk with your child about their results from the second term as well as to review the newest protocols. We really do appreciate your continued support as we head into the third term while working through these changes and always prioritizing keeping people physically and mentally safe.

Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*