



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, May 13, 2022

Dear Families,

Looking ahead...

Well as the days/weeks fly by it we are already starting to plan for next year. Staff have been meeting with our elementary feeder schools to prepare for our incoming students, as well as meeting with the area high schools to help with our grade 8 students and their transition to high school. It is a bust time that also includes starting to look at classes for next year. There is a lot of input that goes into this process and we try to create classes that will provide the support and social attributes that are best for each child. We know that having social connections is incredibly important and trying to balance the educational needs with the social emotional needs of each child is a challenging thing. That being said if there are peer dynamics that you think we need to be aware of, such as friendships that are crucial or peers that would be detrimental to your child's schooling next year, please feel free to forward those to me, by email, before May 30, 2022. We do our best to accommodate the complex needs of each child and appreciate your support and input into this process.

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, May 16th Rainbow dress up today to celebrate pride and diversity

Tuesday, May 17th - Facepaint and temporary tattoos available

Wednesday, May 18th

- Noon - Music Pizza sales
- 2pm Rainbow Week Assembly

Thursday, May 19th

- Rainbow week Trivia contest
- Transition Afternoon – Gr 8 students visit their high schools and Grade 5 students from Macaulay and Vic West come to Rockheights

Friday, May 20th

- District Pro D day – no school for students!

Looking Further Ahead:

May 23rd Victoria Day Holiday

May 25th Spring Concerts at Rockheights

May 27th Grade 6 Booster Immunizations

May 31st PAC Information Night

Host families needed:

We have a group of Grade 8 students from Brazil coming in June and we are looking for families that may be interested in hosting these students. If you are interested in more information please email Mr. Maxwell at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca

This week is Rainbow week:

Rainbow week is a special week of every year that we celebrate gender diversity. The “Rainbow Ravens” club here at Rockheights has planned a variety of events that will be taking place over the course of the week to celebrate the diversity of students that we have here at the school. We will also be having a special assembly Wednesday afternoon to celebrate these events.



Student Drop off and Pick up: Please remind your child that when they are being picked up or dropped off that they need to be extra careful as they cross the street in front of the school. Ideally, they should be using the crosswalks to ensure that vehicles see them as they cross the street. We have had some very close calls and want to ensure everyone is safe coming and going from the school.

RMS PAC News: Save the Date

We rescheduled our Parent Education night with Dr. Lisa Gunderson to Tuesday May 31. We will be having it at the school in the Library Learning Commons and hope you can join us. More details to follow but please add it to your family calendars!

I hope that you had a great weekend and really appreciate your ongoing support with your child to follow the routines and expectations at school. We are continually reminding students that they should be:

- Speaking and Acting Considerately
- Always have their materials for class
- Doing all of their assigned tasks, and
- Being where they belong.

These simple expectations will ensure they are successful in all areas of their schooling and we really appreciate your help in reinforcing these expectations.

.Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*