

Dear Families,

**Aprilmayjune...** This time of year goes by so quickly, a colleague of mine calls the three months by one word "Aprilmayjune". It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of May and there are many celebratory activities to keep track of. This week we have our Spring Concerts and hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate the work that our music ensembles (and Ms. McDonnell) have been doing all year. We hope to see you there!

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

Monday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Victoria Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL	Looking Further Ahead:
Tuesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	May 31 <sup>st</sup> PAC Information Night
• Noon - Music Pizza sales	June 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Bottle Drive
• <u>Track Meet at UVic</u>	June 13 <sup>th</sup> CC Afternoon
Spring Concerts in the Gym	
Thursday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	June 20 <sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Recognition
Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ceremony
Grade 6 Booster Immunizations	

### We are the Ravens...

One of the projects that we have been working on is the creation of a school logo that acknowledges our community, the fact that we are on the traditional lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and is created in consultation with the nations. WE are very fortunate to have Darlene Gait, and artist who is from the Esquimalt nation (<u>http://www.onemoon.ca/</u>), who has offered to be a part of this project. She has created three conceptual images that we are sharing with our community to get feedback and thoughts.

#### **ROCKHEIGHTS RAVENS**



The first is that raven with wings spread and in the wings are the image of the wolf which is used by both of our local nations. The second is an image of the Ravens head holding the Sun in its beak which references the creation stories from this area, and the third is a Coast Salish design of a Raven in flight. These are just initial sketches and we are interested in your thoughts or preferences. If you have thoughts about any of the three concepts please feel free to send them to me directly (before Monday May 30) via email to <u>amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca</u>

Once we have chosen one of the concepts, Darlene will be creating a completed image for us to refine and use for all of our school representation and communication (letterheads, school wear, sports uniforms, etc)

# **RMS PAC News: Events**

<u>Tuesday May 31 - 7pm</u>. Parent Education night with Dr. Lisa Gunderson at the school in the Library Learning Commons

Saturday June 4 12-3pm - Bottle Drive at Cask and Keg

Athletic Leadership application: If your child is interested in being a part of Athletic

Leadership next year here at RMS, please encourage them to see Mr. Roy for application information. All applications need to be submitted by Friday June 3!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

I know that this is a busy time of year. Whether you were a part of last weekends Buccaneer Days, or are a part of the Highland Games happening this weekend at Topaz Park, or just trying to stay on top of the day to day challenges of raising teenagers, life is busy! That being said there are a lot of community events and opportunities that are shared with us at the school and we wanted to include them as part of these updates. Esquimalt Parks and Recreation has many different offerings for young people so hopefully some of these may be of interest to your child:







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We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing students on Tuesday! Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell* 

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