

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, September 23, 2022



Dear Families,

First of all thank you to all of the families that made it out to our PAC Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday. The turnout was great and a huge thank you to the Esquimalt Lions club that cooked 200 hamburgers and 120 hot dogs for everyone that attended! We are really fortunate to have such incredible community support for these events.

Yesterday was our first Professional Development day of the year and all of our staff worked with the staff from Shoreline, and from our district, to look at our transition to Proficiency Scale reporting this year. This is in response to the upcoming Provincial Reporting Order that is coming from our government in which students in grades K-9 will not receive letter grades, but rather, will be assessed using proficiency scale language. Proficiency Scales are based on communicating and

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

describing each student's growth and progression along a continuum of learning. All reports will continue to reflect strengths, areas for improvement and ways to deepen learning.

We understand this will be a change for many of our students and will be working with all of our students to understand what this means. We will also be sending home more information for parents, and hosting a parent information evening as this will be a change for some families on how we report student progress. This move towards focussing on a student's ability in subject specific skills, is where we are heading provincially, and will help students and families understand what their child is capable of doing and how to support their learning moving forward. We look forward to continued discussions as we make this change to ensure that students and parents understand what this new type of assessment and reporting is all about.

Again, we have a variety of events happening this week and hope that you will help your child remember the various activities that they may be interested in joining. As we tell students all of the time, "middle school is about trying new things". We hope that students will take the risk to try a new activity, join one of the sports teams, join a music ensemble or check out one of the many clubs. Speaking of clubs, our "Raven's Afterschool Club" starts this Wednesday! We are very fortunate to have staff from Esquimalt Recreation centre that will be running games, activities, providing snacks, and more! This will be a drop-in club and we hope this might provide a safe place for students to hang out if they are available on Wednesday afternoons.

RAVEN'S CLUB

FREE DROP IN PROGRAM
WEDNESDAYS 3-5PM
GAMES, SNACKS AND
MORE



IN THE RAVEN'S
NEST AT
ROCKHEIGHTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL

STARTING
SEPTEMBER 28TH



FOR ROCKHEIGHTS STUDENTS

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Sept 26th -

- Deadline for Subway orders

Tuesday, Sept 27th

- Lunch - Cross Country Practice
- Touch Rugby games at Shoreline

Wednesday, Sept 28th

- Lunch – Ultimate Frisbee practice
- 3-5pm RAVEN's CLUB starts today
- 3-4pm Touch Rugby practice
- 7pm Music Parents meeting (details to come)

Thursday, Sept 29th

- Orange Shirt Day
- Lunch - Cross Country Practice and Chess Club
- 3:30 Cross Country Meet at Cedar Hill

Friday, Sept 30th

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation-No School

Looking Further Ahead:

October 3- 20 FSA for Grade 6 students
Monday October 10 Thanksgiving (**No School for students**)

Tuesday, Oct. 11 RMS PAC meeting
October 19 and 20 Family Communication Days (Parent Teacher Interviews)



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

The RMS PAC will be once again offering Subway lunches through a pre-order system from Oct 6- Dec 8.

Order forms are attached and

All orders must be submitted by
Monday Sep 26!

Community Opportunities

1. **Flipside Teen Centre** at GR Pearkes Rec Centre: Some programs they have running this fall:

-Craft and Art at Pearkes – Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm

-Friday Night (Skate, Pizza, Movie) (\$5) – 5:45-8:15 pm (Rental Skates and Pizza included in the cost)

-Girls on the Go! (Program for female-identifying youth) – Mondays 6:30-8:30pm

-Outdoor Adventure Club – Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm (meeting at Meadow Park on Dysart)

Please see <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-community/community-services/youth-centres.html> for more information

2. **B You Online** - We are excited to let you know that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria is gearing up for another session of B You Online (formerly Go Girls)! B You is a FREE ten week program designed for female-identifying and gender diverse youth between the ages of 11-15. The group meets weekly for 1 hour and 15 minutes on an online platform. Groups consist of up to 12 participants and 3 mentors. For more information please see the attached flyer.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon..

Sincerely, *Aaron Maxwell*
Principal

Christina Pelletier
Vice-Principal