



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, January 6, 2023

Dear Families,

Happy New Year... First of all, I hope that you and your family have had a safe and restful holiday. I know that it has been a challenge for everyone to get back into the routines of school and we wanted to thank you for your support with getting students to school on time and ready to go. I also know there are a lot of cold and flu bugs going around (including an apparently new strain of that virus that we are all tired of talking about) so we are really encouraging students to wash their hands, complete daily health checks, and to stay home if they are not feeling well. It is challenging, but if we all work together I am sure we can keep each other safe.

We also have some great events coming up as we look at the start of 2023. First of all there is a PAC Family Games Night event on the night of January 20 from 6pm-8:30pm (please see below for more specifics. We are also starting to look at transitions for next year. Grade eight families should have received information about this and we know that it won't be long until we are welcoming grade 5 students to join the Rockheights family.

What's happening next week at Rockheights:

Monday, Jan 9th -

- **Boys** Volleyball Practice at lunch- ALL grades

Tuesday, Jan 10th -

- Dungeons and Dragons Club at Lunch
- Pizza sales today!- Preorder online using www.schoolcashionline.com
- **Girls** Volleyball Practice at lunch- ALL grades
- 6:30 RMS PAC meeting in the Library Learning Commons

Wednesday, Jan 4th-

- **Girls** Volleyball Practice at lunch- ALL grades
- 3pm-5pm Raven's Club in the Raven's Nest

Thursday, Jan 5th -

- Chess Club at Lunch
- **Boys** Volleyball Practice at lunch- ALL grades

Friday, Jan 6th-

- Drama Club at Lunch
- Volleyball Practice at lunch for ALL teams

RMS PAC News:

Emergency Supplies Fundraiser:

Just a reminder that all orders need to be in NOW! Thanks for your help with this.

SUBWAY ORDERS: Please ensure that all orders are in by Monday January 16! Subway lunches will start on Thursday January 26.

Pizza is back! – If you are interested in ordering Pizza for your child please do so using SchoolCash Online. You can order each week up until Sunday at midnight, or you can order this week for all ten weeks from now until Spring Break. We have spoken to the supplier and we know that prices will be increasing but for now we have held the cost at \$2.50 per slice. All pizzas are on whole wheat crust and pre-orders are required.





RMS PAC Family Games Night:

On January 20 from 6pm until 8:30pm there will be a special event for all families from Rockheights Middle School. The RMS PAC will be hosting a Family Fun Games Night with food, fun, and friends. We hope that many of our families will be able to join us!



The Esquimalt Lions will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs (by donation- suggested minimum donation of \$2 per hamburger or hot dog). There will be games, crafts, and activities for people of all ages. All proceeds will be going to support our grade 8 recognition events. We hope that you can join us for this special community building event.

Volunteers are NEEDED! – Please attend the RMS PAC meeting on Tuesday at 6:30pm if you are able to help out for an hour or more at this event. We can not do this without your help!

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!: The RMS PAC is also running a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to help support the grade eights in their “Exploring the Salish Sea program” and focus this year. As part of the grade eight year, all students take part in this work which includes a trip out on the water with Eagle Wing Tours. To help offset the costs of this program, the PAC is selling boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts that can be pre-ordered online and picked up on January 20th at the Family Fun night.

The doughnuts are \$15 per dozen and can be ordered online, by families that have a school account, using www.schoolcashionline.com or if you would like to share the online order form with others you can send them the following link: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/42109/140/False/True>

Quantities are limited so orders are “first come first served”! All orders will be available to be picked up on at the Family Fun Night!

From the Library Learning Commons... We have been busy spreading the love of reading at Rockheights and are excited to share our exciting incentives to read. In the 12 days leading up to Winter Break, there have been daily draws for a prize pack of festive goodies. Our goal was to share book recommendations and promote a culture of reading throughout the school. The following students were the winners of the prize packs: Cameron A, Sophia B, Carter K, Molly H, Freya P, Chloe K, Colbie B, Sam A, Sacha B, Sama T, Abdul A, and Kingston C. Congrats to you all! Special thanks to Save On Foods for their generous donation of over \$30 worth of prizes. As the days get cooler and darker through these winter months, there’s nothing quite like sitting down to read a good book alongside a steaming bowl of Ramen. “Ramen for Reading,” our January reading initiative, aims to promote increased reading over the winter months by offering prizes around this popular food for students.

Special thanks to the following local businesses for their thoughtful and generous donations for January: Oni Oni, Kizuna Ramen, Ivy’s Bookstore, Books and Shennanigans Bookstore, Save on Foods, Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. Hutchinson, Ghost Ramen, Brown’s Social House, and Mr. Morris.



A big shout out to the LLC reading ambassadors that have done a great job to help out around the library. Thank you Jade, Anja, Kaylee and Faith - you are appreciated. A huge thank you to the PAC for providing funds to purchase prizes and materials for this initiative as well!

Warmly, Michelle Hutchinson – Rockheights Library Learning Commons

Thank you very much for your continued support and involvement in your child’s experience here at Rockheights. It truly is a team effort and I hope that you get the chance to join us on the 20th or the next time you are at the school please stop by the office and say hello. Also, if you have not already done so, please ensure you return the Core Competency self-evaluation document that was completed by your child so that we can use those when we get to the end of second term to review the goals and strategies that your son or daughter identified for the term.

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell*

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