



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, May 12, 2023

Firstly Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers...

I know that it is a big weekend with Buccaneer Days, baseball and softball games, dance competitions and of course a chance to celebrate the amazing Mother's that we all have in our lives. It also looks like it will be a hot weekend so please take care and encourage your child to drink lots of water.

Next week is Rainbow week, with a variety of activities that allow students to show that they accept and celebrate the diversity of students here at Rockheights. Please see the Week at a Glance for details of the activities that will be taking place.

Next Thursday is also our transition afternoon, where we will be welcoming our incoming Grade 5 students from 1pm until 2pm for a couple of activities and so they can start to understand what life at middle school is like. That same day our grade eight students will be dismissed at lunch time so they can head off to their respective high schools. For those students that would like to walk to Esquimalt High school as a group we will have a couple of staff that will be leaving the school grounds at 12:15pm and can walk with the students to Esquimalt High.

It is an exciting time for students with the many events, activities and field trips that take place. We will try to include the various events in the week at a glance but please also watch for emails and notices to help stay informed about the many happenings.

Sincerely, Mr Maxwell

What's happening next week at Rockheights:

Monday, May 15th - Cosplay and Rainbow Day

Tuesday, May 16th - Face Paint, Makeup Artist & Sidewalk Chalk

Dungeons and Dragons Club at Lunch

- Pizza day – please preorder on www.schoolcashionline.com
- Golf program starts
- Track and Field meet at UVic
- 6:30 RMS PAC education evening

Wednesday, May 17th Bloket & Games! & Limbo Dance Party Wrap-up

- Div 3 Bike Trip to Portage Park
- 3pm- 5pm Raven's Club after school today
- District Strings finale concert at UVic

Thursday, May 18th

- SUBWAY Day for those that ordered
- Division 7 Bike Trip
- Transition Afternoon
- Track and Field meet at UVic

Friday, May 19th

- District Pro D Day – no school for students

Looking Further Ahead:

May 22 – Victoria Day
Holiday

May 24 – Human Library
Event



Pizza reminder! – If you are interested in ordering Pizza for your child please do so using SchoolCash Online **before Sunday at midnight**. All pizzas are on whole wheat crust and pre-orders are required.

SAVE THE DATE – Grade 8 Recognition Planning meeting-

We will be having an important meeting for any parents able to help with the Grade 8 Recognition ceremony. The ceremony will be the Monday of the week of June (June 26 at 10am) but **we will be having a planning meeting on Tuesday May 30 at 6:30 in the Library Learning Commons at the school**. We hope you can join us!

Rockheights Human Library – Wednesday May 24

Do you have a unique hobby or an interesting job? Are you an entrepreneur, an artist, or do you have a fascinating life story that you would be willing to share? Rockheights is planning a Human Library Event! We are looking for Human "Books" who would be willing to have a conversation with our students. We are looking to provide a safe environment for the sharing of diverse life experiences, stories, and perspectives in order for students and the community to grow and develop an awareness of one another.

If you answered yes to any of the above questions then we need you! (Or if you have a friend or relative that you think would be interested then please share this with them as well.)

We know that middle school is a time for students to explore and try new things. Many of you were probably inspired by people you met when you were the age of our students and this is a chance to maybe pass that on to our students. The "Human Library" is an activity where people are the books and students get a chance to meet some adults that are willing to share some of their experiences. It is not about doing a formal presentation about your experiences but rather having an informal conversation with our students about what you have experienced or what inspired you in the direction of your life. Participants can come for a couple of hours, for the morning or afternoon or for the full day depending on your availability.

If you have an artifact(s) that is related to what you do, or have experienced, then you can have them displayed and students will be touring around and asking questions to hear your story. I have been involved in this activity in other schools and it has been great to see parents, the public, and even former students share their experiences and hopefully plant the seeds of inspiration for our students. If you are willing/interested in taking part in this event, then please complete the form found at: <https://forms.gle/VGKFiHtz7nVUzLC49> and I will connect with you to get you more details.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to email me directly at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca Thanks!

I really hope that you are all able to have a great weekend and celebrate the Mother's in your lives. Again, it is greatly appreciated that you remind your child(ren) to please bring a water bottle so they can stay hydrated as the temperatures continue to stay warm.

Sincerely,
Mr. Maxwell