



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, May 5, 2023

May is upon us...

It was so nice to have parents in the school on Wednesday to be toured around to the various places and to learn a little about your child's middle school experience. Many of our staff mentioned the different energy that was felt that afternoon. Thank you to those that were able to join us and if you were not, then we look forward to welcoming you into the school at another time.

And 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 this week we will be meeting with the area high schools to help with our grade 8 students and their transition to high school. It is a busy time that also includes starting to look at classes for next year.

There is a lot of input that goes into class building 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, 2023. We do our best to accommodate the complex needs of each child and appreciate your support and input into this process.

Sincerely, Mr Maxwell

What's happening next week at Rockheights:

Monday, May 8th -

Tuesday, May 9th

- Class Photo Day
- Dungeons and Dragons Club at Lunch
- **Pizza day – please preorder on www.schoolcashionline.com**
- 6:30 RMS PAC meeting in the library

Wednesday, May 10th

- Div 3 Bike Trip to Portage Park
- 3pm- 5pm Raven's Club after school today

Thursday, May 11th

Friday, May 12th

- Earthquake Drill at the school
- Grade 7 and 8 Music students to WildPlay
- Grade 8 leadership trips in the afternoon

Looking Further Ahead:

May 16 – Evening First Aid Training

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.

Code of Conduct Review–

One of the steps that we take every year is a review of our student Code of Conduct. Our current Code of Conduct document is attached to this update or can be found on our school website by clicking **Code of Conduct 2022-23**. If you are interested please have a look and if there are any questions or suggestions for updates please send them to me by email at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca

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!

As always, we really appreciate your support with helping students ensure they are dressed for the weather and as the temperatures warm up that hopefully can include a hat and water bottle/container of some kind. I hope you have a great weekend.