

From the Raven's Nest.... for Friday, June 23, 2023

Dear Families,

Lots of lasts... It is hard to believe that we are entering the last week of the school year and we know that this has be a long year and as we check of the list of "things to do before the summer" the days are flying by. This week we really get to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and play together as a school. On Monday we have our Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony. Thank you to those parents that have volunteered to help with the decorations and the BBQ that is taking place on the Monday afternoon. We have the decorating committee ready to go and we will be decorating on Sunday (June 25) from 1-3pm in the gym.

The ceremony itself will be on Monday June 26 starting at 10:30 in the morning. Parents and guests are welcome to start arriving at 10am. Parking at the school is limited so carpooling or walking is encouraged.

Next week we also have our annual year end celebration that we call the "Rock Royale" in which students will be on either team red or team Black and will take part in a series of challenges to earn points for their teams. <u>Students will find out on Monday which team they are on so if you could help your child find potential red or black clothing that they will be able to wear on Tuesday and Wednesday for these events.</u>

What's happening next week at Rockheights:

Monday, June 26th –

- Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony at 10:30am
- Div, 1, 2, 3, 4,5 and 6 to the water park in the afternoon

Tuesday, June 27th -

- NO MORE PIZZA until the Fall Please be sure to pack a lunch
- Rock Royale! Be sure to dress in your assigned colours

<u>Wednesday, June 28th</u>

• Rock Royale! Be sure to dress in your assigned colours

Thursday, June 29th

• Last Day of School for the year.

Friday, June 30th

• Administrative Day – No School for students

Looking Further Ahead:

Summer Holidays! We hope you enjoy!

<u>Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony:</u> Thank you to those parents that have volunteered to help with the Grade 8 recognition ceremony on Monday June 26. <u>We have the decorating</u> <u>committee ready to go and we will be decorating on Sunday June 25 from 1-3pm in the gym.</u>

IMPORTANT REMINDER – <u>All grade 8 students</u> must have a waiver signed and bring a helmet (skating, cycling or other certified helmet) so that they can take part in the roller skating on Monday afternoon! Wrist guards are also encouraged so please bring them if you have them.

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The ceremony will last about an hour and there will be time for photos afterwards. For the afternoon the grade eight students will be going to Archie Browning Arena for roller skating, having a BBQ, a photo booth and chance to socialize and celebrate their completion of middle school.

We really appreciate all of the support from the parent community with the bottle drive earlier this year and the commitment from the PAC to fund this great event.

End of Year procedures... – We really appreciate all of the support as we wrap up the school year and hope that the summer brings time for rest and relaxation. Students will be bringing home their materials this week and cleaning up their areas in their class.

<u>Library:</u> Thank you to everyone for their help with returning the various resources to the school. We have had many books and other resources returned and I know that Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Peters have been working hard to connect with those students/families that still have overdue books.

<u>Athletics</u>: Can you please have a look to ensure that your child is not in possession of any Rockheights uniforms or school equipment. We are still missing some uniforms and would appreciate any being returned to the school so they can be washed and put away for next year.

Lost and Found: Please encourage your child to check out the Lost and Found at the School to ensure that they do not have any belongings in there. There is not a lot in there but any belongings will be on display in the main corridor that runs from the office to the gym.

<u>Textbook deposit for leaving Grade 8 students</u>: For those Grade eight student families that paid their textbook deposit in grade 6, and have ensured that ALL books and resources have been returned to the school, are entitled to ask for your \$20 deposit back. If you do not have it returned, that money will be used to purchase other resources for students. Families requesting the return of their deposit can please do so by emailing me at <u>amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca</u> and I can check with our



accounts clerk to arrange for the reimbursement to you over the summer. This is done through the district so it can take a few weeks to process and mail you a cheque. Please ensure you send me your current mailing address so we can ensure it gets sent to the correct place.

We hope you all have a great weekend! Sincerely, *Mr. Maxwell*



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