

# *From the Raven's Nest...*

for Friday, September 1, 2023



Dear Families,

**Ready or not, here we go!** I can only imagine that there are many of you that are excited for the return to school for your children and the routines that go along with that. We have been working hard to ensure that things are ready to go for all students when they return on Tuesday Sept 5.

On Tuesday, school will start at 9:30am and students will be dismissed at 11:30am. **Grade 6 students are asked to please meet at the front of the school and when the bell goes we will walk down to the gym. Grade 7 and 8 students are asked to look at the boards in front of the school and please proceed directly to your classes.**

***If you cannot find your class, or need extra assistance, please ask any of the adults that are wearing staff nametags and we would be happy to help you out.***

For the first week of school, we are involving all of the students and staff in class and team building activities to promote school spirit, unity and a sense of belonging. **Students will be organized in temporary classes as we can not finalize placements until we have confirmed numbers.** We realize that there may be some disappointment if a best friend is not in the same class as your child, but there are many factors and many conversations that go into class placements and we appreciate your support with this process. We try to minimize movement and intend to have students assigned to their permanent Advisory classes by the end of the first week.

## What's happening at Rockheights next week:

**Monday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - Labour Day Holiday**

**Tuesday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30-11:30 Students attend the first day**

**Wednesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:35-2:50 regular schedule**

**Thursday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

**School Beach Day at Esquimalt Gorge Park**

## Looking Further Ahead:

**Tuesday, Sep. 12** First PAC meeting

**Friday, Sep. 15** School Photo Day

**Thursday, Sep. 21** Meet the Teacher Night

**Thursday, Sep. 21** Deadline for returning Student Verification Forms

**Thursday, Sep. 21** Terry Fox Run (toonies for Terry)

**Friday, Sep. 22** Professional Development Day (No School for students)

Starting on Wednesday, we will begin our regular daily schedule, which starts at 8:35am and dismisses at 2:50pm. Students will enter the school through their classroom entrances and follow all of the protocols learned on Tuesday. No school supplies are needed for the first week, but please

ensure that your child has lunch, a water bottle, and is dressed for the weather - as we will be spending much of the week outdoors.

**Forms, Forms, Forms-** One of the procedures that we follow at the beginning of the year is updating all of the information about our students. This means a lot of paperwork although much of that is moving to an online system. That being said we have attached a few documents for you to review. We will also be sending home a pack up of forms on Friday September 8 for you to complete and return the following Monday. We really appreciate you taking the time to update/complete and in some cases review with your child. It will help ensure that we are all working together effectively to support your child(ren). With this email we have attached some generally school documents such as:

- Our daily routines
- Information for students with Medical conditions
- Music Program information
- The School Safety Plan for this year
- A yearly calendar of events for the school

We realize there is a lot of information that gets sent out and we are really committed to trying to ensure that communications are sent home each Friday.

### **ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!**

Parents are expected to please call the school at (250) 384-7127 to notify the school of a student absence. **For the first week this is extra important as we submit our numbers each morning.**

Students are responsible for any missed work on days absent from school. **Reminder: Students arriving late to school must check in either with their teacher or at the office.** We encourage all students to be on time as we look forward to them being a part of all learning activities.

We really hope you have a great Labour Day long weekend and look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 250-384-7125.

Sincerely,

*Aaron Maxwell*

Mr. Aaron Maxwell, Principal

*Tania Singh*

Ms. Tania Singh, Vice Principal

### **Rockheights Daily Bell Schedule**

<b>Warning bell:</b>	8:35am
<b>Start time:</b>	8:40am (in class)
<b>Nutrition Break:</b>	9:48-10:03am
<b>Lunch:</b>	11:55am -12:40pm
<b>Dismissal:</b>	2:50pm



### **PLEASE JOIN the RMS PAC on Tuesday in the Library Learning Commons**

*Not sure what to do for the short day on Tuesday? Interested in learning more about the RMS PAC? Do you like free doughnuts and coffee? If you answered yes to any of these questions please join the RMS PAC reps in the Library Learning commons between 9:30 and 11:30 on Tuesday Sept 5. We hope to see you there!*

### **SAVE THE DATE!- Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

Parent involvement and student success are strongly connected. One of the best ways to become involved at Rockheights is to participate in the school Parent Advisory Council. We extend an invitation to come out to the first meeting of the RMS PAC which is on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> here at the school in the Library Learning Commons. Please also see the attached PAC letter for more details!

We hope you will be able to join us.