

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, October 20, 2023



Dear Families,

Thank-you and we can use your help... First of all thank you to all of the parents that made time to come out for our Parent Communication sessions. I am sure you are getting tired of hearing it but we really appreciate your commitment to the team approach to supporting your child. To that extent, we do need your help reinforcing the expectations around personal electronic devices here at Rockheights. The expectation is that the **students should NOT have their personal devices out while at school** unless they have been asked by their teacher to use it for a specific learning activity. Often students have their devices out, and when asked the response "I just got a text from my mom/dad" is one that we often get. If you need to connect with your child during the day, please call the office and we are happy to pass on a message. Teachers collect devices at the start of the day and they can be locked up in their closet.

If devices are being used inappropriately, then on the first offence, teachers will hold onto them until the end of the day. For the second offence the device is sent to the office and I meet with the student at the end of the day and if there is a third offence, I will be calling home for parent/guardians to come and pick up the device. I know it is important for parents to be able to connect with students, but it is also important that these devices are not disrupting the class/school environment. Thank you for your support with this!

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Oct 23rd - FSA's continue this week

- 12pm Volleyball Intramurals
- 3pm Gr 6/7 Girls basketball practice in the gym

Tuesday, Oct 24th

- 12pm Gr 6/7 Girls basketball practice in the gym
- Pizza sales today!- Preorder online by Sunday evening using www.schoolcashonline.com

Wednesday, Oct 25th

- Photo Retake Day
- Noon - Rainbow Ravens
- 3pm Gr 6/7/8 Boys basketball practice in the gym
- 3pm-5pm Ravens Club in the Raven's Nest

Thursday, Oct 26th –

- SUBWAY Lunches for those that ordered
- 12pm Gr 6/7/8 Boys basketball practice in the gym

Friday, Oct 27th

Looking Further Ahead:

Tuesday October 31 – Halloween Costume Day

Friday November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly

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.

Athletics -

The next sport of the year is basketball, and this year we have a Grade 6/7 boys, 6/7 Girls and 7/8 boys team up and running. If you are interested/willing to help out with coaching please let our athletic director, Mr. Snider know. He can be contacted by email at jsnider@sd61.bc.ca. Each team has two practices a week and games begin the week of October 30.



RMS PAC News:

Help support the Rockheights PAC and help take the pressure off of your meal preparation by ordering meals from Refire Kitchen (www.refirekitchen.ca). Please see the attached flyer for the details but 10% of all proceeds for the months of November, December and January will be returned to the RMS PAC. Orders can be placed in person or online. There is a coupon code (RHMS PAC) for online or you can tell them that you are purchasing for “the Rockheights PAC fundraiser” if you purchase in person.

Halloween Expectations:

First of all, can we start a petition to move Halloween to the last WEEKEND in October? Unfortunately, this year Halloween falls on a Tuesday and we know that will bring a lot of energy with it. As we get closer, several students have asked about wearing their costumes to school. Students are welcome to wear their costumes on Tuesday, but they do need to be appropriate for school so we have a few expectations in case you are starting to plan your child’s costume:

1. There should be **NO Weapons**- real or imitation,
2. **Masks are not allowed** for moving through the halls or during breaks. If you have a mask that you want to wear in class, please check with your teacher BEFORE you bring it on Tuesday.
2. **Themes that are inappropriate for school are not be permitted**- i.e. themes that are degrading to a group, or groups of people, as well as any costumes that have references to foul language or degrading themes.

We are also planning a pyjama day for Wednesday November 1, as we expect there may be a few tired students and thought it would be a comfortable way to spend the day.

Have a great weekend, and don’t forget to remind students to dress appropriately, as it seems like Fall is finally here and the weather is getting cooler.

Sincerely,
Aaron Maxwell
Principal

Tania Singh
Vice-Principal