

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, December 15, 2023



Tis the Season... The last week of school before the break in an important time but also can be a busy time as we celebrate our progress this term and the upcoming holidays. Please note that there are events/activities happening each and every day (PLEASE see below for specifics). We also have a tradition here at RMS where each day there are elves hidden around the school so you may hear about the search that your child has been involved in to try to earn special treats for their classmates. As you can imagine the energy of two hundred and seventy five excited students is quite palatable at this time of year.



Thank-you for taking the time to review the Learning Updates (what used to be called report cards) that were posted last weekend. We hope you were able to access the information well as this is the process that will be used for future updates. I appreciated seeing some of you at the support session and think we were able to get it sorted for those that attended. If you are still having issues accessing this document, please let me know and I can try to help you get it sorted.



What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Dec 18th – Cosplay Day – Students are welcome to dress up as their favourite fictional character

- Gingerbread house building contest starts

Tuesday, Dec 19th - Festive Colour Day - Wear Red, White and/or Green clothing or accessories! Live it up!

Wednesday, Dec 20th - Holiday Sweater Day - Wear a Santa hat, elf ears, bobbles, bobbers, bells or any other Christmas accessory! Have fun!

- Staff/Student Basketball game at lunch
- Gingerbread House judging today!
- Rainbow Ravens at Lunch

Thursday, Dec 21th - Holiday Sweater Day

Friday, Dec 22nd - PJ Day

Looking Further Ahead:

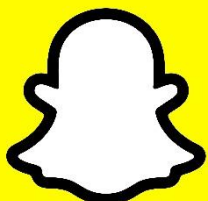
January 8th – School Reopens

January 19th – PAC Family Fun Night

January 26th – Middle School Pro D Day

Pizza and Subway are finished for this year. We will have ordering opportunities available again in January

WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT: I wanted to ask that all families spend some time THIS WEEKEND



connecting with your children about their social media presence and **especially those students that are using Snapchat**. There are several group chats that involve many students from our school that are places where inappropriate language, threats and cyber bullying are taking place. This is incredibly dangerous and a good reminder to be connecting with your children and actively monitoring their social media interactions to ensure they are safe and healthy especially as students may be connecting with their peers virtually over the holidays.

SAVE THE DATE! - RMS PAC Family Games Night:



On January 19 from 6pm until 8:00pm there will be a special event for all families from Rockheights Middle School. The RMS PAC will be hosting a Family Fun Games Night with food, fun, and friends. We hope that many of our families will be able to join us!



The Esquimalt Lions will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs (by donation- suggested minimum donation of \$2 per hamburger or hot dog). There will be games, crafts, and activities for people of all ages. All proceeds will be going to support our grade 8 recognition events. We hope that you can join us for this special community building event.

Volunteers are NEEDED! – If you are able to help out for an hour or more at this event please indicate on the following Google doc https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lQd6O5sajnW7fJsRwBqPxUxFmGHkHRt-0HILie3e_s/edit?usp=sharing . We can not do this without your help!

A message for the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 20 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyful3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1376>

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,
Ministry of Education and Child Care



Lastly, a big thank you to those that have been continuing to help **minimize the congestion** with morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Please continue to be respectful of our neighbours if you are picking up as many neighbours are having a hard time coming and going from home as vehicles are blocking their driveways. Thank-you for your help keeping our students, and neighbours, safe.

Sincerely, *Aaron Maxwell and Tania Singh*