

# From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, December 8, 2023



**Tis the Season...** This past week we were happy to see many of you at our Winter Concerts. A huge thank you to all of the students and to Ms. McDonnell for all of the work that went into that event. And also a big thank you to all of the staff that came to help organize and enjoy the concert.

As mentioned in earlier notices, all Learning Updates (what used to be called report cards) will be posted and accessed online. **Today, first Learning Updates of the year are available online as of 3pm.** We hope you can log on via <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login> which is the same website that you used to grant permissions at the start of the year. For instructions on creating an account, visit our school district website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/>

If you are unable to successfully access Parent Connect, I will be available to help any interested parents prior to our PAC meeting on Tuesday December 12 from 5pm to 6:30pm in our Library Learning Commons. Please feel free to join me and I am happy to help you log in, or if necessary, print a paper copy of your child's learning update.

I really hope you take the time to read and review them with your child as they contain the keys to success in the rest of the year.



## What's happening at Rockheights next week:

### Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> -

- Staff/ Student Volleyball game at lunch – wish us luck!

### Tuesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

- Pizza sales today!- Preorder using [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)
- 5pm-6:30pm Parent Connect support in the Library is you need it
- 6:30pm RMS PAC meeting in the library

### Wednesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

- Noon - Rainbow Ravens Movie afternoon continues in the LLC
- Division 5 and 6 are skating
- 3pm-5pm Ravens Club in the Home Ec. Room

### Thursday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

- LAST SUBWAY Day for those that ordered
- Fire Drill in the afternoon

### Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

- Division 1,2,3 and 4 Skating

### Looking Further Ahead:

**Mon Dec 18 – Fri Dec 22** – Winter Festivities Week – details to follow next week

**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.  
**THIS IS THE LAST PIZZA DAY BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK!**

## Winter traditions at Rockheights:

We have a couple of very important traditions at Rockheights that allow students and families to explore the spirit of giving and sharing with those less fortunate. The first is a **Donation Drive** which is happening from now until December 15. We are looking for small gift items that will be used to populate a “Santa’s Workshop” so that students that need to, are able to visit and shop for one or two items for their family. We know we have many vulnerable families in our school community and hopefully this opportunity will allow some of our students to experience the joy of giving. *If you would like your child to be able to access this space please email me directly.*  
Your privacy will be respected.



**UPDATE:** We are expecting our Spirit Wear in by Dec 15. If you would like your order set aside, please email me at [amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca) and I can do so and then let you know that it is available for pick up in the office. If I do not hear from you by Tuesday (i.e. PLEASE MESSAGE ME IMMEDIATELY), I will send home the spirit wear with your child when it arrives! Thanks!

Lastly, a big thank you to those that have been helping **minimize the congestion** with morning drop off and afternoon pick up. I know that when the weather is cold or wet, the same middle school students that refuse to wear a jacket or even sweatshirt have the ability to whine about having to walk home from school. Please be respectful of our neighbours if you are picking up as many are having a hard time coming and going from home as vehicles are blocking their driveways. We really appreciate that.

Sincerely, *Aaron Maxwell and Tania Singh*

## 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 14 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/surveyfull3/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](mailto:ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca). If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at [support@awinfosys.com](mailto: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