

***From the Raven’s Nest…***

**for Friday, January 12, 2024**

Dear Families,

***Did someone say “mild winter”?…***  Well that certainly changed in a hurry! With the arrival of the arctic front, we really appreciate you reminding your child to dress appropriately for the weather. Also with the colder weather please encourage students to give themselves a little extra time to get to school in the morning. **If there are questions about potential school closures please refer to the district Inclement Weather Protocol found at by clicking** [**HERE**](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/inclement-weather-notifications-2/)

We have many events this week with the Music Parents meeting on Wednesday and our PAC Family Games Night event on Friday from 6pm-8pm. We are also starting to look at transitions for next year. Grade eight families should have received information about this and we know that it won’t be long until we are welcoming grade 5 students to join the Rockheights family. If you are interested in the High School Programs of Choice please see the attached document for dates and times.

**What’s happening next week at Rockheights:**

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| **Monday, January 15th -** **Tuesday, January 16th** * Pizza sales today!- Preorder using [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)

**Wednesday, January 17th** * Noon - Rainbow Ravens meet in the Art Room
* 3pm-5pm Ravens Club in the Home Ec. Room
* 7pm RMS Music Parent meeting in the library

**Thursday, January 18th** **Friday, January 19th** * Dollar Dog Days – Hot Dogs and treats for sale at lunch
* Division 1-4 Swimming at Esquimalt Rec
* 6pm – 8pm Family Fun Night at Rockheights
 | **Looking Further Ahead:****Fri Jan 26** – Pro D Day**Wednesday January 31** – Human Library**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.  |

**Pizza and Subway orders are BACK! –** We will be setting up the Bulk and weekly Pizza sales on [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com) that will be available until Sunday night at midnight. You are able to bulk order (9 weeks) or choose to order each week. You can also order Subway which will start on Thursday January 25 and go until Thursday March 14.

***Krispy Kreme’s are coming, Krispy Kreme’s are coming***: We apologize to those of you that made resolutions about eating more healthy foods this year, but the PAC are once again doing a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale this month. Only $15 per dozen! To ensure your order, pre-orders can be made at <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/51944/140/False/True>

Doughnuts will be available for pick up on the 19th at the Family Fun Night!



***Human Library Event – Wednesday Jan 31***

Do you have a unique hobby or an interesting job? Are you an entrepreneur, an artist, or do you have a fascinating life story that you would be willing to share? Rockheights is planning a Human Library Event! We are looking for “Human Books” who would be willing to have a conversation with our students.

 ***If you answered yes to any of the above questions then we need you! (Or if you have a friend or relative that you think would be interested then please share this with them as well)***

We know that middle school is a time for students to explore and try new things. Many of you were probably inspired by people you met when you were the age of our students and this is a chance to maybe pass that on to our students. The “Human Library” is an activity where people are the books and students get a chance to meet some adults that are willing to share some of their experiences. It is not about doing a formal presentation about your experiences but rather having an informal conversation with our students about what you have experienced or what inspired you in the direction of your life. Participants can come for a couple of hours, for the morning or afternoon or for the full day depending on your availability.

If you have an artifact(s) that is related to what you do, or have experienced, then you can have them displayed and students will be touring around and asking questions to hear your story.

I have been involved in this activity several times and it has been great to see parents, the public, and even former students share their experiences and hopefully plant the seeds of inspiration for our students. If you are willing/interested in taking part in this event, then please complete the form found at: <https://forms.gle/ep4mjzcHjcjGiogd9> and I will connect with you to get you more details. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to email me directly at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca Thanks!

We hope you are able to stay warm this weekend.

Once again the month of January brings a focus on reading here at Rockheights. Actually we focus on

reading EVERY month, but this month we have the return of our “Ramen for Reading” contest in which

students will be able to track their reading for weekly prizes as well as the class that does the most reading

will earn a class party sponsored by Ghost Ramen. We have many other great community sponsors

including Oni Oni, Country Grocer, Save on Foods, Munro Books, Kaboodles, Royal BC Museum, the Bug Zoo and more!

Please encourage your child(ren) by setting up daily or regular times in their day that they are able to read at home. Students should have a tracking sheet so that they can track their daily reading progress. Thanks!

***RMS PAC Family Games Night:***

On this Friday (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.

This will also be the time you can pick up your Krispy Kreme orders! If there are extras available, they will be for sale that night, but to be safe please submit a pre-order at https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/51944/140/False/True

Sincerely, **Mr Maxwell and Ms. Singh**