



From the Raven's Nest...

for Sunday, January 7, 2024

Dear Families,

Happy New Year... First of all, I hope that you and your family have had a safe and restful holiday. I know that it could be a challenge for everyone to get back into the routines of school and we wanted to thank you for your support with getting students to school on time and ready to go. **Also with the colder weather coming please encourage students to dress warmly and give themselves a little extra time to get to school in the morning. If there are concerns about school closures please refer to the district Inclement Weather Protocol found at by clicking [HERE](#)**

We also have some great events coming up as we look at the start of 2024. First of all there is a PAC Family Games Night event on the night of January 19 from 6pm-8pm (please see below for more specifics. 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.

What's happening next week at Rockheights:

Monday, Jan 8th – WELCOME BACK!

Tuesday, Jan 9th -

Wednesday, Jan 10th-

- Noon - Rainbow Ravens
- **NO RAVEN'S CLUB THIS WEEK** – it will return on the 16th

Thursday, Jan 11th -

- Some grade 8's to Compassionate Resource Warehouse

Friday, Jan 12th-

Looking Further Ahead:

January 19th – PAC Family Fun Night

January 26th – Middle School Pro D Day

January 31st – Human Library Event at the school

Pizza will be back NEXT WEEK! – We will be setting up the Bulk and weekly Pizza sales on CashOnline that will be available as of Thursday this week so that “Pizza Tuesdays” will return next week on Tuesday January 16th



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 continue to have incredible community support for this and So many of our initiatives here at Rockheights and we are thrilled that this tradition continues! Please encourage your child(ren) by setting up daily or regular times in their day that they are able to read at home. Thanks!



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-0HlIie3e_s/edit?usp=sharing . We can not do this without your help!

Rockheights 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/ep4mjzcHicjGiogd9> 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@sd51.bc.ca Thanks!



Krispy Kreme's ARE coming: We apologize to those of you that made resolutions about eating more healthy foods, but the PAC are once again doing a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale this month. Details and order instructions will come out later this week but wanted to give you a heads up. Doughnuts will be available for pick up on the 19th at the Family Fun Night!

Thank you very much for your continued support and involvement in your child's experience here at Rockheights. It truly is a team effort and we hope that you get the chance to join us on the 19th or the next time you are at the school please stop by the office and say hello.

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell and Ms. Singh*

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