



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, May 10, 2024

Firstly Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers...

I know that it is a big weekend with Buccaneer Days, baseball and softball games, dance competitions and of course a chance to celebrate the amazing Mother's that we all have in our lives. It also looks like it will be a hot weekend so please take care and encourage your child to drink lots of water.

Next week is Rainbow week, with a variety of activities that allow students to show that they accept and celebrate the diversity of students here at Rockheights. Please see the Week at a Glance for details of the activities that will be taking place.

Next Thursday is also our transition afternoon, where we will be welcoming our incoming Grade 5 students from 1pm until 2pm for a couple of activities and so they can start to understand what life at middle school is like. That same day our grade eight students will be dismissed at lunch time so they can head off to their respective high schools. For those students that would like to walk to Esquimalt High school as a group we will have a couple of staff that will be leaving the school grounds at 12:15pm and can walk with the students to Esquimalt High.

It is an exciting time for students with the many events, activities and field trips that take place. We will try to include the various events in the week at a glance but please also watch for emails and notices to help stay informed about the many happenings.

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell and Ms. Singh*

What's happening next week at Rockheights:

Monday, May 13th

- **PRIDE WEEK – Sidewalk decoration in front of the school**

Tuesday, May 14th –

- **PRIDE WEEK – Rainbow colour day and face painting at lunch**
- **Pizza sales today!- Preorder using www.schoolcashonline.com**
- **6:30pm RMS PAC meeting in the LLC**

Wednesday, May 15th

- **PRIDE WEEK – Craft and candy sale at lunch**
- **8:15-8:35 Indigenous Drumming in the foyer**
- **Noon - Rainbow Ravens meet in the Art Room**
- **3pm- 5pm Raven's Club after school today**

Thursday, May 16th

- **PRIDE WEEK – Schoolwide Trivia Challenge**
- **Chess Club at lunch in the LLC**
- **SUBWAY days return for those that preordered**
- **Transition Afternoon – Grade 8's go to their future high schools and Grade 5 students visit**
- **Track and Field meet at UVic**

Friday, May 17th - Pro- D Day – NO school for students

Looking Further Ahead:

May 20 – Victoria Day holiday

Music Concert dates:

Wednesday, May 29th Final Concert for Bands and Jazz Band at Rockheights

Wednesday, June 19th, Final Concert for Strings and Choir at Rockheights, with special guests Grade 5 Strings from Vic West and Macaulay Elementary Schools



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Pizza Note: The next Pizza Day will be Tuesday May 14th .

We have the weekly order options available now until Sunday evening on www.schoolcashionline.com
Thanks!

Code of Conduct Review–

One of the steps that we take every year is a review of our student Code of Conduct. Our current Code of Conduct document is attached to this update or can be found on our school website by clicking **Code of Conduct 2023-24**. If you are interested please have a look and if there are any questions or suggestions for updates please send them to me by email at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca

And as the days/weeks fly by it we are already starting to plan for next year. Staff have been meeting with our elementary feeder schools to prepare for our incoming students, as well as this week we will be meeting with the area high schools to help with our grade 8 students and their transition to high school. It is a busy time that also includes starting to look at classes for next year.



There is a lot of input that goes into class building and we try to create classes that will provide the support and social attributes that are best for each child. We know that having social connections is incredibly important and trying to balance the educational needs with the social emotional needs of each child is a challenging thing. That being said if there are peer dynamics that you think we need to be aware of, such as friendships that are crucial or peers that would be detrimental to your child's schooling next year, please feel free to forward those to me, by email, before Friday May 31, 2024. We do our best to accommodate the complex needs of each child and appreciate your support and input into this process. ALSO – if you know that your child will NOT be here next year, please let us know so that we can help with their transition to their next school.

I really hope that you are all able to have a great weekend and celebrate the Mother's in your lives. **Again, it is greatly appreciated that you remind your child(ren) to please bring a water bottle so they can stay hydrated as the temperatures continue to stay warm.**

Community Opportunities:

1. Homestay families needed... It's that time of year! The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program is looking for new families interested in joining the vibrant hosting community. With students arriving to attend short term programs in the summer (2-6 week stays) and longer-term programs in the Fall, there are many opportunities to begin hosting.



Host Families provide 3 meals a day along with healthy snacks and a welcoming environment. \$1260 per month is provided as reimbursement for student support (pro-rated for shorter stays.) Orientation and 24/7 support is available from the homestay office.

For more information: Website: www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay Phone: 250-592-6871

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