

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, August 30, 2024



Dear Families,

Ready or not, here we go! I can only imagine that there are many of you that are excited for the return to school for your children and the routines that go along with that. We have been working hard to ensure that things are ready to go for all students when they return on Tuesday, Sept 3.

On Tuesday, school will start at 9:30am and students will be dismissed at 11:30am. **Grade 6 students are asked to please meet at the front of the school and when the bell goes, we will walk down to the gym as a group. Grade 7 and 8 students are asked to look at the boards at the front of the school and please proceed directly to their classes.**

If your child cannot find their class, or need extra assistance, please ask any of the adults that are wearing staff name tags, and we will be happy to help!

For the first week of school, we are involving all our students and staff in class and team building activities to promote school spirit, unity, and a sense of belonging. **Students will be organized in temporary classes as we can not finalize placements until we have confirmed numbers.** We realize that there may be some disappointment if a best friend is not in the same class as your child, but there are many factors and conversations that go into class placements and we appreciate your support with this process. We try to minimize movement and intend to have students assigned to their permanent Advisory classes by the end of the first week.

Rockheights Daily Bell Schedule

Warning bell:	8:35am
Start time:	8:40am (in class)
Nutrition Break:	9:48-10:03am
Lunch:	11:55am -12:40pm
Dismissal:	2:50pm



What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Sept 2nd - Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday, Sept 3rd

9:30-11:30 Students attend the first day

Wednesday, Sept 4th

8:35-2:50 regular schedule

Thursday, Sept 5th

Friday, Sept 6th

School Beach Day at Esquimalt Gorge Park

Looking Further Ahead:

Tuesday, Sep. 10 First PAC meeting

Tuesday, Sep. 17 School Photo Day

Thursday, Sep. 19 Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, Sep. 19 Final deadline for returning Student Verification Forms

Friday, Sep. 20 Terry Fox Run (toonies for Terry)

Friday, Sep. 23 Professional Development Day (No School for students)

Starting on Wednesday, we will begin our regular daily schedule, which starts at 8:35am and dismisses at 2:50pm. Students will enter the school through their classroom entrances and follow all of the protocols learned on Tuesday. No school supplies are needed for the first week, but please ensure that your child has lunch, a water bottle, and is dressed for the weather - as we will be spending much of the week outdoors.

Forms, Forms, Forms- One of the procedures that we follow at the beginning of the year is updating all of the information about our students. This means a lot of paperwork, although much of this is moving to an online system. We have attached a few documents for you to review. We are hoping to be sending home a pack up of forms on Friday, September 6th for you to complete and return the following Monday. We really appreciate you taking the time to update/complete and in some cases review with your child. It will help ensure that we are all working together to effectively support your child(ren). With this email we have attached some generally school documents such as:

- Our daily routines
- Information for students with Medical conditions
- Music Program information
- The School Safety Plan for this year
- A yearly calendar of events for the school

We realize there is a lot of information that gets sent out and we are really committed to trying to ensure that communications are sent home each Friday.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

Parents are expected to please call the school at (250) 384-7125 to notify the school of a student absence. **For the first week, this is extra important as we submit our numbers each morning.** Students are responsible for any missed work on days absent from school. **Reminder: Students arriving late to school must check in either with their teacher or at the office.** We encourage all students to be on time as we look forward to them being a part of all learning activities.

We really hope you have a great Labour Day long weekend and look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 250-384-7125.

Sincerely,

Aaron Maxwell

Mr. Aaron Maxwell, Principal

Tania Singh

Ms. Tania Singh, Vice Principal



PLEASE JOIN the RMS PAC on Tuesday Sept 3 in the Library Learning Commons

Not sure what to do for the short day on Tuesday?

Interested in learning more about the RMS PAC?

Do you like free doughnuts and coffee?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please join the RMS PAC reps in the Library Learning commons between 9:30 and 10:30 on Tuesday Sept 3. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE!- Parent Advisory Council (PAC) on Tuesday Sept 10

Parent involvement and student success are strongly connected. One of the best ways to become involved at Rockheights is to participate in the school Parent Advisory Council. We extend an invitation to come out to the first meeting of the RMS PAC which is on Tuesday, September 10th here at the school in the Library Learning Commons.

We hope you will be able to join us.