

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, November 29, 2024



Did someone say WINTER? As we get into December, the weather definitely is getting cooler. We could use your help with reminding/encouraging your child to be dressing for the weather and, if anything, bringing an extra layer for the end of the day. I have included our district "Inclement Weather Protocol" as a reminder in case the weather changes. It is good to know where to get information about potential closures, but hopefully this will not be needed until after the winter break!

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Dec 2nd

Tuesday, Dec 3rd

- Pizza sales today!- Preorder online by Sunday evening using www.schoolcashionline.com
- Div 1, 2, and 3 Swimming at Esquimalt Rec

Wednesday, Dec 4th

Thursday, Dec 5th

- SUBWAY Lunches for those that ordered

Friday, Dec 5th -

- Div 8, 9, and 10 Skating and Bowling– Please bring helmets!

Looking Further Ahead:

December 10 Young Entrepreneur Fair

December 11 Winter Music Concerts in the gym (7pm)

December 15-20 Winter Festivities Week – Details as we get closer to the date!



Pizza reminder Thank you to everyone who placed their orders online using SchoolCash Online. **ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT ON THIS SUNDAY.** All orders can be placed using www.schoolcashionline.com We will still try to have a couple of pizzas for those students that forget to order online, but availability will not be guaranteed if you have not pre-ordered!

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Sunday December 1st (6pm) - The Esquimalt Celebration of Lights- the choir will be singing at Archie Browning Recreation Centre. Bring your family and loved ones for a light-up parade and to hear us sing with professional singer Maureen Washington.

Wednesday December 11th (7pm) - music students will be performing in our Winter concerts in the Rockheights Gym. All music students will be performing in our holiday-themed concert. You can find more information on www.rockheightsmusic.com.



Sunday December 1, 2024

Festive Family Fun!

- ★ LIVE MUSIC, PERFORMANCES, PARADE
- ★ 3PM PERFORMANCES @ ARCHIE BROWNING
- ★ 5PM PARADE START @ CANTEEN RD
- ★ 5:30PM SNACKS BY DONATION, SANTA & MORE

FEATURING CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH MAUREEN WASHINGTON (5:30PM) & SPECIAL GUESTS FROM ELCOLE VICTOR-BRODEUR, MACAULAY ELEMENTARY, ALI GAUL, & JOE MUSIC (3PM)

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Bring a non-perishable food item for the Rainbow Kitchen



RMS PAC News: *We STILL NEED your HELP!*

We are looking for volunteers, who might want to watch the parade on Sunday December 1st. We require a total of 14 volunteers to help with this event. The details are as follows:

Volunteers will meet at 4:15pm on Sunday in the Tudor house parking lot. We will be tasked with putting out the road block markers which will be placed next to the road. Volunteers will then watch the parade and when the end passes by, we are asking that you can put the road block back to the side so traffic can resume. This should be finished at approximately 5:40pm. If you are interested and able to help, please email me at pacforrockheights@gmail.com

Thank-you for considering this and feel free to reach out if you have questions,
Trina White (RMS PAC president)

A couple of reminders...

Please remind students to pack (and bring) their lunches with them to school. We have many students that are relying on the lunch program leftovers rather than eating their own lunches. The program lunches are for families that need the additional support so we want to ensure there is food for those students that need it. If your child/family needs additional support please reach out to us directly in the office so we can ensure they are included in the daily lunch program.

Lastly, a big thank you to those that have been helping minimize the congestion with morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We appreciate you not blocking driveways or trying to turn around in front of the school. In fact, I have noticed some families dropping children around the corner or down by our field and that has helped a lot. Dropping students off away from the main entrance helps everyone as they get a little exercise and the reduced congestion improves everyone's safety. We really appreciate that.

Sincerely,

Aaron Maxwell & Tania Singh

Greater Victoria School District Inclement Weather Protocol

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is a priority for the Greater Victoria School District to communicate effectively to parents, students and community partners during inclement weather. With cooler temperatures in our forecast, the District would like to remind families of its inclement weather protocol and where to find information about the determination of school closures. The District assesses weather conditions on a daily basis and puts every effort into making a determination by 6:30 a.m. of whether or not schools will remain open. The status of schools and transportation is then provided to local media and communicated to our community.

Inclement Weather Updates are provided through the following:

- School District website: www.sd61.bc.ca
- Local media outlets
- Social media channels
 - Twitter/X: [@sd61schools](https://twitter.com/sd61schools)
 - Facebook: [@sd61schools](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterVictoriaSchoolDistrict)
 - Instagram: [@sd61schools](https://www.instagram.com/sd61schools)

The District is regularly monitoring local weather conditions and Environment Canada's forecast, and will continue to do so over the weekend. Please stay connected with us for regular updates. The Greater Victoria Region is broad and we understand that some areas may be more difficult to travel than others. It's always a parent's decision if you choose to keep your child home due to road conditions. **For more information about notification of school impacts due to inclement weather:** <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/inclement-weather-notifications-2/>