



From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, April 11, 2025

April showers bring... Well as we continue to work into April, it is nice to have longer days and warmer weather. As you know one of our school goals is helping students feel a stronger connection to this place that we live. Whether that is the acknowledgement that we are on the traditional territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt nations and with that comes the responsibility of being stewards for this place as they have done for thousands of years, or helping students have experiences that help them grow their understanding of the natural world in which they live, we are looking forward to the many opportunities that the spring brings for learning for our students. We have classes that regularly visit natural areas such as Highrock and Memorial parks, and some classes will staff activities such as bike trips into our greater community and stewardship work removing invasive species on our school grounds and nearby parks.

We really appreciate your reminders to students to dress for the weather and to bring a water bottle as this will help them be prepared for the various outdoor activities that are planned.

What's happening next week at Rockheights:

Monday, April 14th

- Battle of the Books for those students involved
- Noon - Rainbow Ravens meet in the Art Room

Tuesday, April 15th

- Pizza days return!- Preorder using www.schoolcashionline.com

Wednesday, April 16th

- Earth Day events at Highrock Park – Please remind students to dress to be outside.
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Thursday, April 17th

- SUBWAY days RETURN for those that pre-ordered

Friday, April 18th - GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

Looking Further Ahead:

April 21 - Easter Monday Holiday

April 28 – FEDERAL ELECTION

April 30 – Month End Assembly

Pizza Note: Pizza Days are BACK!

We have weekly order options available online right now through www.schoolcashionline.com Thanks!



Student Call Back reminder- If your child is going to be absent, please contact their Advisory teacher or call the school call back number which is just our school number (250) 384-7125 and when the machine picks up you just PRESS 1. It really helps us with morning attendance if we know why a student is away. Thank-you!



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Grade 8 Celebration

Interested in helping with grade 8 celebration, it is not to late. Email PAC at pacforrockheights@gmail.com to get involved. We need caregivers and parents to help with the grade 8 fundraiser Friday May 9th in the evening and for the actual set up of the grade 8 celebration the last week of June. Tuesday May 13th is our last formal planning meeting.

Tuesday May 13th PAC AGM: We are looking to fill almost all roles as current PAC members are moving out of Rockheights. Come join this meeting if you are interested in joining next school year. Looking for President, Treasure, communications and many other roles.

Mark your Calendars: Friday May 9th 7pm to 9pm Family Music Bingo Buccaneer Days. Come support your fellow grade 8 students who are operating the concession at this family fun night. The funds raised from the concession go towards helping the students cover their grade 8 celebration costs as well time for giving back to their community. Great family event for all ages, with lots of cool prizes. More details to come.

Lastly, I wanted to send a huge congratulations to Ms. McDonell and all of the students that took part in the Cool Stuff Show this evening. It was amazing to see the depth of talent that we have in our community. From the musical acts that performed, to the amazing hosts, to the students and community partners that presented their materials for sale, it was truly a special evening. Also, a huge thank-you to all of the staff and parents that came out to support this amazing event. Well done!

We hope you have a great weekend and are able to enjoy the sunshine. We have been sent a few more community opportunities that we wanted to pass on. Please see below for details.

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell and Ms. Singh*



OPEN GYM!

ESQ GIRLS BASKETBALL

OPEN GYM/Skill Development
FRIDAYS starting APRIL 11 @3pm
All ESQ family of schools girls grade 6-12
*beginners welcome!

Register@
<https://bit.ly/ESQspringbasketball>

ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL GYM 847 COLVILLE ROAD

1. **Esquimalt High School is offering free drop in Girls Basketball sessions every Friday from 3pm to 4:30pm.** Girls are asked to pre-register at <https://bit.ly/ESQspringbasketball> Please see the poster or scan the QR code for more information.

2. **For our grade 8 students, the District of Saanich's Child & Youth Division is pleased to announce that the Youth WYLD Leadership Program is now accepting applications for Summer 2025. Applications are open until May 1.**

This hands-on mentored placement program is perfect for youth who are interested in working with community, becoming a summer camp leader, teacher, lifeguard, fitness instructor, police officer, first responder and so much more. Students must be completing grade 8 in June of 2025 or older to be eligible to apply.

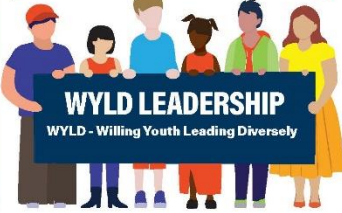
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WYLD Leadership Program

GRADE 8+*

A LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER



Are you interested in spending your summer working with kids? Do you want to be a leader in your community? Let us help guide you in your leadership and skill building journey.

Join us for a meaningful mentored placement. Spend your days learning applicable skills for a summer camp job, instructing swimming lessons, or working specialty programs and beyond. You'll learn to lead and play all the best games, gain confidence in planning activities with groups, and cover all the important aspects of working in a team environment. You will work closely with our leadership coordinators and staff mentors during your summer placement.

The guided curriculum will help youth set goals and reflect on this meaningful hands-on experience.

This program is an excellent steppingstone for individuals who are considering a future in the fields of recreation, early childhood education, teaching, child & youth care, social work, counselling, human services, occupational therapy, speech & language pathologist, physiotherapist, first responder, medical care, and so much more.

Program placements are located at multiple summer camp locations, including, outdoor playground camps and recreation centres. WYLD Leaders must be flexible in their ability to complete their placement at either locations.

***Eligible applicants must be completing Grade 8 or older in June 2025**

- ❑ All WYLD Leaders must complete the Step One Program before applying to Step Two.
- ❑ This program receives a high volume of applications. Successful candidates have enthusiasm, show initiative, professionalism and have experience with leadership involvement in their community or school.
- ❑ All applicants must have their own independent email address. We strongly encourage youth to communicate independently with our WYLD mentors. This is the first step to entering the world of employment.
- ❑ Interviews are held over multiple days and are one hour in length. Candidates who are offered an interview can choose what day and time works best for their schedule.

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PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Visit our website

Check out our **FAQ's**

Funding Support



See what our WYLD Leaders have to say about their leadership experiences!

CLICK HERE

SUMMER 2025 DATES and INFORMATION

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN
APRIL 1 TO MAY 1 2025

INTERVIEWS	May, 12, 13, 14 & 15, 3:30-8pm
WYLD+ STAFF TEAM BUILDING	June 4, 5-9pm
STEP 1 TRAINING	June 17 5:30 - 8:30pm
STEP 2 TRAINING	July 2, 3 & 4: 10am-2pm



STEP ONE
Learn to Lead

STEP ONE - Learn to Lead

\$180 - Step One - This program fee includes a T-shirt, tank top, games manual, guided curriculum workbook, eight hours of training, five hours of 1:1 mentorship meetings and 80 hours of guided, hands-on leadership experience. **Program length - two weeks**

APPLY HERE

STEP TWO
Lead to Succeed

STEP TWO - Lead to Succeed

Applicants for this program must have completed Step One. Summer 2024, WYLD Leaders who successfully complete this hands-on work experience and curriculum will receive a \$600 honorarium. **Program length - four weeks**

APPLY HERE

Saanich
Police Youth
Leadership
Certificate

\$75

APPLY HERE

Join us for this awesome new opportunity as the WYLD Leadership Program partners with The Saanich Police Department.

In this one-day certificate program you can experience and try the police testable course, see the forensic lab, engage with police dogs, get a tour of police vehicles and so much more! The program fee includes a special Police Youth Leadership T-Shirt, lunch and a certificate.
July 23, 9am-4pm

Jr. Leadership
Games
Certificate

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

Join our staff for a three-day intensive games boot camp. This is an awesome introductory program for youth wanting to gain skills applicable to working as a summer camp leader. There is no application required for this program. Campers are required to have completed Grade 7.
August 6, 7, 8, 10am-3pm

This program is a two-year process in which youth are placed with a mentor to help them gain leadership skills to put towards future employment or post-secondary education. Youth are guided to become confident, self-aware, and empathetic leaders with a growth mindset all while having a blast in a summer camp or aquatic setting. New this year, we have added a partnership with the Saanich Police Department. Youth will have the chance to be a police officer for the day and see exactly what it entails. This option is great for youth who want to one day be a first responder.

In the last four years, this highly regarded program has mentored over 200 youth and helped them gain experience for employment and post-secondary education in a variety of fields. Many youth who have completed this program now work for The District of Saanich as program assistants and program leaders. If you would be so kind to please share the attached poster with your school community, parents and students through your website, school newsletter or in the classroom that would be greatly appreciated. In the link below, you can access all the details involved in applying for the WYLD program, including our youth led WYLD commercial.

Website Information & Application : [Leadership | District of Saanich](#)

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