



# *From the Raven's Nest...*

for Friday, May 9, 2025

## May is upon us...

It was so nice to have parents in the school on Wednesday to be toured around to the various places and to learn a little about your child's middle school experience. Many of our staff mentioned the different energy that was felt that afternoon. Thank you to those that were able to join us and if you were not, then we look forward to welcoming you into the school at another time.

This coming week has a variety of events. First it is Rainbow Week and our Rainbow Ravens club will be hosting a variety of color theme days with different activities. **Rainbow Week** is a celebration of gender diversity and inclusion in schools. It coincides with the [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia](#) on **May 17th** and is a time to visibly affirm and support our LGBTQTS+ and gender-diverse students. Throughout the week, we create opportunities to acknowledge that our school is committed to being a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for all. We have different colour themes and activities each day and hope students will join in by dressing in the colour themes each day as a sign of acceptance and inclusion for all.

And on Thursday we look forward to our district transition afternoon. This is a chance for our grade 8 students to visit their SD61 high schools for next year and we will be welcoming the grade 5 students that will be joining us in September. Grade 8 students will be dismissed at 11:55 and for those interested a group will be waling to Esquimalt leaving the school at 12:20pm from the flagpole. All grade 8 students will be dismissed from their high schools and not returning to Rockheights.

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell and Ms. Singh*



## What's happening next week at Rockheights:

### Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – RED and ORANGE Day

- Chalk Art at the Main entrance – join us as we decorate the entrance with messages of love, pride and unity.
- Noon – Rainbow Ravens in the Art Room

### Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – YELLOW and GREEN Day

- Calling all artists and allies: Show your design skills and help create a collaborative school-wide display that celebrates inclusion, identity, and creativity
- Pizza sales today!- Preorder using [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)
- 6:30pm RMS PAC meeting in the Library

### Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> BLUE, INDIGO and VIOLET Day

- Pride Rock Painting in the LLC: Paint kindness rocks with rainbows, messages of hope, and Pride symbols during lunch recess.

### Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> RAINBOW DAY

- Grade 5 and Grade 8 Transition afternoon- Gr 8 students dismissed at 11:55

### Looking Further Ahead:

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Victoria Day holiday

Wednesday May 21 – Camosun Trades Trailer  
for Grade 8 classes

Wednesday May 28 – Band Concerts in the Gym

Wednesday June 4 – Strings and Choir Concerts  
in the Gym

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- SUBWAY day for those that preordered- Yes they will be available prior to dismissal for Grade 8 students that have ordered.
- *Inclusive Read Alouds in the LLC:* Bring your lunch and listen to stories that celebrate inclusion, pride, and resilience.
- **SECOND** Track Meet at UVic

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>- Pro D Day – Students are not in Session**

## **Pizza Note: The next Pizza Day will be Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

We have the weekly order options available now until Sunday evening on [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://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 2025-26**. 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](mailto:amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca)

## **CLASS BUILDING:**

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 30, 2025. 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.



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