



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

for Friday, June 20, 2025

**Lots of lasts...** It is hard to believe that we are entering the last week of the school year and we know that this has been a long year and as we check off the list of "things to do before the summer" the days are flying by. This week we really get to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and play together as a school. On Monday we have our Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony. Thank you to those parents that have volunteered to help with the decorations and the BBQ that is taking place on the Monday afternoon. We have the decorating committee ready to go and we will be decorating on Sunday (June 22) from 10-12pm in the gym.

The ceremony itself will be on Monday June 23 starting at 10:15 in the morning. Parents and guests are welcome to start arriving at 10am. Parking at the school is limited so carpooling or walking is encouraged.

Next week we also have our annual year end celebration that we call the "Rock Royale" in which students will be on either team red or team Black and will take part in a series of challenges to earn points for their teams. **Students will find out on Monday which team they are on so if you could help your child find potential red or black clothing that they will be able to wear on Tuesday and Wednesday for these events.**

## What's happening next week at Rockheights:

### **Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> –**

- Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony at 10:15am
- Div 1-7 to Esquimalt Water Park

### **Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> –**

- **NO MORE PIZZA** until the Fall – **Please be sure to pack a lunch**
- **Rock Royale!** Be sure to dress in your assigned colours

### **Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

- **Rock Royale!** Be sure to dress in your assigned colours
- Summary Reports available through Parent Connect

### **Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

- **NO MORE SUBWAY** until the Fall
- **Last Day of School for the year.**

### **Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Administrative Day – No School for students

## **Looking Further Ahead:**

**Summer Break!**

**Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony:** Thank you to those parents that have volunteered to help with the Grade 8 recognition ceremony on Monday June 23. **We have the decorating committee ready to go and we will be decorating on Sunday June 22 from 10-12pm in the gym.** We really appreciate all of the support from the parent community and the commitment from the PAC to fund this great event. The ceremony itself will be on Monday June 23 starting at 10:15 in the morning. Parents and guests are welcome to start arriving at 10am. Parking at the school is limited so carpooling or walking is encouraged.

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The ceremony will last about an hour and there will be time for photos afterwards. For the afternoon the grade eight students will be having a BBQ at Memorial Park and a chance to socialize and celebrate their completion of middle school.

We really appreciate all of the support from the parent community with the bottle drive earlier this year and the commitment from the PAC to fund this great event.

**End of Year procedures...** – We really appreciate all of the support as we wrap up the school year and hope that the summer brings time for rest and relaxation. Students will be bringing home their materials this week and cleaning up their areas in their class.

**Library:** Thank you to everyone for their help with returning the various resources to the school. We have had many books and other resources returned and I know that Ms. Ruffolo has been working hard to connect with those students/families that still have overdue books.

**Athletics:** Can you please have a look to ensure that your child is not in possession of any Rockheights uniforms or school equipment. We are still missing some uniforms and would appreciate any being returned to the school so they can be washed and put away for next year.

**Lost and Found:** Please encourage your child to check out the Lost and Found at the School to ensure that they do not have any belongings in there. There is not a lot in there but any belongings will be on display in the main corridor that runs from the office to the gym.

**Textbook deposit for leaving Grade 8 students:** For those Grade eight student families that paid their textbook deposit in grade 6, and have ensured that ALL books and resources have been returned to the school, are entitled to ask for your \$20 deposit back. If you do not have it returned, that money will be used to purchase other resources for students. Families requesting the return of their deposit can please do so by emailing me at [amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca) and I can check with our accounts clerk to arrange for the reimbursement to you over the summer. This is done through the district so it can take a few weeks to process and mail you a cheque. Please ensure you send me your current mailing address so we can ensure it gets sent to the correct place.-

We hope you all have a great weekend!

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell and Ms. Singh*

**RMS PAC News** – Once again we have arranged with Monk Office supply to be able to pre-order your school supplies for the next school year. These supplies can be delivered to the school so they are waiting for your child or you can choose to pick them up from your local store. Please see the attached letter for details as the orders need to be in by the end of July. You can place orders at **bts.monk.ca** and use the PAC code **38AD68**

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## Community Opportunities:

**PFC Special Event!** - Pacific FC is offering a special ticket offer in honour of the end of the school year. It is for their New Canadians Match on June 27th with a 7:00 pm kickoff. They are offering a \$5 kids ticket with the purchase of a \$20 adult ticket. If you are interested please see the link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Schoolsout54>

**BYou Summer Camp!** - Big Brothers and Big Sisters is providing a FREE "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds" summer camp for female-identifying and gender-diverse youth aged 9-14. There are two sites (Fernwood and Westshore) that will be offering programming. Please see



**Join us this summer!**

📍 **Victoria Curling Club**  
1952 Quadra St  
Victoria, BC

📅 **June 27 - August 12**  
Tuesday &  
Friday evenings

🌟 **Grade 6 - 9**      🌟 **7 - 9 PM**

Receive a *Play Forever* 3V3 reversible jersey and enjoy nutritional snacks and fun competition!



Get Involved!



Have Questions? [info@playforever.ca](mailto:info@playforever.ca)

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Victoria Curling Club, located at 1952 Quadra Street. The program is completely free and includes basketball, coaching and food. This initiative aims to provide students with a regular, positive activity and a supportive environment to develop their basketball skills. If your child might be interested in this, please scan the QR code to register! Spaces are limited.

**Parenting programs!** We often get asked about resources for parenting teens. Boys and Girls Club of South Vancouver Island is offering the following program on "Parenting without Power Struggles" please see the link or the QR code for more information.

**Basketball Camp!** Over the past seven weeks, our district had the privilege of hosting a Friday night basketball program at Vic High in partnership with the non-profit organization Play Forever. Led by Clint Hamilton, the island representative for Play Forever, and supported by district staff along with current coaches from the UVic Vikes basketball team, we've seen a consistent turnout of middle school students (31 students registered) engaging in skill-building drills and 3-on-3 games. Throughout these sessions, we've emphasized the values of respect—for oneself, others, and the game—and the students have been positive ambassadors for their schools.

Building on this success, Clint and Play Forever are excited to offer two additional nights of basketball during the summer for middle school students. These sessions will take place on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the

parentingprograms@bgcsvg.org'. A QR code is also present."/&gt;

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