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June 2015 Parent Newsletter

A Message from Principal Kenyon

Happy June! I want to thank everyone in the school community for a great year at RSS. Thanks especially to our staff for their professionalism and dedication to making this year so successful. The year has been an unqualified success. One of the trends that I am very pleased to witness is a growing awareness about student well-being. Recently we had a student-led assembly on youth mental health that was enthusiastically received by the entire student body and staff. If we are all focusing on ensuring that student well-being is developed at RSS I am sure that our school community will benefit in our three school values of Respect, Safety and Success.

I have been able to meet with all of our incoming grade 8 students for 2015-2016 and am looking forward to getting to know them as they navigate their high school experience. I am sad to be saying goodbye to our grade 12 students in a few short weeks, but feel confident in their abilities to be successful in whichever path they choose after graduation.

All in all, a fine year. Have a great summer!



What's happening?

To stay on top of school events, check out the RSS Website, at revelstokesecondary.ca for school newsletters, teacher blogs, and calendar of events. You can also find a copy of the RSS Handbook on line. And while you are there, why not subscribe to our Google Calendar. If you wish to have the newsletter sent to you via email, please email your request to rssnewsletter@sd19.bc.ca

Last Day of Classes

The last day of regularly scheduled classes will be Friday June 19th. Class exams will be written from June 16th- 19th. There will be no morning break on these days – classes may be dismissed at 11:00 am. The afternoons of June 16th – June 18th will be regularly scheduled classes and be dismissed at 3:10 pm.

Project Completion Day

The school will be open for students to complete assignments and projects from the afternoon of Friday, June 19th to Thursday, June 25th. Students who have not completed coursework, or are improving on already good results, will be in attendance until course work is completed.

Buses will drop off and pick up at their usual times.

Provincial Exams

June 18	Math 10	8:45-12:00 pm
June 19	Science 10	8:45-12:00 pm
June 19	First Nations Studies12	8:45-12:00 pm
June 19	English 12	12:25-4:00 pm
June 22	Communications 12	8:45-12:00 pm
June 24	English 10	8:45-12:00 pm
June 24	Social Studies 11	12:25-4:00 pm

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be here before the end of the year. If you have not yet purchased a yearbook they will be available, first come first served, for **\$32.00**.

Awards Ceremony

The RSS staff invites all parents and students to the RSS gym on June 11th for this year's awards celebration. The evening begins at 7:00 pm in the gym. Please come out and cheer on our 2015 award winners!



Report Cards

Yearend report cards will be mailed.

RSS Track and Field Team

RSS Track wrapped up the year with a successful trip to the provincials in Langley on June 4-6th. Jacqueline Cottingham led the way with two top 8 finishes - 7th in the high jump and 8th in the 400m. In addition there were other students who finished in the top 8 of the province: Jacob Ancell -- 6th in shot-put and Aleks Klassen -- 7th in Javelin. This year, the provincials were streamed live over the internet and many in Revelstoke were able to watch the track events unfold in real-time, a great way to experience the team's success. Another highlight for the track team this year was having Olympic Bronze Medalist Dylan Armstrong come to Revelstoke and work with our track athletes. With almost 60 athletes on the track team this year, RSS once again showed that they are the most dominant track team in the Okanagan Zone.



Return your Library Books!

Unless you are using a textbook or library book to prepare for a final exam, the return date for all of your RSS Library books is **Wednesday, June 17th**.



Did you Lose a Library Book or Textbook?

Students must pay for their lost/missing books by the end of June so they will be allowed to borrow from the library as classes begin again in September. Grads, you must pay for all of your lost/missing books **before** you participate in the graduation ceremonies at the end of June.



BINGO Reading Draw Extended

The last day for entries in the BINGO reading draw is Friday, June 12th. Every complete line on your reading card qualifies you for a draw for one of two \$25 gift certificates. See the library for details before it's too late.



CAMP YES

If you are between the ages of 14-16 years and enjoy camping, hiking, kayaking and having a whole lot of fun, sign up for CAMP Yes. The Revelstoke Credit Union is sponsoring two youths to attend one of B.C.'s top camp facilities. Details and application forms are in the office or on the Student Opportunities Blog (RSS website). Contact Jodi Wallach at RSS for more information. Deadline to apply is **June 15, 2015**.



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Costa Rica 2016!

Join us on a trip to the tropics - A ten day trip to one of the world's most biologically diverse and ecologically responsible places. The trip includes opportunities to go white-water rafting, zip line through the rainforest canopy, hike to incredible waterfalls, experience a crocodile lake, plant a tree in a national park, kayak, horseback ride, visit a coffee plantation, visit a local school and participate in a cultural evening. The trip is aimed at students who will be in grades 10-12 next year. Students will not miss any school days as we will travel during the extended Spring Break, March 21st-30th. Registration will be open until December 2015. For more information, please contact Lissa Cancilla at the school or online at lcancillas@sd19.bc.ca

GRAD Important Grad Dates



June 25	Grad BBQ – 12:00 RSS
June 25	Grad Rehearsal – RSS Gym 1:00 pm
June 26	Group Photo (10:15 am) Plaza
June 26	Grad Ceremony (11:00 am) RSS

Floor Tickets

Each grad has been issued 4 floor tickets. These are for the seats immediately in front of the stage so that immediate family can get the best view of their graduate.

There is still other seating available for the rest of the family and friends in the bleachers and to one side of the gym. If you do not require all 4 tickets, please return the extra to the office. If you need more tickets, please sign up at the office.

Ceremony Rehearsal

Gown pick-up and rehearsal will be held on June 25, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the gymnasium. **All graduates must attend.** Gowns will be distributed immediately following the rehearsal to all grads who do not have outstanding fees owing to RSS. Please make sure you pay outstanding fees for lost textbooks, instrument rental, wood-working, metal fabrication, and auto mechanic projects beforehand. The gowns will need to be returned **immediately** following the ceremony. Please take your family photos the night before or in the morning before the ceremony.

Graduation Day

Group photos will be taken at Grizzly Plaza on the morning of Grad, June 26, 2015. Grads must be at the Gazebo by **10:15 am.** Grads will then parade down Mackenzie Avenue to the school for the ceremony.



International Travellers

Several students will be travelling and studying abroad in the coming months.

This July Kate Granstrom, Emma Rota and Takara Tompkins will be travelling on the 10 day International Student Summer Camp to Beijing China.

Gillian McTaggart will be travelling to Brazil through the Rotary program for the next school year. Erin Behncke will also be going to Germany for 10 weeks in the fall as an exchange student through the BC Heritage Languages Association. We wish all of them a wonderful trip!

NEW ** myBlueprint - Online Education Planning Tool

RSS is pleased to provide an exciting education planning resource available immediately to your students at school or from home. *Education Planner- myBlueprint* (www.myBlueprint.ca) lets your child create an engaging and interactive Education Plan. Students can build customized high school course plans, instantly identify the post-secondary options that are available to them and explore valuable information about apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace opportunities across Canada! With direct access from home, you the parent can be more informed and involved with your child's education. Log in and learn about courses, graduation requirements and the endless options available to your child. From their Profile, your student will be able to set goals, save unlimited plans, short-list programs and occupations of interest, record extra-curricular activities and more. To access the site, visit www.myBlueprint.ca and input the Activation Key.

Activation Key: Revelstoke

myBlueprint helps ensure you can assist your child in making the most informed decision about their education. We encourage you to get started today and explore the website with them. Please contact the careers and counselling department if you have any questions!

Dates to Remember

June 11	Awards Night 7:00 pm
June 12	PAC Yearend School BBQ – 11:30 am
June 17	Locker Cleanout
June 16-19	In Class Exams
June 19	Last Day of Scheduled Classes
June 19-25	Project Completion Days
June 26	Grad 11:00 am RSS Gym
Sept. 1	Grade 8 Info Night 7:00 pm
Sept. 8	First Day of School 9:45 am – 1:00 pm



See you in September!!