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October 2015 Parent Newsletter

The Principal's Message – Mr. Greg Kenyon

Fall is upon us and we are staring at the beginning of winter. As dreary as that might sound, it means that the school is starting to hum along as everyone has adjusted to the routines of a new school year and getting into the meat of their studies. The school is a busy place, with sports teams in full-swing, field trips and tournaments providing great experiences, and the special events like "We Day" providing a break in the gathering gloom outside. I was very happy with the teacher and parent turn-out for our Parent-Teacher conferences this month.

As a school, we are focusing on our goals involving student achievement, literacy across the curricula, and our newest goal of student well-being. These goals are being reviewed by staff and through our PAC. Students have seen these goals again at the beginning of the school year, and I want to involve a group of students in discussions around these goals. What has become clear in our opening discussions is a need to include physical health as a focus in our student well-being goal.

As perhaps you are aware, there is a redesigned curriculum set to start in September, 2016 for grades K-9. Our staff is beginning to explore and experiment with this redesigned curriculum. **Please look at this new curriculum here:** <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

I am looking forward to our Hallowe'en dress-up day, and expect another respectful Remembrance Day ceremony at RSS. Along with these big events the everyday great things that happen at RSS will serve to keep a warm environment in our school.

Picture Re-Take Day – November 3, 2015



Bring your best smile to school on the morning of Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for Picture Re-Take Day. **Students please bring your original photo package with you to the retake session.**

Student Verification Forms

Please ensure all parents/guardians complete the Student Verification Forms and return them to the RSS office. This is your reminder that the above forms must be turned into the RSS office in order for us to update your son's/daughter's information. Please get these forms into the office as soon as possible. Thank you to all the parents and students who have already handed their information in.

Absences and Lates - (250) 837-2173

Parents are reminded to call the office or send a note to the school in the event their son/daughter will be late or absent. Also, please make sure to notify the office if they have a medical or dental appointment and have to leave early. They should get an early dismissal slip from the office for their teacher before heading off to class.

Me to We Club



32 lucky students from Revelstoke Secondary School and Arrow Heights Elementary School had the opportunity to travel to Vancouver to attend the We Day event. Students got to hear from inspirational speakers and learn first hand about how they could make a difference in their communities and the world. Students were encouraged to 'think global and act local'. Students not only had to earn their ticket to We Day, but are now also expected to volunteer and participate in various Me to We projects throughout the year.

A number of students from the Me to We Club participated in a local 'Me to We Day' here in Revelstoke upon returning from the trip, volunteering at the food bank and helping with a garbage clean up.

Thank you to the Revelstoke Credit Union and the Columbia Basin Trust for supporting this initiative.

The Me to We Club is planning to do a **We Are Silent** campaign on November 20th to raise awareness for various causes and for those that do not have a voice.

The Me to We Club is continuing the 'Project Warm' campaign that Kobe and Jayke started in grade 7. They will be collecting socks this year with the 'Share the Socks' project. They hope to collect as many socks as they can for the food bank. This project will carry on over the next few months.





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Family Vacations

A vacation form must be filled out if you intend to take your child out of class for **3 days or more** during school time. Please have your child obtain a vacation form from the office.

What's Going on in Class? Check the Blog!

Many teachers at RSS use daily or weekly blogs as a way to communicate to parents and students. Visit your teacher's blog to get updates on homework, check your marks, and see when assignments are due. Visit revelstokesecondary.ca and click on Students & Parents, Teacher Websites for a full list!

Parent Advisory Committee

Our Parent Group encourages parents to attend their monthly meeting. This group facilitates informational sessions for parents during the year, and secures money for specialized equipment for our students. PAC meetings are the last Tuesday of each month. The next scheduled PAC meeting is November 24th in the RSS Library.



Fabulous Fifties



Yes it seems early to be talking about PROM but we felt a few things needed to be said the earlier the better.

Prom will be held at the Mid Mountain Lodge at Revelstoke Mountain Resort on May 14th, 2016. Transportation to and from mid mountain will be arranged by luxury vans from the Sutton Lodge at the base of the Resort. More details will follow closer to the actual event.

The Prom Committee is already busy creating a **Fabulous Fifties** themed occasion. Attendees will take a stroll back in time to the era of rock and roll, Elvis, James Dean, and Marilyn Munroe!

Please remember that Prom is a formal Graduation Dance. The RSS tradition of allowing the grade 11's to attend will continue. Please note that anyone younger than Grade 11, or anyone that intends to bring a guest that does not attend RSS, must see Mr. Kenyon and fill out a guest form available from the Office.

Band Parent Meetings



Band Parent meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Band Room. The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 18th. Upcoming **RSS Band Concerts** will be on November 4th at 7:00 pm in the theatre. Come listen to

the bands and enjoy a wide variety of music.

Jazz Band Rehearsal

Jazz band rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

The RSS Website!

Check out our website at revelstokesecondary.ca. Our home page has quick links to Teacher Blogs, Counsellors, Athletics, Student Opportunities and the RSS 2015-16 Calendar, as well as a scrolling daily events calendar. Students and staff can tweet @RevelstokeSec. You can also find a digital copy of the RSS Handbook, RSS newsletter and RSS calendar on line. Should you wish to obtain a hardcopy of the above please pick one up from the office. If you wish to have the newsletter sent to you via email, please email your request to rssnewsletter@sd19.bc.ca

Costa Rican Adventure – March 19 – 29, 2016!

November 30th is the absolute deadline to register for this trip. If you are interested please contact Ms. Cancilla at 250-837-2173

Information for Grads

Grads are reminded to get the cap and gown forms and their \$60.00 payment into the office to Mrs. Maltby as soon as possible. Grad photos will take place on **January 13-16, 2016** at the Revelstoke Community Center. These photos will be by appointment only.

Grads are meeting with their counsellor get information about post-secondary schools, scholarships and ordering transcripts. Counsellors have also reviewed the requirements for Graduation Transitions. All information is available on the school website under "Grad Info". The next Grad Transitions night is set for Thursday November 26, 2015.

Dates to Remember

Nov 3	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov 4	RSS Band Concert 7 pm in the Performing Arts Centre
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremonies – 10:20 and 11:00 am in the Theater
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – STAT School Closed
Nov 12	End of First Term
Nov 18	Band Parent Meeting 7 pm in the Band Room
Nov 24	Parent Advisory Committee Meeting – 7 pm in the RSS Library
Nov 26	Grad Transition Presentation Evening
Nov 27	Spirit Day – Pajama Day
Dec 18	Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater Day
Dec 21 – Jan 3	Christmas Break

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