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March 2016 Parent Newsletter

The Principal's Message – Mr. Greg Kenyon

It is with a certain amount of glee that I write this for our March newsletter. Two weeks! The relief we hear from our students about having two weeks of spring break is obvious. I can heartily agree with our students that we have been working hard since the winter holidays, what with end of semester projects, final and provincial exams, and starting the second semester courses. Student well-being is closely linked to this break, I think. A nice break is absolutely recommended!

I want everyone to keep in mind, however, that the end of the third term is sneaking up on us. Most students will have five classes remaining in the third term to ensure that their report card is at a level that they want. So, I want to wish everyone a restful break, but keep your eyes on the end of third term.



The White Hatter is Back!

Parents! Book the evening of **April 21st 6:30-8:30 pm** at the RSS theatre for a presentation from Darren Laur, the "White Hatter".

Darren is a retired Staff Sergeant of the Victoria Police Department,

a Certified Advanced Open Source Intelligence / Social Media Investigator, and has a strong interest/background in on-line and social media investigations. As a Social Media safety advocate, Darren has presented his multi-award winning Social Media safety presentation to over 260,000 students in both Canada and the United States. Darren's presentations are extremely powerful and engaging and he will be presenting to our students during the day.

Darren's presentations to parents give vitally important information and strategies to help parents keep their children safe and healthy in today's digital 'wild west'. Please join us in the RSS theatre for this critically important presentation. Child-care will be provided (please RSVP for childcare by calling RSS 250-837-2173).



Fabulous Fifties



Prom is getting closer!

The RSS Senior Formal Dance is set for May 14th, 2016. The Prom Committee has been working hard to prepare for their Twist and Shout 1950's theme. The event will be held at the RMR Mid-Mountain Lodge. Transportation will be provided via luxury vans from the Sutton Place Hotel from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and from Mid Mountain Lodge back to the Sutton Place Hotel between 10:00-11:00 p.m. This is a formal dance to celebrate Graduation and it is intended for Grade 12 and 11 students. There is an application at the office that is required for anyone else that has been invited to attend. This application must be reviewed by Administration. Tickets will be available in May and will cost \$50.00 per person.

RSS Band News

This year 30 music students are travelling to Cuba to perform and attend cultural events. This is an exciting trip for the students. We are leaving on April 29th and returning on May 7th.

There are 3 rehearsals left – April 3, 10, 17. There will be two public performances here before we go, the first on April 24th at the United Church with the Community Choir. Our second concert is yet to be determined.



The grade 8/9/10 band students will be travelling to Victoria this year to play concerts and tour around Victoria. The trip dates are May 25th through to the 29th.

The March 15th concert was a success with over 120 musicians performing. The evening started off with the jazz band playing in the lobby for the guests as they arrived leading into the Concert Bands performance. Our special guests for this concert were the Elementary District Band and the Revelstoke Community Band. Congratulations to all the musicians for a very fine concert.

Band Parent meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Band Room.



Track and Field has started!

The RSS Track and Field Team is up and running with practices happening on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after school. Revelstoke Secondary continues to be among the best high school track teams in the interior of the province, and after a quick look at the first two practices, it's safe to say that RSS track and field will continue to be a dominant force this spring in track and field in the Okanagan zone. Any athletes wishing to join the team need to simply start attending practices. The RSS Track and Field Coaching staff this year includes Mr. Pfeiffer (sprints/hurdles), Mr. Colvin (throws), Mrs. Hoshizaki (jumps), Mr. Rob Brown (middle distance), and Ms. Kristen Avery (400, middle-distance). The last day to join the team will be Monday, April 4th -- the first day back after spring break! Check us out on Twitter at @RevelstokeTrack for up the minute news on RSS Track and Field!



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Please see the attached **Spring Break Community Youth Calendar**, targeting **youth 12+**

Also, there are a number of groups offering Spring Break activities for **younger youth** as well, including:

- **City of Revelstoke** - Parks & Recreation programming (www.cityofrevelstoke.com/index.aspx?nid=127)
- **Okanagan Regional Library** - Drop in activities (www.orl.bc.ca/branches/revelstoke)
- **Child Care Resource Referral** - Spring Break Camps (www.childcarechoices.ca/main/Interior/Revelstoke/)
- **Revelstoke Mountain Resort** - Spring Break Camps (see attached info.)
- **North Columbia Referral Society** - Jr. Naturalist Program (see attached info.)
- **Revelstoke Museum & Achieves** - FREE entry throughout spring break for all school-age youth
- ***March 23rd @ the Nordic Centre** - FREE country trail pass & rentals for all school age youth

***March 30th @ the Aquatic Centre** – 2 for 1 Swim for all school age youth

Also please remember that the *Youth Access Fund* is available for youth from low and modest income families to participate in sports, recreation, Arts & cultural events/programming throughout the year, (see attached details).

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RSS Reading BINGO is back!



Reading books is a great thing to do and we want to reward our readers! Your reading list might qualify to win 1 of 3 \$25.00 gift certificates. Come to the RSS Library for details and be sure to check out our giant BINGO card.

Good luck and happy reading!

Any students interested in TRU?

What: TRU Arts, Science, and Trades Day
When: Thursday, April 28th.
Who: Any student in grade eleven who would like to attend a day of mini-lectures in the Arts and Sciences, or tour through the various trades programs, should contact Mrs. Simpson or Mr. Colvin for more information. Registration deadline is Monday, April 4th.

Order your 2016 Yearbook Now!

A yearbook is a great way to remember some of the good times here at RSS, so make sure that you have one for autographs in June!



Take advantage of our "Early-Bird" pricing and order your yearbook today. Forms are available from the main office or you can download a copy from the school website. NEWS FLASH! Early Bird extended to April 8, 2016.

Dates to Remember

Mar 21 – Apr 1	Spring Break! Enjoy!
Apr 4	First day back in classes after Spring Break
Apr 11	Jammin for Jay – Presentation for all grades 9 am in the gym
April 14	End of term
Apr 20	Shaun Boothe – Performing Arts Theatre 9 am (Block 1)
Apr 21	White Hatter Internet Safety – Performing Arts Theatre 9:15 – 11:15 Gr 6-8 1:00 – 3 pm Gr 9-12 6:30 – 8:30 pm parents
Apr 22	Non-Instructional day – No classes
Apr 25	Non-Instructional day – No classes PD
Apr 25	RSS report to the School Board
Apr 26	Parent Advisory (PAC) Meeting
Apr 28	District Authority Scholarship Displays
Apr 29 – May 7	Cuba Band Trip
May 3	Out in Schools – Performing Arts Centre – All Grades Times TBA
May 4	Mental Health Fair – Common Area – Grades 8, 10 and 12
May 25 – 29 th	Junior Band trip to Victoria
May 26	Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Signing Ceremony – RSS Atrium 6 to 8 pm <i>*See Attachment with this newsletter*</i>

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