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APRIL 2016 Parent Newsletter

The Principal's Message – Mr. Greg Kenyon

As I write this there are less than 8 weeks of class left, plus a week of exams, then the end-of-year. Wow! We have flown through the third term and entered the home stretch. There will be an increased pace to all the school activities as we wind up the year, and so many of the really fun things will be happening as well. Celebrations of success, celebrations of accomplishments, and celebrations of belonging dominate this time of year. We take the time to recognize so many people in our school for their efforts this year and it's one of my busiest, but favorite times. I look forward to the Prom, the Athletic Banquet, the Awards Ceremony, the Year-end Assembly, and of course, Graduation. All of these are celebrations at RSS that are near and dear to my heart.

So, there is lots of work to be done, and there is a great deal left to accomplish. However, I am looking forward to celebrating with students and parents for a year well done!
Greg Kenyon – Principal
Revelstoke Secondary School
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RSS Band News

We wish a *Bon Voyage* to all the band students and their chaperones that are travelling to Cuba April 29th through May 7th.

The grade 8/9/10 band students also look forward to their trip to Victoria May 25th through to the 29th.

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



Experience Okanagan College

If there is enough interest, we will take students to Salmon Arm on May 5th to be a student for a day and find out what it's like. Students register for three sessions at www.okanagan.bc.ca/experienceoc (Choose Revelstoke Secondary School – Password: Stoke) Check out the website to see the wide variety of sessions. There are sessions in the Sciences, Criminology, Nursing, Aviation, Civil Engineering, Construction, Plumbing, General Trades, Therapist Assistant, Human Service Work, Philosophy and Business. See the poster on the RSS Website for more details, or contact your counsellor.



RSS Reading BINGO!

The books you read can help you win a \$25 Gift Card. Check in the Library for details. Be sure to check out our giant BINGO card. Good luck and happy reading!

Track and Field News

The RSS Track and Field team continues to prepare for their first competition, the **Battle of the Border** track meet in Kamloops on April 30th. Coaches Rob Brown, Kristen Avery, Mr.



Colvin, Mrs. Hoshizaki, and Mr. Pfeiffer continue to hold practices every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school. At this point there are over 65 students who are regularly attending practices, and RSS hopes to, once again, be among the strongest school track teams in the interior of the province. The school season wraps up with the provincial championships June 2-4th in Nanaimo. Follow all the action on Twitter and Instagram @RevelstokeTrack.



Twist and Shout



Prom is around the corner!

The RSS Senior Formal Dance is May 14th, 2016. The Prom Committee needs to be commended for their hard work preparing for their Twist and Shout 1950's theme. Please remember that attendees need to be at the Sutton Place Hotel between 6:30 and 7:30 PM to secure their ride to the Mid Mountain Lodge for the Prom. Private vehicles are NOT allowed to drive up to the Lodge. Any questions or concerns please call the school. The vans will return the students to the Sutton Place Hotel between 10 and 11 p.m. This is a school event and as such, all school rules will apply. There will be no tolerance of alcohol or drugs. 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 / person.

GASP – Weekend Trip

Would you like to spend a weekend with 20 friends in a cabin in Glacier National Park FOR FREE on September 16, 17, & 18? The **Glacier Adventure Stewardship Program** is open to Grade 9 or 10 students that will offer opportunities such as; back country travel skills, professional photography training, and campfires with professional musicians.

For more information on this project contact Krista Patterson of the North Columbia Environmental Society at educationcoordinator@northcolumbia.org.



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Call Out Workshop – Creating Safe Spaces for all Youth

There are two FREE professional development and workshop opportunities for parents, employers, service providers and the larger community in Revelstoke in May.

Out in Schools

Facilitators from Out in Schools will be presenting at Revelstoke Secondary School on May 3rd and visiting various classrooms throughout the week. They will be educating and raising awareness of issues surrounding gender, gender diversity and sexual orientation; helping to maintain a safe, open and inclusive school community. For more information about Out in Schools, visit: www.outinschools.com

Youth Mental Health and Wellness Fair

The Youth Mental Health and Wellness Fair will be happening on May 4th, during national Mental Health Week. It will feature various interactive booths promoting mental health awareness and health. Parents are invited to check it out over the lunch hour from 11:30-12:30.

For more information about **Out in Schools** visit: www.outinschools.com or for more information about **Call Out** visit: www.vch.ca/your-health/lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-twospirit/c.a.l.l.-out/-call-out

Thank you, we hope you will be able to attend one of these exciting workshops!

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RSS Student Annual Art Gallery Exhibition

RSS art students are in the midst of putting their pieces together for the annual exhibition at the Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre (320 Wilson Street, in the old police station).

“Presentation, Representation, Manifestation”

The opening night is Friday, May 06 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm and the show runs until May 27. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 12:00 – 4:00.

This exhibition highlights the work of art students in grades 9-12 and shows a wide variety of mediums, themes and interpretations. There are also five students who have solo exhibitions, in which they have created and framed at least 10 pieces and up to 15.

In addition to the solo exhibits, almost every art student in grade 9 to 12 has at least one piece to show. Some of these pieces are from projects that have been done during the course they took, but there are also a number of pieces that are totally inspired by the students themselves. In total, there will be over 100 beautiful art pieces to see and is totally worth coming to check it out.

For further information or details contact Theresa Browning (art teacher) at RSS (250 837 2173) or by email: tbrowning@sd19.bc.ca.

Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Signing Ceremony – May 26, 2016

Please join the community in the signing ceremony for this notable event, Thursday, May 26th, 2016 from 6 – 8 pm at the RSS Atrium. A light dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Susie Salon at (250) 837-2101 if you plan on attending the light dinner.

Dates to Remember

My 2 – May 6	Cuba Band Trip – students absent all week
May 3	Out in Schools – Performing Arts Centre – 1 hour presentation; Gr 7-9 at 10:30 AM, and Gr 10-12 at 9:00 AM
May 4	Youth Mental Health & Wellness Fair – Common Area – Grades 8, 10 and 12
May 6	Raine Carnegie-led Assembly on Youth Mental Health – *tentative*
May 25 – 29 th	Junior Band trip to Victoria
May 23	Stat Holiday – Victoria Day – no school
May 26	Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Signing Ceremony – RSS Atrium 6 to 8 pm
May 31	Parent Advisory Committee meeting
June 7 & 8	Final Band Concerts in the Performing Arts Centre – 7 PM

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