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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Feb	Event
20	7:00 pm Greece/Italy Spring Break 2019 Parent information meeting – E208
24	7:00 pm Rockridge Parent Winter Party @ WV Yacht Club
28	8:30 am PAC Meeting – Guest Speaker: Dr. Barry Craig, Huron University

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week our Theatre Company presented, *Next Stop: The Pursuit of Happiness* at the Kay Meek Studio Theatre. This production was entirely written by our students under the guidance of Directors Ms. Foster and Ms. Ohlhauser. Starting with the inquiry question, “What Makes You Happy?” the students wrote a script based on multi-generational perspectives of ‘happiness’. Thank you to all those involved – teachers, students and parents – for their hard work on stage and behind the scenes. It was a tremendous accomplishment.

The Kanata Club, with support from Ms. Trousdell and Ms. Coulthard, organized a successful International Luncheon on Friday. Thank you to our parents for providing delicious food for students and staff to enjoy.

There are so many examples of exemplary student leadership at Rockridge. Although my latest blog post highlights the Model UN Club and the Interact Club, I could have included many other initiatives underway that illustrate how our students are compassionate, caring globally-minded citizens.

On Friday, Rockridge teachers welcomed a group of nine teachers from Princess Margaret School in Penticton who are currently in the Candidacy stage of the Middle Years Program. We always enjoy sharing our knowledge and understanding with colleagues from different areas of the province. A special thank you to our IB Coordinator Ms. Towers for organizing the visit.

We are looking forward to the PAC Winter Party on Saturday, February 24th at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. This event not only raises funds to enhance learning for all students, it is also a celebration of our wonderful community. Thank you to Linda Heintzman, Darius Matheson and all the hard-working parents for organizing what promises to be a fun-filled evening! I hope to see many of you there.

GREECE AND ITALY PARENT INFORMATION MEETING - Tuesday February 20th at 7pm - E208

There will be coffee and Italian treats, and an Education First Tours representative will be present to help answer questions. We are pleased to let you know that the trip is already 75% sold out!

JAPAN EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY FOR WEST VANCOUVER STUDENTS!

West Vancouver students (grade 9-11) interested in a 2 month exchange for the coming school year are invited to submit an application to the International Programs office. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to gain global and cultural experiences with our sister school Mejiro located in Tokyo. This is a district sanctioned exchange and spaces are limited. We are looking for students who would be excellent ambassadors for our school district. Please see your counsellor for more information and the application form. You can also contact Crystal Tanfara, Vice-Principal of International Programs, at ctanfara@wvschools.ca

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR STUDENT TO HAVE THEIR FORMS COMPLETED?

ONLINE FORMS

The completion of the online form enables students to fully participate in their classroom activities. At this time:

- **Some teachers cannot get all their students in their class set up on Google Apps**

We ask that parents and guardians please complete the District Policies and Procedures Forms electronically, which are found on the school website at <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

STUDENT RELEASE FORMS

We ask that parents complete and return these forms to the school so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness plan. Student Release Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

We ask that parents sign and return forms confirming all information is correct and noting any changes to contact information. Student Verification Forms were distributed to students during the first week.

**YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FORMS ARE COMPLETED
IS APPRECIATED**