



# ROCKRIDGE

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April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## CALENDAR UPDATE

April	Event
25	7:00-9:00 Angst – Raising Awareness Around Anxiety @ Kay Meek Theatre

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to parents for organizing and attending the Winter Party on Friday night. The West Vancouver Yacht Club was a beautiful venue to socialize and enjoy some delicious food and upbeat music. Special thanks to Darius Matheson and Linda Heintzman for spearheading this successful event. I am very appreciative of the generosity and support of Rockridge parents. The funds raised will enhance student learning in many curricular areas. Thank you parents for your ongoing support.

Students in grades 10 and 12 will be completing the electronically administered Ministry Learning Survey this week. Parents of students in Grades 10 and 12 are invited to complete the survey at any time by accessing the following link (no logon code needed) [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm). We hope to have a great parent response rate as we use the results to inform our practice. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and closes at end of April.

### ENVIRONMENT CLUB – SPRING/MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE



Rockridge Environment club will be welcoming spring by hosting a big Mother's Day plant sale. They are selling high quality plants that are produced from The Growing Smiles Greenhouses, a fundraiser that has been working with schools for the past twenty-five years. Through this plant sale we are raising money for the growth and improvement of our school garden.

If you are interested in purchasing an item from our plant sale, you may look through the selection of plants available and submit your order through this link:

<https://rockridgeenvironmentclub.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

Please submit your order form on this website by **Sunday, April 29th** and your plants will be ready for pick up at Rockridge on **Friday, May 11th** after school. Pick up and payment will be at the stage in Rockridge Player's Hall.

We thank you for your contribution with the improvement of our school garden!

*-Rockridge Environment Club*



### **ENGINEERING (STEM) COHORT (2018-19)**

Since the parent meeting last week, we have had several more registrations for this fantastic cohort opportunity. Even if your child is not planning on taking Engineering at a post-secondary institution, this cohort would still be suitable for students interested in Sciences and Design. There are still spaces available; if your child is interested, please encourage them to see their counsellor this week. The Grade 11 Engineering Cohort is a unique opportunity for students who are enrolled in Math, Physics and Chemistry to learn these curricula in an interactive and hands-on way. Research shows that students benefit when their learning is rooted in real-world problem solving and that this is especially true in the STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Please contact Mr. Trask with any questions: [MTrask@wvschools.ca](mailto:MTrask@wvschools.ca)

### **GRADE 8 GIRLS BLUSH FUNDRAISER**

The Rockridge Blush Club is presenting the movie, **Soul Surfer** this Thursday April 19 @ 6:00 pm in Players Hall. **Soul Surfer** is based on the true story of Bethany Hamilton, a champion surfer who in her early teens was attacked by a shark and lost almost all of her left arm. One month later, she was back on a surfboard, has since won several championships and becomes a professional surfer. The Blush Club is raising money to purchase the colours required for the annual Colour Run in June. Suggested budget for this event is \$5.00 (\$2.00 movie donation and \$3.00 to spend on popcorn and other goodies).

### **OUTDOOR CONNECTIONS ACADEMY**

Registration is still open for the Outdoor Connections Academy for all grade 10's in West Vancouver School District. Come take learning outside; combine Science, English, PE, photography and more in one interdisciplinary day.

What Makes this Program Amazing:

- Working with two teachers for four subjects - learning in a Cohort
- No phone zone - we work and learn "off the grid"!
- The Trips!!! Adventures in Kayaking, Beach Studies, Snowshoeing, Camping and more
- Interdisciplinary learning that ties together four subjects into a fluid schedule
- The forming of relationships that develop from working together as a small group
- All trips start and end within the daily schedule

Questions; contact Daphne Lambie [dlambie@wvschools.ca](mailto:dlambie@wvschools.ca)

### **NOMINATIONS FOR ROCKRIDGE'S SHOUT OUT AWARD**

This award is presented to students at the year-end awards ceremony. For this "Student Shout Out" recognition, please nominate students who have had outstanding success outside of the school community. (Some examples include: a dancer who was accepted to the Kirov Ballet School, a student who is a singer and whose single was picked up by iTunes, a person who played in a tennis national competition, but wasn't on the school team). To nominate a student, please complete the following form: <http://bit.ly/shoutout2018>

### **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**