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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Math/PE 8 - Week 1: Math-Mon & Wed / PE-Tue & Fri	
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 11	
Oct 12	
Oct 13	12:00 pm School Bus Riders Dismissal 12:45 Early Dismissal 2-4:30 pm Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences
Oct 14	
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we tackled a rare five-day week of learning this fall and packed in a lot of great news to share and celebrate. It has been a great week to be a Rockridge Raven both in the classroom or through involvement with a Raven team or club. For a quick peek at some of this week's highlights through pictures and captions, take a look through the **Raven Life October 3-7** attachment with this week's E-Bulletin.

I always love to celebrate our student success and accomplishments in the E-Bulletin, but this week I am taking time to recognize our Rockridge teachers and staff to highlight World Teacher's Day. This past Wednesday was a special day to honour the passion our teachers invest to make Rockridge such a special place to learn, lead and grow. Over the 180 scheduled school days each year, our teachers bring dedication and pride that impacts students, colleagues, families and our school culture. Beyond those 180 days, however, are mornings, evenings and weekends spent planning, coaching, supporting . . . and the list goes on!

World Teachers Day is a day dedicated to saying thank you and asking our community to pause, reflect and acknowledge the effort and work that teachers do to bring our school to life. I think all our teachers enjoyed an extra sense of pride this week and felt appreciated for the impact they have on crafting our

school goals and values and most importantly, inspiring our students to be future leaders. As I wrote in a recent E-Bulletin, *our students are the future and the future looks bright*. This kind of statement and feeling is thanks to the work our teachers and staff do to inspire dedication, fuel good choices and grow a positive school culture. For all they do and all they accomplish . . . thank you teachers and staff of Rockridge, I am glad you are part of our team.

Rockridge students are often engaging in authentic learning opportunities and especially in our senior classes, preparing themselves with real-life experiences like this one. Students in the Economics Strategies Program (ESP) participated in responding to a RFP from a custom home building company who required a new logo to represent their brand. The students spent time understanding the needs of the owner and their business and engaged in an iterative process of design refinement based on the feedback received from the company. This project culminated in a presentation to the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operations Officer of the business who ultimately awarded the contract to the winning team.

ESP melds two senior business courses (Economics 12 & E-Commerce 12) into a comprehensive, interactive learning program. Students engage in applied project-based learning and collaborate in group based learning environments which replicate the team based approach that most organizational structures utilize. You can see the winning team and runner up in this week's **Raven Life October 3-7** attachment.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving long weekend ahead and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday, October 11th.

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS:

Students interested in doing this, please see your counsellor for more information. Deadline for application submissions Wed Oct. 18. Applications can be found here <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

RAVENS ATHLETICS:

It was a busy week in Rockridge fall sports this week. The Ravens Sr. boys soccer team earned a victory against Collingwood on Tuesday while our Sr. Field Hockey team outmatched Sentinel for a win at Ambleside also on Tuesday. Both teams are in action again today. Our Jr. Girls Volleyball team put in a solid effort against Collingwood on Tuesday but did not come away with a win. Also on Tuesday night our Sr. Girls Volleyball team were hosted by WVSS where the Highlanders came away with the win for this regular season game. Jr. Girls Volleyball are on the *ocean* to Vancouver Island today for their next match up against Chatelech. Raven Cross Country runners will be at Windsor after school today for the next stop on the X-C race season.

FALL TEAMS AT ROCKRIDGE:

- Jr. Boys Soccer and Sr. Boys Soccer
- Jr. Girls Volleyball and Sr. Girls Volleyball
- Jr. Boys Rugby

- Sr. Field Hockey
- X-Country Running - Jr. and Sr.

Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:

Look for Raven athletic updates right here in our weekly E-Bulletin.

See the attached **Raven Life PDF** with this week's E-Bulletin for pictures and results.

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PARENT TEACHER VIRTUAL CONFERENCES - OCTOBER 13 FROM 2-4:30pm

Early Dismissal @ 12:45 after Block 5

Students who ride the School bus will be dismissed at 12:00 to catch the bus.

We are once again using an online Parent-Teacher Interview scheduling program (<http://rss.schoolappointments.com>). Access to the system opened at 6:00 pm Friday, September 30 and will close at 10:00pm on Tuesday, October 11. You will be able to create an account, enter your children and then schedule interview times for you to meet with their teachers virtually.

Appointment scheduling will run in five-minute intervals. It is advisable to schedule your appointments with one five-minute block in between, to allow yourself time and not be rushed. There is a maximum of three appointments per student. Due to a limited number of timeslots, please prioritize your teacher selections accordingly. There is not an option for call backs this year.

The system is very easy to use and it should take only a few minutes to set up your account, add your children and schedule your appointments. To get started, click on the "REGISTER" tab. See the attachment for detailed instructions. On the day of the appointments - please review [these instructions](#) for how to access the meetings through google meet.

BLOCK 5 SCHEDULE DETAILS FOR SEMESTER ONE:

During the month of September we had planned homeroom attendance, presentations and learning opportunities for our Grade 8 and 9 students every Tuesday and Thursday. Looking ahead to the rest of this semester, there are some important schedule details to know for Gr. 8 to 12 students for Block 5. These updates are explained under the headings that follow.

GRADE 10, 11 & 12 ATTENDANCE FOR BLOCK 5

For the rest of the semester students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will continue to be encouraged to use Block 5 as flexible instructional time to work with teachers and classmates to support their learning.

GRADE 8 ATTENDANCE FOR BLOCK 5

Until the winter holiday break, students will continue to report to their homeroom to take attendance at the beginning of each Block 5. Following that homeroom attendance check in, the students will choose a location to work with teachers and classmates to support their learning. On the careers dates listed below, homeroom teachers will escort students to a presentation led by their Careers teacher - Mr. Pandher. A reminder, Careers is a blended course meaning that students complete assignments on the Careers Google Classroom after engaging in the in person lesson. If your student is going to be absent

for Block 5, please call or email our office as you would for any other student absences. This needs to be done as needed as we cannot enter multiple planned absences for only Tuesday and Thursday.

GRADE 9 ATTENDANCE FOR BLOCK 5

For the rest of the semester grade 9 students will use Block 5 as the grades 10-12s do, selecting different teachers and learning spaces to support them with their homework and learning goals. The exception to this routine is on the Careers dates listed below. On the Careers dates, grade nine students must go to their homeroom for attendance then their homeroom teacher will escort them to a presentation by their Careers teacher - Mr. Ahmelich. If your student is going to be absent for Block 5 on a Careers day, please call or email our office as you would for any other student absences.

Semester 1 - Gr. 8 & 9 Careers Dates	
Tuesday	Thursday
October 11	October 27
November 8	November 24
December 6	January 5
January 17	

Automated phone calls/emails are sent home when students are absent from a class. This includes Block 5 for grade 8 students and Careers for grade 8 and 9. The automated call system does not specifically explain which block a student missed, so we do ask that parents/guardians discuss any unexpected absence calls with your student first, then call our office if you have further questions or inquiries.

UPCOMING GRADUATION LITERACY ASSESSMENT 12 Nov 31-4

All 12s must complete the Graduation Literacy Assessment the week of October 31-Nov 4. The tests have been scheduled. Students can find their exact time and location on a list shared through the Grad class of 2023 google classroom. If students have a conflict or any questions, please contact Ms. Towers ASAP.

For students applying to UBC - a proficient (level 3 of 4 levels) score must be achieved on this assessment. To prepare for this assessment please see [this document](#) - with links to practice assessments.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

[Building Connection With Our Kids When It Feels Impossible -October 11 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm](#)

Join FamilySmart's Parent Peer Support Workers Tammy Music and Diane Evans have an honest conversation about what it is like as a parent or caregiver who is struggling to connect with their kids. They will share strategies to build, and rebuild, connections even when it is complex. Register [here](#)

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION NEWS: ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Sometimes our actions speak volumes when it comes to supporting an event that is dedicated to helping others. Many thanks to our school community for your donations last week! Together, we were able to donate \$691.64 to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society through our ribbon and button campaign. A shout out also to our student volunteers and Ms. Van D. our Indigenous Success Teacher for creating, supporting and promoting this event for Rockridge.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – CALL OUT FOR CADETS

We are currently planning for our upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremony scheduled for November 10th this year. Each year we've been fortunate that Rockridge students who also serve as Cadets have been able to participate in the ceremony. If your child is presently a Cadet we invite you or them to put their name forward to participate. Please email Mr. Thomson (gthomson@wvschools.ca) if your child is interested.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENT (CUE)

Oct. 12th, 6:00 to 8:00PM @ West Vancouver Secondary School in the North Gym

Interested in attending university in Canada? Everyone is welcome to attend the largest fair our school district hosts this year. There will be approximately 50 universities coming from all over Canada to talk to students and their parents about different opportunities each of these institutions offer. If you are unsure of what questions to ask please see [this LINK](#). For more information about CUE see [this LINK](#).

LANGARA'S EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM - Info Session October 13th 6-7:30 PM

@ ILC (Inglewood Learning Centre Located at The South Campus of West Vancouver Secondary School - 1735 Inglewood Avenue, WV)

Interested in a career supporting children or already working as an Education Assistant in West Vancouver? This invitation is for you! - RSVP [here](#)

Enhance West Van

The West Vancouver Community Centre is operated under an innovative community governance partnership between the District of West Vancouver and Enhance West Van, a registered charitable Society. Click [here](#) for upcoming events.

Ambleside Parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to

you! Click [here](#) for more information.

Limited-Edition PJ Centennial Spirit Wear - On Sale Until October 13th

Our Spirit Wear online store is open until Thursday, October 13th! New limited-edition designs celebrate PJ's Centennial Year and special 'Alumni' versions are available. Please spread the word to family or friends that may be interested. This important fundraiser directly supports our school.

Order at: <https://paulinejohnson.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

*Note all items will be shipped to PJ and non-students/alumni will be contacted to arrange order pickup. Please email our Spirit Wear Coordinator with any questions at spiritwear@ecolepjpac.com.

RECURRING ITEMS

SchoolCash Online - STUDENT FEES

Rockridge uses School Cash Online for school items requiring payment. This system is utilized throughout the West Vancouver School District, and you and your child will continue to receive payment requests in this manner.

If you are new to the WV School District and have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we can provide you with a temporary PIN number to be used the first time you log in, then you will be prompted to create a login and password for future access. Please email rockridge@wvschools.ca with your student's name and grade to request this PIN if you are not yet set up with an account.

We thank you for keeping your account current.

EXCUSED ABSENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL

If a student will be late for school or missing a block, parents are requested to inform the school by sending an email to rockridge@wvschools.ca. Please include the student's full legal name and grade, time of Absence and Reason for Absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate 'late' rather than 'absent'.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES form 2021-2022 - <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

This online verification and consent form requires a parent login and must be completed for all students each year.

If a parent previously created an account to complete the 21/22 form, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. Once logged in, parents have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

Please be aware that a new P+P consent form MUST be completed for each student, each school year. Without a completed consent form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.

STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Please return as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

MYED BC Parent Portal

The [Parent Portal](#) enables you to view your child's timetable, attendance, and report cards. Each parent or guardian will have their own separate account. We are currently updating 'New' student accounts. If you have not received a username and password by tomorrow afternoon, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are happy that health and safety updates need not be the top of our E-Bulletins each week, but we do want to ensure families know that the wellness of our Rockrdige community is always top of mind. With this in mind, there are three simple reminders we continue to share with staff, students and caregivers:

1. Hand hygiene is an effective means to prevent illness.
2. Wearing a mask is always an option for members of our school community.
3. If you are not well, stay home, rest and return when you are better. Students can use Google Classroom, contact their teacher or classmates to keep up with assignments.