

This Week in the Raven's Nest



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We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation on which Royal Bay Secondary is built, and the nations that SD62 works with, Beecher Bay SCIA'NEW Nation, T'Sou-ke Nation, and Nuuchah-nulth Pacheedaht Nation to the west.

We recognize the territory, the First Nations peoples, and thank them for sharing this beautiful land. Hych'ka – Coast Salish Kleco Kleco – Nuuchah-nulth



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Dear RBSS students, families and guardians

I hope everyone is healthy and safe and the students are able to engage with the school work being provided. There is much to learn and I have been incredibly impressed with the effort of staff, parents and students to make the distance learning the best it can be. A couple of items:

On a personal note, being in the school without students is a strange thing indeed. It is clear that buildings can be built and furnished, but it is the human element that makes a place thrive. Please know that school is not the same without you and do know we miss each and every one of you. Like you, our staff has quickly come to realize it is not just the learning and classroom interactions we value, but also the many shared experiences, personal connections, and social connectedness we often take for granted. My hope is this time away will only make us appreciate what we have in our school community and beyond.

Thanks to our staff for their efforts to date in shifting their practice in an instance and finding new ways to connect with their students, families, and colleagues. I am very aware the “continuity of learning” plans and guidelines will impact each family differently. For some, this is a welcome addition to the routines at home and for others the thought of how this is going to work is a stressful one. This is a new reality, hopefully a short one, but one that brings many new and unexpected challenges.

I would also like to thank our RBSS PAC for all their efforts and support throughout this time. We have been meeting virtually to make sure the business of the school continues.

This past week we have distributed tech to families that indicated the need and returned many cherished instruments to students. Our hope is that this makes the distance easier.

Communication and feedback between the students, yourselves and your child’s teacher is going to be very important as we move forward. The course plans will evolve over time as teachers become more familiar with our new approach to supporting student learning remotely and fully understand what can and cannot be completed by students at home. There are going to be bumps along the way, this is new to all of us, but with constructive dialogue between students, families and teachers we can experience success in a variety of ways.

Please know as we receive regular updates and information, we will be quick to share it with you. A reminder to check the [District](#) and our <http://royalbay.web.sd62.bc.ca/> school website for updates. We appreciate your continued support for both your children and our staff.

Information

Mid-term Report Cards will be published on the morning of the 24th via the MyEd portal. This report is a “snapshot” of the learning students have completed or demonstrated since the beginning of the 2nd semester. Remember to log in to the MyEd portal <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/login.do> to review the report card. Directions on how to reset your password are located on our website. If you have any questions, please contact the subject teacher via email.

Grads continue to check the RBSS website for information and updates.

Included as an attachment for families is a Community Resources list provided by our District. For other resources and information, please check out our District’s [Healthy Schools, Healthy People](#) page.

Finally, a huge thanks to our Custodial and Clerical teams for their continued and dedicated support.

Please continue to be safe and practice social distancing. All the best to you and your family, RBSS misses you,

Mike Huck

RBSS PAC Corner

Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the RBSS Learning Commons.



Please join us at our next RBSS PAC meeting
TBA
Room TBD

2019/2020 PAC Executive Members:

President: Larissa Coates
Vice President: Marianne Chase
Treasurer: Salome Crowley
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Just a reminder that the RBSS PAC Bursary submission date is

May 5, 2020

*Please see page 5 for scholarship submission
information.*

Message from the Parent Run Dry Grad—Carnival

Due to the current situation the Dry Grad Committee has had to make the very difficult decision to cancel this year's Dry Grad Carnival. It was made after much consideration and it was not an easy decision to make. We have been following closely the advice and updates of the BC health officials. We understand that it is a financially difficult time for many families and businesses, and we do not want to unnecessarily add to any stress. This is a parent run organized event that requires a large number of volunteers. I would like to recognize and thank all the volunteers who have worked countless hours over the past several months. Your time is very much appreciated.

-Royal Bay Dry Grad Committee



Scholarship Information

How do I access up-to-date information about scholarships? All scholarship/bursary donors will be contacted in the next number of days asking about how applications can be submitted and the possibility of extending deadlines. As information becomes available, it will be updated in the Weebly (<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/>). The school website will also have some up-to-date information as well (<http://royalbay.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/scholarships/>). If you have any additional questions, please contact Michelle Glanfield at mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca.

I do not have a printer, how do I get access to scholarship applications? We are in the process of converting all of our scholarship applications into Word documents that can be edited. Please check the PSP Scholarship Weebly regularly for updates. I do not have access to a computer/the internet.

How do I obtain paper copies of scholarship applications? Paper copies of scholarships will only be available to students who cannot access them online. In order to obtain a hard copy of a scholarship, email Michelle Glanfield to arrange for pick-up outside of the building. How do I submit a paper-based scholarship application? Paper-based applications will only be accepted if you have no other way of submitting the document. To do this, phone the school to notify the on-duty clerical that you have an application to submit. Please ensure that you secure all materials with large paper clips or bulldog clips. Do not seal the envelopes.

How do I submit the District Authority Scholarship? Complete the online version of the application and email it to Michelle Glanfield at mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca. If you are not able to submit via email, please contact Ms. Glanfield to make arrangements to drop off your application. All applications digital or paper-based for the District Authority Scholarship are due on April 23rd by noon. The evidence to support my application for the District Authority Scholarship cannot be digitized. What do I do? You can either: • upload photos of your evidence to support the application requirements, or • list the supporting documents you intended to include and explain how these documents support your application.

How do I submit the required teacher-reference for the District Authority Scholarship? Send the digital version of the teacher reference directly to the teacher who will be completing it. Teachers will submit completed references directly to Michelle Glanfield (mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca) and these will then be added to your digital or paper-based application.

Hello Grade 12's,

Don't miss out applying for the upcoming **scholarships** listed in the **Post-Secondary Preparation 12 Weebly**. Access them via the links below. Make time over Spring Break to complete and submit your applications before their due dates.

Remember, some applications need letters of reference, scholarship resumes, essay responses, or other criteria. Ensure you give yourself ample time to complete all that you need to.

<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/march.html>

<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/april.html>

<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/may.html>

Scholarships to Note:

District Scholarships worth **\$1250** each.

The BC Ministry of Education is offering graduating students from all 3 secondary schools in the Sooke School District at total of **116** "District Scholarships" worth **\$1250** each.

The Counselling and Careers Departments would like to work with *each* of you to help you complete your application form so we can submit as many as possible to the Ministry. Our goal is 50 applications. Help us reach it. If we are successful, we can bring in over \$60,000 in scholarships for Royal Bay's 2020 Graduating Class.

Coast Capital Standing Tall and Youth Get It Awards (2 valued at \$3500 each):

Sooke District Elementary and Middle School Scholarships – Due Friday, May 1st to Mrs. Glanfield in the Career Centre.

Royal Bay Secondary Scholarships – Due Friday, May 1st

If you wish to start looking for **financial aid** resources, click on this link: <https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/financial-aid-info1.html>

Mr. Froess