

This Week in the Raven's Nest



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Spring Break Edition 2021

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



This week : March 29—April 2

Monday	School Reopens
Tuesday	Wellness Centre—Appt. only
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Good Friday—no school

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Important dates to Remember:

March 15-26	Spring Break—no school
March 29	School Re-opens
April 2	Good Friday—no school
April 5	Easter Monday—no school
April 7	PAC Meeting
April 9	RBSS Grad Bottle Drive
April 23	Octa 6 ends
April 26	Octa 7 begins
April 30	Report cards Published—My Ed
May 5	PAC Meeting
May 14	NID– Pro-D—no school
May 24	Victoria Day—no school
May 27	Octa 7 ends
May 28	Octa 8 begins
May 28	R n B Night—tentative
June 3	Report cards published— My Ed
June 3	Year End Music Concert—tentative
June 5	Dry Grad Livestream Prize Giveaway
June 9-10	RBSS Spring Dance Performances—tentative
June 16	Year End Dance Show—tentative
June 18	Prom—tentative
June 23,24,25	Grad Ceremonies—tentative
June 28	Octa 8 Ends
June 29	Last Day of school



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RBSS PAC Corner

2020-2021 PAC Executive Members:

Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of
each month at 6:30 pm via MS Teams

**Please join us at our next RBSS PAC
meeting**

April 7, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

*If you wish to attend the online meeting please contact
royalbayPAC@gmail.com if you have not previously
attended a meeting, all previous guests are forwarded
automatically.
Thank you*

President:	Larissa Coates
Vice President:	Marianne Chase
Treasurer:	Salome Crowley
Secretary:	Cindy Fizzard
SPEAC Rep (District PAC):	Paula Wilson
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Remaining Meeting Dates for the 2020-2021 PAC Year :

May 5
(Election of President and Treasurer)
June 2



Celebrate Our 2021 Graduates with Us!



This year due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the historic Dry Grad Carnival will not be allowed to take place for our graduates. Instead, our parent run Dry Grad Committee will be hosting a live Instagram Celebration event on June 5, with give-away prizes available to all graduates to win, cumulating with the big mystery prizes at the end! We have already received monies from various community donors and plan to canvass our Royal Bay parent community to help us give our students a positive send off with a little fun! It has been a tough year for everyone. We understand that some families have been hit harder than others. If your family is able to make a gift card donation that you think a graduate would like, please contact Cindy Fizzard at rbssdrygrad2021prizes@gmail.com

From the Admin.



We are pleased to share with Royal Bay families that on March 10 we announced the results of our Valedictorian voting and are pleased to have Aasmita Sharma and William Shaw as our Co-Valedictorians . Aasmita and William will do a great job representing the Graduating Class of 2021.

Please ensure that your grad has their crossing the stage ceremony comment form submitted to mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca before Spring Break.

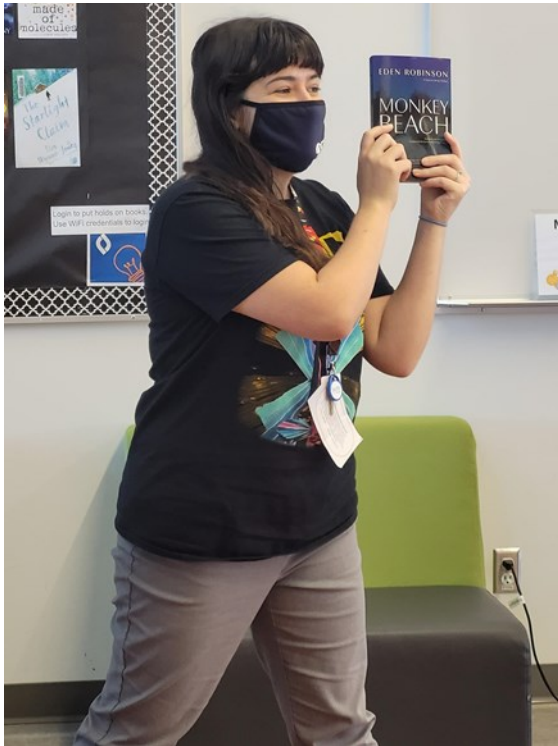
The graduation fee of \$40 is due Monday, April 27th. This fee will include a cap, gown, stole, grad pin and grad folder that students can keep.

The ceremonies will be hosted at the RBSS Teechamitsa Theatre on June 23,24 and possibly June 25. The number of ceremonies and times will be announced closer to the dates. We will be waiting for directions from the PHO.

Our current district plan is to have the grad ceremonies live streamed . The district has also hired a photographer to take pictures of each student on the stage, after they have received their grad folders.

We wish the families of all of our students a restful and safe Spring Break.

Around the Raven's Nest!



This week, as new classes start and everyone anticipates the approaching break there is lots happening in the RBSS English Department. Ms. Haynes (left) is in the Learning Commons with her Grade 9 English class. The LC is a vital place in Royal Bay for all students, but for us in the English Department, it holds a very dear spot. A place where our tomes, a place to do research and a place to share your love of the written word with the two essential ladies in there, Ms. Martin and Ms. Phillips. Seen here in the midst of what the Ladies of the Library like to call a 'BookSmack' Ms. Haynes is selling her students on the beauty and mystery of Eden Robinson's *Monkey Beach*. Sixty seconds to intrigue young readers on a book you love - a tougher challenge than you might imagine.

This past week also saw the conclusion of classes for our first ever full 5-year grads of AVID 12. Starting together in Grade 8, the students of AVID 12 have been together through all of the normal growing joys and challenges that come with high school. As university acceptances start to roll in and scholarship money is awarded, these students have seen the full benefits of what this college preparedness course has to offer, and importantly, to share this day with the AVID 11s and 9s. One of the core tenets of AVID is collaboration, and what better way to learn about who you're collaborating with than to compete. Active listening skills are always needed in class, but maybe a little more so in this activity.



Around the Raven's Nest, cont.

In the other realms of the RBSS English world, Ms ten Hove's English 10s are working with learning to read and design infographics, with an eye towards those of the zombie persuasion and how to recognise, and ultimately avoid them. In Mr Demmings' English 11 class they're delving deep into the nitty gritty of *Macbeth*. Does a sense of ambition excuse all actions, and what can we excuse because of this innate desire to excel? Or is it the fault of the witches and Hecate herself anyways? All these and more to discuss when battling with the Bard and his ever so intentional word choices.

As for the Graduation Literacy Assessment, there will be two more opportunities for Grade 10s to write this coming year (April 12 - 16 and June 14 - 23). This assessment will be a preview for all students who will write this in their graduation year and need it to graduate and move forward from their high school careers.



This and That

~Purdy's Fundraiser~

CanWES

Monies raised from this fundraiser will go towards supporting the Canadian World Education Society (CanWES). CanWES is a nonprofit organization, their goal is to support quality education for students around the world. CanWES was founded by our very own.....Troy Harris! He created this organization with the hopes of assisting youth in overcoming barriers to education. By donating money to this organization you are helping make a difference this Easter! Please visit the CanWES website: www.canwes.org for more information and to learn about additional ways to support them.

The order form submission deadline is March 22. Chocolates will be delivered to classrooms on March 31st and April 1st .

Instructions:

Step 1 - Click link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1341587-84415>

Step 2 - Enter your email and click join a campaign

Step 3 - Put in your information and click join campaign

Step 4 - Click shop online

Step 5 - Click use online order form

Step 6 - Place your order (s)



Grade 11 students who have not yet written the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment will be able to write the assessment from April 12-16. Approximately half of the current Grade 11 students wrote the assessment last year before the March pandemic closure, and will not be scheduled.

This and That cont.

**April
9th**

**RBSS GRAD
DRIVE-THROUGH
BOTTLE
DRIVE**

*Save Your
Empties*

**COVID safe
drive-through in
the drop off loop
on Friday, April
9th from
8:00am-2:00pm**



Please stay in your vehicle and ensure your items are easily accessible in the trunk for our volunteers to take. All occupants of the vehicle must wear a mask. A record of the driver's name and contact info will be taken. Do not drop off if you or anyone in your household has symptoms consistent with COVID-19

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This and That cont.

A Virtual Gallery for Westshore STUDENTS *The West Shore Arts Council wants to display your creativity!*

GUIDELINES

The exhibition is open to all middle and high school students in the Westshore community.

You may enter: a song, a dance, a sculpture, a poem, a skit, a painting / drawing, an animation, a monologue or another creative work.

Choose one of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals as a theme for your work. (See: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>)

SUBMISSION

When your work is finished:

Publish the work on Instagram, FB, TikTok or submit the source file.

Send the link, or file, with a statement as to how your work relates to your chosen Goal to wsac.events@gmail.com

The deadline is **Wednesday, March 31st**.

Prizes of \$50 gift cards will be given to: **Eight** participants chosen by a random draw and **Honorable Mentions** selected by the board.

Art work will be posted by the end of April.

For more information contact: wsac.events@gmail.com



**READ A BOOK
WRITE A REVIEW
GET ENTERED INTO OUR MONTHLY
DRAW**

Congrats to Natalia & Hayden, our previous month's winners.....keep those book reviews coming!



**FOR A \$10 GIFT
CARD AT**

**ROYAL BAY
BAKERY**



Grad Corner



2021 Grad's Important Dates/Deadlines

Friday, March 12	Grad Ceremony comment form complete and return to Ms. Glanfield by Friday, March 12 - mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca
Friday, March 12	Please ensure you order your grad gown by visiting this link https://tinyurl.com/RBSSGradGown or visiting our Royal Bay Secondary website and follow the link to "Grad Ceremony Fee Form".
Monday, April 27	Grad Ceremony \$40 graduation fee due
Wednesday, June 23 to Friday, June 25	Grad Ceremonies Royal Bay Theatre More information and times to follow

Spirit Wear is Here!

Purchase using the [school cash online system](#) (print receipt)
or
Bring cash or cheque (payable to SD62) to the office

Bring your receipt to the School Store on Wednesdays from:
11:40-12 or 12:20-12:40
to pick up your purchase



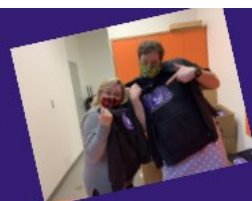
Hoodies (S, M, L, XL, XXL) \$40



Crest/Motto Option



Raven Option



Bistro Mug \$10



T-shirt \$10





Scholarship Info



Link for the scholarship information/forms:

<https://rbssscholarships.weebly.com/>

For more information visit the Career Commons or contact

Ms. Harrington

or

Mrs. Glanfield

lharrington@sd62.bc.ca

mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca

<u>Name of Scholarship</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
RE/MAX Quest for Excellence	March 15, 2021
Daneen Skilling Scholarship	March 15, 2021
Union of National Employees	March 31, 2021
VIU Entrance Scholarship	March 31, 2021
District Authority Scholarships	April 7, 2021
PAC Bursary Applications	April 30, 2021
Royal Bay Secondary Scholarship	May 4, 2021

Scholarship Opportunities

Hello Grade 12's

If you want information on upcoming Scholarships, please come to the Career Commons room 1168 for more information. Or check out the following link: <https://rbssscholarships.weebly.com/>

Some Royal Bay Scholarships & PAC Bursaries are **NOW AVAILABLE** - check out the website or come to the Career Commons to pick up your application.

Opportunities

Saving Money for Travel!

Webinar March 16th, 2021

SPECIAL WORKSHOP for Educators, Parents and Students

Travelling has sadly been one of the many things on “pause” during the current pandemic – yet one of the things people are really looking forward to being able to do again. In this webinar, we discuss saving for travel, so you’re prepared and ready when the travel industry opens back up.

[Click here](#) to register for this webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar and you can view the webinar later.

From March 22-26, CBC Radio One's BC Today will be hosting a Career Fair featuring guests speaking about a variety of professions and opportunities. There will be opportunities for listeners to call in with questions.



Everything you Need to Know About Taxes

RECORDED WEBINAR

This focused on questions you may have about why we pay taxes, the kinds of taxes people pay, and most importantly, the ways to lower the amount of tax you pay. Join Prakash Amarasooriya, Financial Literacy Advocate, as he discusses a variety of topics related to taxes, and will also include, Canada's tax system, tax credits and deductions, as well as RRSPs and TFSAs'.

You can find a full list of the resources and links discussed during the workshop, along with other TWOKAM materials,

[Find really useful handouts here](#)

Link to **Recording of the "TWOKAM Feature Presentation - Everything You Need to Know About Taxes"** webinar. You will need to enter the passcode which is provided after the link below [Click to view](#). Access Passcode: +dg1pvZ!

‘in**the**know’

Information and Support

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health challenges.

IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES.
CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION
JOIN BY COMPUTER OR PHONE.

Substance Use: Relationship Over Responsibility

Being a parent of a young person with substance use challenges is hard. What do I do? What can I say? How can I make them stop? These are all things that many parents ask themselves. This presentation is a facilitated discussion to help share some practical ways to move through the challenges.

Communities: Victoria, Sooke, and Westshore

Cost: Free of Charge

Date: March 25, 2021 at 4:00pm

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/events

Watch a video with us and come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by FamilySmart Parent in Residence.



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