

This Week in the Raven's Nest



Royal Bay Secondary School

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May 10 — May 14, 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 :

Monday	
Tuesday	Wellness Centre—Appointments only
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	NID—Pro-D - no school

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Important dates to Remember:

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 23,24,25	Grad Ceremonies—times to be announced
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

June 2, 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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The results are in!

Meet your new PAC President - Marianne Chase
and returning
Treasurer- Salome Crowley.

A huge thank you to 'graduating' Larissa Coates for her many years of service and leadership.

Join us in September for election of all other executive positions.

From the Admin.

French Immersion at Royal Bay!!

Royal Bay Secondary is thrilled to welcome both Mr. William Stee and Mr. Chris McFarland to our wonderful school next year. They are coming over from Belmont Secondary to lend a guiding hand to the new RBSS French Immersion Program. Both have extensive knowledge of the program and have been supporting our French Immersion students at both Belmont and EMCS for years. We are also busily preparing our school to reflect the changes that we are going through. From gathering supplies and materials to outfitting classes, we are getting ready to welcome our new students in September. Below are pictures of our new logo and crest in the Learning Commons, complete with SENĆOTEN and French translations and a mural in the new turf gym. We are super excited to begin this journey with our incoming French Immersion students and with the teachers that will support them.



Around the Raven's Nest!

Happenings in Home Economics

We've been busy preparing food, saving seeds, releasing salmon fry at Goldstream, and generally learning about how food connects us to each other and our world!



Around the Raven's Nest cont.



This and That

ROYAL BAY'S BLACK WING THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

GENERATION

NEXT

Director: Melissa Young
Director of Photography: Jay Larson
Musical Director: Karen Snowsell
Sound Recording and Mixing: Glenn Whitney
and Dale Baglo

**MAY 21–
JUNE 10, 2021**

TICKETS \$15

Pay To View Tickets Available:
sd62.schoolcashonline.com/fee/Index

All proceeds go towards developing a Mental Health initiative at Royal Bay Secondary.



For a preview see link below:

<https://youtu.be/vVmvgBF11QI>

This and That cont.

Congratulations to Royal Bay student Megan McCool.

Sharpshooting teen wins Indigenous sports award

A Greater Victoria teen is one of six Vancouver Island athletes to receive a 2020 Premier's Award for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sports.

Megan McCool, 17, is a Grade 12 student at Royal Bay Secondary School, a member of the Metis Nation of B.C. and a small-bore rifle athlete. She's been competing in the sport for just four years but has already claimed numerous provincial gold medals.

She's also the youngest member of the Goldstream Volunteer Salmon Enhancement Society where she works to preserve salmon populations. "As an active fisher and hunter, I feel that it is important to give the stream some of its salmon back," McCool wrote in her application for the award. "I work in all aspects of the hatchery from collecting broodstock in the river in the fall, to releasing our fry in the spring."

In both her sport and volunteer activities, McCool said she tries to be a mentor.

"When helping the younger athletes I try my best to put



Megan McCool, 17, is one of six Vancouver Island athletes to receive the 2020 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sports. (Courtesy of Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council)

them on the same path I was and to teach them the love of the sport," she wrote. "I know how hard it can be, and I encourage them to not give up."

Her ultimate goals are to make it to the Indigenous Games and become a voice for wildlife. McCool said she plans to pursue a career in resource management.

The other five Vancouver Island award winners include Jakob Brager of Mid-Island Metis, Ellashani George of

Oneida Nation of the Thames, Tristan Thomas of Snuney-muxw First Nation, Willem Whitehead of We Wai Kai Nation, and Kristine Williams of Cowichan Tribes.

"This, to me, is reconciliation in action," Melanie Mark, minister of tourism, arts, culture and sport, said. "More than ever in these challenging times, we need young people like you to give us hope. Keep following your dreams and reaching for the stars."



Grad 2022 Pinnies - \$45.00—Due Friday, May 21, 2021

In an effort to make next year as normal as possible for our Grad class of 2022, we are selling Grad 2022 Pinnies NOW, for a mid-June delivery date. We want all 2022 Grads to be wearing their Grad pinnie on the first day of school in September!

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Please submit payment with your completed order form by cheque (made out to SD62) or cash to Mr. Burgess' room (2146), the Office, or the Learning Commons.
- Payment ONLY can also be made through School Cash On-line. A Paper order form must be completed. There is no sizing or nickname option available on-line.

The link can be found here: <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>

- Parents may sign-in to their account if they have used the account previously to pay for other school fees. Otherwise, create a new account. The price of the pinnie is \$45, plus a \$1.50 processing fee for School Cash On-line.





Grad Corner



2021 Grad's Important Dates/Deadlines

Wednesday, June 23 Thursday, June 24 Friday, June 25	Grad Ceremonies will be held in the Royal Bay Theatre More information and times to follow
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PRIZES!  PRIZES!  PRIZES!

"To all current grads: the dry grad committee will be holding an **Instagram livestream prize giveaway on June 5.** Every grad is eligible to win prizes from gift cards all the way to our grand prize of \$1000 cash!! Please follow "royal bay dry grad" on Instagram for updates and to participate in this year's giveaway! Your name will be automatically entered"



Grad Rock Painting

"Kindness for the Future" Painted Rocks Hey Grads!
This is your opportunity to make the World a happier place. Grad students will be given the opportunity to paint a message of "Kindness for the Future" on a rock. Essentially, a message of inspiration to future students at Royal Bay. Then have that rock placed somewhere in the community (i.e. much like the Sidney to Sooke Rock movement.) Grads are asked to visit the Learning Commons at any time, where Ms. Phillips will have a cart full of cleaned, beach rocks and acrylic markers available to you.
Get your art on!



Opportunities

Is your child considering
a *Gap Year*?

Want to learn how to have a
purposeful Gap Year?



Register for this informative webinar taking place on May 11th at 3pm here:

<https://education.myblueprint.ca/value-add/>

Presenters:

- Michelle Dittmer (President of Canadian Gap Association)
- Jay Gosselin (Founder and President of DiscoverYear)

Sabrina McTaggart (Career Coaching for Young Adults)

Michelle, Jay, and Sabrina will be sharing strategies for supportive adults to pass on to their students for the first half of the webinar, and then saving time for Q&A in the second half of the hour.

This webinar is hosted by myBlueprint.



Opportunities

DO YOU FEEL UNSURE OF HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR TEEN?

JOIN OUR PARENTS TOGETHER PROGRAM

This program helps parents of teens gain confidence, discover practical tips and resources, and find support from other parents

TUESDAYS, 12:00PM - 1:30PM • STARTING MAY 11TH

LOCATION: ONLINE PARENTING GROUP

COST: BY DONATION

TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

Deanna Riedke 250-686-9122

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Boys & Girls Club
of Greater Victoria

BGC - Parenting Programs were developed by staff and parents throughout BC and is administered under the auspices of BGC Canada. Provincially, Parenting Programs are generously funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

**WE ARE
HIRING**



McCreary
Centre Society

VIRTUAL YOUTH RESEARCH ACADEMY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Learn to design and deliver research projects for youth in and from government care and the agencies that serve you.

WHAT	WHO CAN APPLY	WHEN	WHERE
<p>Research Assistant \$16.50 per hour</p> <p>Upcoming projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing survey data from youth in care and sharing the findings Research to support youth transitioning out of care Opportunities to facilitate workshops 	<p>Eight positions are available to BC youth aged 16-24 with government care experience (e.g., foster home, group home, youth custody centre), or on a Youth Agreement</p>	<p>June 30 2021 to March 2022</p> <p>Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00PM-4:30PM</p> <p>Occasional weekends</p>	<p>Work will take place virtually on Zoom or other virtual meeting platform.</p> <p>Research Assistants will work together and complete some tasks independently during work hours.</p>

Interested? Applications are being accepted now!

Fill out a short application form at form.surveymonkey.com/f/1/YRAApplication

You will need a computer or tablet and access to the Internet to join the meetings. If you need support to access this, please let us know!

Questions? Contact Katie at katie@mcsc.ca or 604-715-4504.

The Youth Research Academy aims to represent the diversity of youth in BC. We particularly welcome Indigenous youth, LGBTQ2S+ youth, youth with a disability, and visible minority youth to apply.



YOUTH HEALTH
YOUTH RESEARCH
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



Earn a course credit and build your resume in this summer garden program

SUMMER GARDEN OPPORTUNITY

4 Credit Work Experience Program

TO APPLY PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL DESCRIBING YOUR INTEREST TO:

mkemshaw@sd62.bc.ca

SOOKE SCHOOLS 62

COMMUNITY

WHAT IS THIS?

This is an agroecological work experience program. Agroecology is the study of the interactions between plants, animals, humans and the environment within food production systems.

We will work and learn in two large school gardens, helping care for and harvest these spaces throughout the summer. This program aims to introduce interested students to the possibilities of regenerative agriculture and traditional food systems to help empower a flourishing, biodiverse food future.

WHAT DO I GET?

Participating students will learn about:

- Growing their own food
- Restoring degraded landscapes to health
- Building soil and bee habitat
- Harvesting, preserving, fermenting local food
- Developing a sustainable business
- Communicating effectively to different audiences
- Further opportunities to pursue a sustainable livelihood

Everyone who completes this program will receive 4 credits for completing Work Experience 12A or 12B

SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Thursday
10:00 - 4:30
July 5 - August 26

LOCATION

Wednesday - Royal Bay Secondary
Thursday - Edgewood Community School

