

This Week in the Raven's Nest



Royal Bay Secondary School

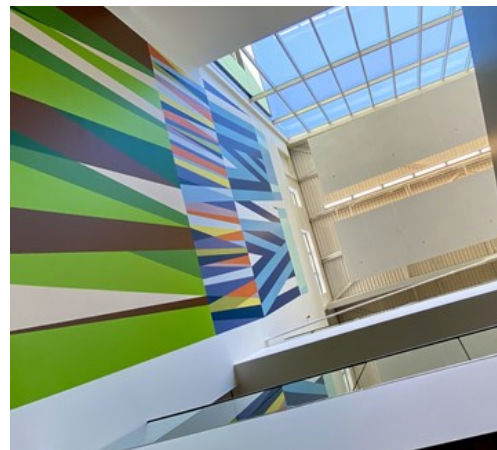
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June 7 — June 11, 2021

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 Nuu-chah-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 – Nuu-chah-nulth



This week :

Monday	
Tuesday	Wellness Centre—Appointments only
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

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Important dates to Remember:

June 18	Grad Ceremony at 3:00
June 19	Grad Ceremonies at 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30 and 4:00
June 28	Octa 8 Ends
June 29	Last Day of school
June 29	Report cards published in MyEd



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RBSS PAC Corner

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

Please join us at our next RBSS PAC meeting

TBA

2021-2022 PAC Executive Members:

President: Marianne Chase
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RBSS PAC Fundraising

New! Fundraising. Thank you for supporting your RBSS PAC :
Cobs Bread (Westshore)—mention RBSS at time of purchase
Co-op Gas (any Peninsula location)—#134056

From the Admin.

June Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

Grade 10 Literacy and Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments are a graduation requirement for all students.

Grade 10 students who are currently in English 10 during this last octa, will be able to write the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment in their English 10 classrooms.

Grade 11 students who have not yet completed the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment will be scheduled to write the numeracy assessment on either June 22 or June 23. Students writing the assessment will be given specific appointment times for either 9:00 am or 12:30 pm.

The assessments will be written in Room 2108.

The next sitting for Grade 10 Literacy and Grade 10 Numeracy assessments at RBSS will be in November 2021.



Around the Raven's Nest!

“Social Studies 9 wrote a letter sharing the observations and experiences of a Canadian soldier serving on the Western Front in WWI.”

April 15th, 1917

We need to stay tough, strong, we are almost to the end. We do as we are told and we survive. We wake up and do a series of exercises and stretches before we begin breakfast, which consists of bread, butter, jam (plum and apple), and a strip of bacon. Breakfast is the same everyday and you are lucky if you even got a different type of jam. For lunch we had stew which was not the best but it was sufficient enough for me. Life in the trenches is quite dirty. We slept in dugouts we made, we could barely catch a wink of sleep because of the constant shelling and sounds of rifles. There are rats that keep infesting the trenches because of all the dead bodies and dead animals laying around. Lots of the men including myself have got head lice, we use fire to burn it off. There is constant flooding in the trenches due to the lack of trees which results in trenchfoot (gangrene) and severe frostbite. We always have to look top-notch and given the little supplies we have it was very difficult. We used toothbrushes to clean our buttons, we had to shave using dull unusable razors, and we only had one uniform, one extra shirt, and one extra pair of socks which also had to always be clean.

I enjoy serving and I do not regret it. I joined because my friends were doing it but also because I want to protect and serve my country, and I do not want to let down my people. I have made many new friends and I wish to make it out of this war with them. How is life back home? How are mother and father?

I am sure you must already know but we did it, we took Vimy Ridge! The French and British have tried to take it on many different occasions but we actually did it! It makes me proud to be Canadian. We used a creeping barrage; it would roll one hundred yards ahead of our troops and would lift in small increments every three minutes. We are so lucky to call ourselves Canadian!

I will be coming home very soon, I can feel it!

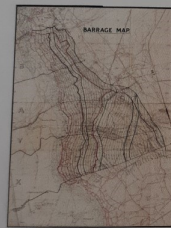
Until then, I will miss you dearly!



December 13, 1916.

Hello my love,

My unit has been chosen to lead a new assault on Vimy Ridge. French and British forces have already attempted to conquer it from the Germans, but were unsuccessful. It's now our time, as Canadians, to band together to gain the ridge. In efforts to create the strongest force we will be combining all four Canadian divisions to lead this attack. Our Lieutenant-General Julian Byng insists that we are well prepared for this mission. We have been strategizing and training hard everyday to ensure we will be prepared for when Lieutenant Byng decides it's time to move into position. As a Sapper, I've been assigned to help build tunnels to secretly move our troops closer to the ridge. I am exhausted from all this hard work!



While serving over here I've made a couple really good friends, John Anderson and Robert Baker. With any spare down time we like to sit together and joke around. Some nights we laugh so hard our faces get sore from smiling so much. This tends to keep our morale strong through long, hard days. I truly believe that I'll be friends with them forever and that you'll also one day greatly enjoy their friendship.

Lieutenant Byng says that the vantage point of the ridge gives a clear view of the surrounding countryside and supply routes which would be very advantageous to our country. Taking Vimy Ridge will be pivotal in our efforts to defeat the Germans. I'm very confident in this mission. I love you and will write home again once we have successfully completed this pursuit.

Yours truly,
David Bell

June 27, 1916,

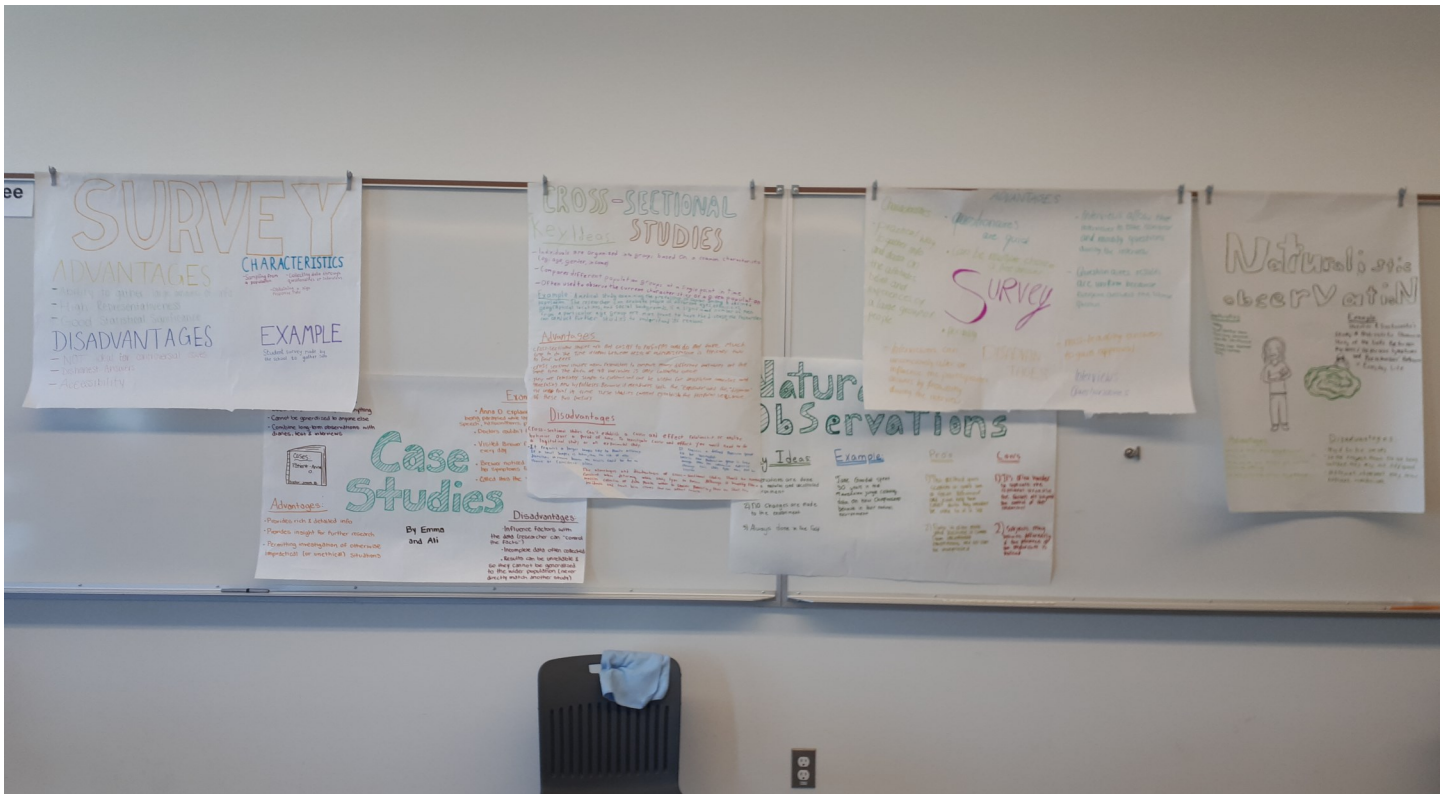
Oh how I wish I was home with you my love, instead of preparing myself for battle. The war in the air never ceases and I am to be called out soon for I have completed my training and pilots here are in short supply. Flying the practice planes was hard enough, but it hardly compares to the cruel reality of war. I am scared my honey, but I must do my part for our country, just as you are doing your part in the factories back home. It saddens me greatly to think of you spending long hours making shells for the many brutal battles we have committed to, though I suppose we must all do our part.

Though the promise of adventure drove me here, it is not what keeps me. To fight in the sky requires skills I fear are beyond me, though I will try my hardest to succeed. Rolling and diving while dodging the enemy's deadly fire with no regard for my own safety sounds terrifying. Despite this, I am told it is oddly satisfying to watch the bullets you fire hit home, sending the enemy's plane spinning out of the clouds and crashing into the ground below. The rickety old machines they supply us with are death traps, and are far from being up to date with the German's fighter planes and their deadly machine guns. They also leave the pilot with no means of escape should he be shot down, as they carry no parachutes. They tell me the average life expectancy for a man in my position is weeks, if not less. To be a pilot is the most dangerous job there is, but the fame draws me in. I aspire to be one of the great aces, like Billy Bishop or Raymond Collishaw, if only so I can be sent home to you as thanks for my service and to inspire other young men to join the cause.

I shall be called out to my first battle soon, near the Somme River. My task is to fly overhead and release the bombs I have been equipped with once I have information on the position and size of the German troops. You will be glad to know that I have made several friends, all of whom will be sent into this

Around the Raven's Nest cont.

This week, Psychology 12 students were busy researching about the different research methods within the field of psychology. They created posters which they presented to their classmates.



This and That



To purchase viewing access please purchase your ticket at :

[SchoolCashOnline.com: Items](https://www.schoolcashonline.com/Items)

For a preview see link below:

<https://youtu.be/vVmvgBF11QI>

All links and codes will be sent during regular school office hours.

Are you working or planning on getting a job this summer? Did you know there is an opportunity to get grade 12 credits for working in a paid or volunteer position?

In an effort to promote authentic workplace experiences, Royal Bay Secondary offers two courses, Work Experience 12A, and 12B. These optional 4 credit courses provide students with an opportunity to earn credits towards graduation.

Students who are interested should visit the Career Commons to sign up.

This and That

SD62 Student Council

Royal Bay would like to acknowledge and thank Julia Morrison, Emma Sjerven, Olivia Sjevern and Aiden Walters for their work on behalf of RBSS and the district. These four students were contributing members of the 2020-2021 Sooke School District Student Council. Their efforts on behalf of their fellow students during this difficult year made a big difference in making the school a better place to be. They were able to be a positive voice throughout the district. Job well done!





Grad Corner



Great News!! Our graduation ceremonies are filling up quickly, and the excitement is building. Students who have not yet picked up their Cap & Gown can pick them up in the Learning Commons over the coming days.

RBSS will be offering **6 graduation ceremonies** this year.

The Graduation Ceremonies are:

June 18	June 19
3:00-4:15 (FULL)	10:00-11:30 (FULL)
	11:30-1:00
	1:00-2:30
	2:30-4:00 (FULL)
	4:00-5:30 (FULL)

Our ceremony selection uses Google Forms.

Students are still able to sign up for the 11:30 and 1:00 ceremony using the form: <https://forms.gle/DnKePk8GSFook6Fq6>

Ceremony selection will close **Monday June 7th at 4:00pm.**

The ceremony procedures can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/l8A-trXFhx8>. The instructional video was made in 2020 outlining the ceremony entry/exit expectations to graduates. The procedures in 2020 and 2021 are the same- with the exception of the mask requirement.

- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the selected ceremony, to get into the organized lineup.
- Grads will already have their regalia, and are expected to come already dressed.
- All grads **MUST** have their masks on at all times, and may remove them **ONLY** when they cross the stage to get their diploma and have their Edge Imaging photo taken.

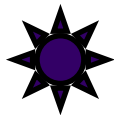
The staff at RBSS are looking forward to celebrating the success of your student. It will be a special moment for everyone.



Grad Corner



Attention Grads: If you have been awarded a scholarship to date, please inform Mrs. Glanfield in the Career Commons so we can add it to your “crossing the stage” comment! **this excludes entrance scholarships as they are not yet confirmed at the time of graduation.



Attention Grads!

On Wednesday, June 9th, at 12:00

Please bring your cap and gown to the field for the Grad Class of 2021 drone picture. Ice cream will be served after the picture.



Grad Corner cont.



**LET'S
CELEBRATE
OUR LOCAL
GRADUATES
OF 2021**

**in the Goldstream Gazette
on June 30, 2021**

Photo Graduation Announcements

To recognize a Class of 2021 graduate in our newspaper special section, email publisher@goldstreamgazette.com before June 23, 2021. Send a grad photo and brief message of congratulations **FOR FREE.**



Sophie Smith

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Deadline for submissions is June 23, 2021

Opportunities

Applications are now open for **FIRE RESCUE CADET CAMP** **MARCH 21-26, 2022**



THE GULF ISLANDS FIRE RESCUE CADET CAMP GUIDES COURAGEOUS YOUTHS THROUGH AN INTENSE WEEK OF HANDS-ON TRAINING

THE CAMP IS RUN BY PENDER ISLAND FIRE RESCUE IN ASSOCIATION WITH SALT SPRING FIRE RESCUE, AND RUNS EVERY TWO YEARS.

CADET CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE SEPT. 15, 2021

Finding Success In Design

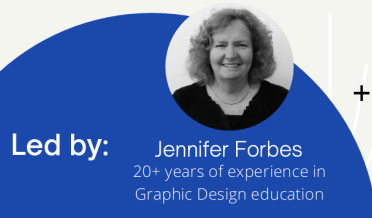
A webinar about finding your career path
in design post-secondary school.

REGISTER AT

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FDYPm4grSPyx_tS0jYNzVQ



June 16th, 2021
7:00 PM PST



Led by: Jennifer Forbes
20+ years of experience in
Graphic Design education



Oliver Drew
15+ years of experience as
PDA's school director



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Opportunities



Summer Garden Work Experience

4 credit work experience program for Grade 10 and 11 students.

WHAT WE'LL DO

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 students to grow food and connect with their local environment.

LEARN TO

- Grow your own food
- Restore degraded landscapes to health
- Build bird and bee habitat
- Harvest, prepare, preserve local food
- Develop a sustainable business
- Communicate effectively to different audiences

SCHEDULE and LOCATION

Wednesday at Royal Bay Secondary
Thursday at Edward Milne Community School
10:00 - 4:30 each day

Apply in the Career Center

For more information contact mkemshaw@sd62.bc.ca



*Do you want to get involved in your community but aren't sure where to start?
Apply today to AVI Health and Community Services'*

PEER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

open to youth aged 13-25

June 21 - July 14
M & W from 10am - 12pm PST over Zoom

Over 8 sessions, we will learn about:

- Harm reduction philosophy and practices
- Gender & sexuality
- STBBIs and safer sex practices
- Peer work ethics and sustainable work practices
- Criminalization and stigma
- and much more!

EARN \$20 PER SESSION



Applications close

June 10, 2021, 12pm PST

For more information and the application, visit
<http://tiny.cc/peerhealth>

Or contact Imogen if you have any other questions!

imogen.barr@avi.org | 250 886 0609



AVI Health and Community Services
where harm reduction works

Opportunities



It's really tough to be going through hard stuff with a child or youth who is struggling with their mental health and they end up in crisis – and we want to help you. We know what it's like because we've been there.

TOPICS

Session 1 & 2:

How to Support a Safety Plan at Home

Session 3:

How to Take Care of Yourself and Family After a Crisis

Session 4:

How to Find the Resources You Need

There is no cost to families. Registration is required:
www.familysmart.ca/workshops

Region: South Vancouver Island

Dates: June 7, 9, 14, & 16
Times: 6:00PM to 7:00PM

Dates: July 13, 15, 20, & 22
Times: 4:00PM to 5:00PM

Dates: August 10, 12, 17, & 19
Times: 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Help for the Hard Times workshops are facilitated by parents with lived experience. The workshops are hosted online and include a one-on-one video conference or phone call with a Facilitator.

