



Rockheights MIDDLE SCHOOL music

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Concert Tour of Victoria West and Macaulay Elementary Schools All Day, Wednesday, March 13th

Friday, March 1, 2024

Dear Rockheights Music Family:

This term, our music program has been focused on taking our show “on the road” by preparing for field trips. The first major trip to happen will be a **Concert Tour of Victoria West and Macaulay Elementary Schools, all day, Wednesday March 13th**. The goal is to entertain and inspire our future students, and to give Rockheights students an opportunity to perform in front of such a reactive and young audience.

Who is performing?

Students in **grade 6, 7 & 8 Choir, Grade 7 & 8 Band and Jazz Band, and Grade 6, 7 & 8 Intermediate Strings** will perform. (Sorry, Band 6 and Beginning Strings are not performing this time, but they will get that opportunity next year.)

Can parents watch? Do you need any extra help?

Yes! **We will need one or two parents with a large vehicle, such as a truck (with or without canopy) or an empty work van (seats taken out) to help** transport a drum-kit, amplifiers, large instruments and music stands. If you are a parent with such a vehicle and can help for the whole day, I would be so grateful for the help. We could also use at least two parent chaperones to join and help with head-counts and other miscellaneous supervision. It’s a really fun day! If you would like to watch, but can’t chaperone, there should be room for a few spectators. Please contact each elementary school directly to ask if they’ll have room.

What do we wear?

We always perform in the **Rockheights Music T-Shirt Uniform**, along with something comfortable on the bottom, which is not distracting and ideally dark coloured. Comfortable shoes are important (they will be lugging equipment).

When students arrive at school and when will they be back?

Please make sure your child arrives for school at the usual time, **8:35am**. They should go directly to the large music room, NOT their advisory classrooms. We will be back by the end of the school day, **2:50pm**.



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What about lunch?

Students are asked to please bring a water bottle, labeled with their name, and a cold, bagged lunch that day. We will bring with us any lunches for students who are enrolled in the lunch program.

Can my child arrive at or depart from the elementary school?

I'm sorry, no, they can't. The day will start and end at Rockheights. Safety is a top priority and that means accounting for every student, every moment, but particularly at departure times. It will add more time and complexity to an already busy and complex day to make to have students arriving and departing at different times.

Is this optional?

All field trips are optional, however it is hoped that **all students in these ensembles participate**. It's a **ton of fun**, a highlight of the year, and the culmination of a term's worth of working together in their ensembles. This date was chosen because it is *after* marks are decided for term 2, but before Spring Break, to minimize the impact of missing instruction.

How do we participate?

Although there are expenses involved in this trip, there is **no cost to your family to participate**. Because we will be taking a chartered school bus, **parent permission is required**. Please **complete the form attached by Friday, March 8th, or RSVP by email** at rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca Please let me know if your child can't participate, so that I can effectively plan for this trip.

Any other news?

Here are a few bits of exciting news!

- Several students attended **Musical Discoveries at UVIC** on the January Pro D Day!
- 40 music students in Grade 7 & 8 are travelling to **Vancouver on the night of April 10th** for a fun trip to celebrate all their hard work and achievements in music.
- There are three major performances in term 3. Please mark your calendars.
 - **7pm, Tues. May 7 District-Wide Strings Finale Concert at UVIC**
 - **7pm, Wed May 29 Final Concert for Rockheights Bands**
 - **7pm, Wed June 15, Final Concert for Rockheights Strings and Choir, with special guests Grade 5 Strings from Victoria West and Macaulay Elementary Schools**

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with me at rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca. You can find information about all things Rockheights music related at www.rockheightsmusic.com.

Thank you,
Risa McDonell, Music Teacher, Rockheights Middle School



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Student's Name: _____

YES! My child can participate in the concert tour of the elementary schools on Wednesday, March 13th.

No, my child cannot participate in this field trip.

Can you help to chaperone this trip?

Yes, I can help chaperone!

No, I can't help chaperone.

If you can chaperone, do you have a large vehicle that you can help us transport equipment with?

Yes, I have a large vehicle and can help transport equipment.

No, I can't help transport equipment.

Parent's Signature: _____

Please return this paper form, or RSVP by email to rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca
by Friday, March 8th.