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**Dates to Remember**

Pizza Day every Friday, \$2.50/slice

**May**

- 09 Band Forms due-ROMS
- 12 NID—No students
- 13/14/15 2014/15 Class Placement Interviews
- 16 Block 4—School Social
- 19 Victoria Day Stat.**
- 21 PAC Meeting—Voting, 7pm
- 22 5—8:30— BBQ & Band Concert
- 30 8—9am Parent Appreciation Breakfast

**June**

- 19—23 Grade 8 Exams
- 23 Grade 8 Farewell
- 26 Last Day of School Awards & Report Card

Check our website for current updates.

**ROMS CLOSED**

**July 11**

**August 21, 2014**

**Canteen Closes**

on

**Friday, June 20th**

Limited items available during the last week.

**Moving?**

Phone, email, or write a note to the office.

**PS: Check the lost & found by June 6th.**

## PRINCIPAL'S & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CARLY HUNTER & KEN BERGERON

June is a time for celebration as the school year draws to a close and we reflect on the highlights from 2013.14. Recognition opportunities, field trips and class activities are important experiences for our students. These opportunities wouldn't exist without the support of both staff and parents. Thank you!!

Our choir and band have been busy performing in local elementary schools and a festival in Whistler and with their end of year concert. On the athletic front, rugby, field hockey, mt. biking, track & field and badminton have given students an opportunity to engage in the culture of their school.

In June, we say goodbye to three very respected and long term staff members—Ms. Kathleen Sutherland, our Instructional Support teacher who has been teaching since 1985 (29 years), Mr. Jim Johnson, our custodian who has been an employee with the district since November 1981 (33 yrs), and our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Bonnie Haley, who has worked in the district since February 1993 (21 years). It is hard to imagine Royal Oak without these three amazing people and we wish them the best in their retirements.

We have had an exciting and fun filled year at Royal Oak. Our students have demonstrated a high level of engagement and the staff is very impressed with how they have developed as learners. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for their commitment and dedication to their students. On the topic of engagement, students will be involved in meaningful learning right up until the end of June. Please encourage your son or daughter to stay focused and involved as the school year comes to a close. .

Beginning September 2014, Royal Oak will replace our newsletter with current news posted daily on our website. This is an excellent channel by which you can learn about ROMS, be informed about activities, and reference schedules. You can receive all update through our easy subscription feature which is explained on our website. Check out our website and subscribe so you'll be ready to be engaged in the Royal Oak Community!

We wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break. We'll see you in September for another great year for the Royal Oak school community

**SCHOOL GOAL: To improve student engagement**

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**2014/15 Class Placement:**

May is the month we begin grouping students for the next school year. You are now able to book an appointment on May 13, 14, 15 through an online appointment system. Go to our website: <http://home.royalokschool.ca> and click on *Class Placement Interviews* under the Main Menu.

The purpose of this process will be to provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to discuss educational reasons related to their child's placement.

Bookmark our website to stay informed:<http://royalok.sd63.bc.ca>

**PAC MEETING**—Wednesday, May 21st, 7pm in the Library. This is the final PAC Meeting for the year, and will be the Annual General Meeting.

**Item:** Voting for PAC Executive Positions available for next year.

## ROMS YEARBOOK

Thanks to Ms. Cottier, we've got another exciting yearbook planned for 2014/15!

All yearbooks have been pre-ordered and will be delivered on **June 18** to the classroom.

## GRADE 8 FAREWELL

The theme for the Grade 8 Farewell this year is **Glow in the Dark/Neon Dinner Dance**. Watch for a handout that will go home with each Grade 8.

The event will be held on the evening of June 23rd. Remember, it is a school event and the dress code will be in effect—dress is casual.



**SEPTEMBER 2014 REGISTRATION**

Registration for Kindergarten to Grade 8 takes place at the School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road.  
www.sd63.bc.ca

### Go—Green!

ROMS students & staff believe in recycling, re-using and reducing waste.



## FINAL DETAILS

### Grade 8 Farewell:

This year the Grade 8 Farewell will take place **Monday, June 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Royal Oak Middle School. This event is not a Graduation, rather a farewell celebration, which must reflect an inclusive social event with no pressure on students to arrive in formal outfits. Casual dress code. This year's theme is:

### GLOW IN THE DARK/NEON DINNER DANCE

Guidelines have been established for this event and will be shared with Grade 8 students followed by a memo home to parents. Parents who would like to help with door prizes, set-up, clean-up or chaperone, can contact: Cathy at 250-658-6336 or cathy5460@gmail.com.

#### Grade 8 Final Dates:

The final dates of the school year are particularly important for our grade 8s. Some final reminders are:

- June 19—23 Grade 8 exams
- June 23** **Grade 8 Farewell — 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Casual, neat clothing, no limos, etc. See guidelines handed out to students.
- June 24-26 All students in attendance Grade 8 students have the opportunity to use this extra time to complete assignments, write make-up exams, complete any work that has to be finished

#### ROMS Last day of the School Year:

- June 26 **08:55** Enter school—Final day of classes
- 10:15** Awards Ceremony in the gym. **PARKING LIMITED—PLEASE CARPOOL**
- 11:30** Report cards given out. Students can leave at **11:40** (see last page & also online)
- July 2—4 "I" work outstanding, return and complete it

2014/14 fee schedule— Watch our website for updates.

2014/15 School Supplies—list available on our website. Order supplies online between June 1-30. Supplies will be delivered to students during the first few days of class in September 2014.

#### AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS REGARDING ROMS LEARNING RESOURCES (TEXTBOOKS, NOVELS, ETC.)

As the year comes to a close we are expecting to receive all school learning resources (textbooks, etc) back from all students that have them signed out. All grade 8 text books will be handed in after their exams, grades 6 and 7 text books will be handed in by June 21. Parents please help your child(ren) check "backpacks, bedrooms and basements" for all ROMS learning resources to be returned.

#### SCHOOL LOCKS

Every student needs their own school lock for their locker. Please do not purchase your own lock from outside the school. Our School District purchases locks at bulk prices, and these locks are strong, durable, and have a security key access as required by the school district. These locks can be used at any Middle or High School within the Saanich School District, and the security feature also allows the school to help a student when they have forgotten their combination. **Keep them in a safe place over the summer.** New students will need to purchase a lock during the first few days of school. The cost is \$8.50. The lock can be purchased when they are picked-up or the cost can be added to the school fees invoice.

#### CRIMINAL RECORD FORMS

**All volunteers need to complete a Criminal Record Form.** This process is free to ROMS volunteers. Get yours completed, so you'll be ready to volunteer in September. Website: <http://www.saanichpolice.ca/about/admin/crc.html> Contact the ROMS office before June 26th for a fee waiver form.

For more What's Happening @ ROMS, check out our website at <http://royaloak.sd63.bc.ca>

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2014/15 Royal Oak will replace our newsletter with current news posted daily on our website.

Bookmark your email to stay informed:

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## 2014/15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>September</b>	<b>02</b>	First day of school
<b>October</b>	<b>13</b>	Thanksgiving Day (Monday) – Stat. Holiday
	<b>22 &amp; 23</b>	Early Closure 2:08pm (Wednesday & Thursday)
	<b>24</b>	Non-Instructional Day #1 (Friday)
<b>November</b>	<b>07</b>	Non-Instructional Day #2 (Friday)
	<b>10</b>	Non-Instructional Day #3 (Monday)
	<b>11</b>	Remembrance Day (Tuesday) – Stat. Holiday
<b>December</b>	<b>19</b>	Last day of classes before Christmas Break
<b>Winter Break - December 22 - January 2, 2015</b>		
<b>January</b>	<b>05</b>	School re-opens (Monday)
<b>February</b>	<b>04</b>	Early Closure 2:08pm (Wednesday)
	<b>09</b>	Family Day (Monday) – Stat. Holiday
	<b>20</b>	Non-Instructional Day #4 (Friday)
<b>March Break - March 9 - 20, 2015</b>		
<b>March</b>	<b>23</b>	School re-opens
<b>April</b>	<b>03</b>	Good Friday – Stat Holiday
	<b>06</b>	Easter Monday – Stat. Holiday
	<b>24</b>	Non-Instructional Day #5 (Friday)
<b>May</b>	<b>04</b>	Non-Instructional Day # 6 (Monday)
	<b>18</b>	Victoria Day (Monday) – Stat. Holiday
	<b>28</b>	Early Closure 2:08 (Thursday)
<b>June</b>	<b>25</b>	Report Card # 3 goes home – last day of classes
	<b>26</b>	Administration Day – no students

**PAC Meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month except Dec & June (check website)**

**June 29 to September 7, 2015 - SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**September 8, 2015 First day of School**

Check our school website for calendar updates <http://royaloak.sd63.bc.ca>

### School Bus Information

Registration (with payment) begins May 2014 for all riders (K to 12). All riders must register annually. You can print off the form online at [www.sd63.bc.ca/departments/transportation](http://www.sd63.bc.ca/departments/transportation)

### Prospective Field Trip Drivers: Forms added to ROMSPAC Website

The following link is of the Saanich Criminal History Check that is now required to be completed for all field trip drivers. website: <http://www.saanichpolice.ca/about/admin/crc.html> Contact the ROMS office before June 26th for a fee waiver form. Criminal Record Checks are valid for two years.

### Summer Programs:

Check out Saanich Parks & Recreation for Summer Programs for all age groups.



Royal Oak Middle School - FINAL DAY Thursday, June 26, 2014

11:40 Early Dismissal Form

The most important function of the day is to attend the Awards Ceremony and distribute final report cards.

My child will **NOT** be at school on Thursday, June 26th \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print student's name & div)

I have provided the office with a stamped (\$1.50), self-addressed envelope (9x 12)

I will pick up the report card at a later date: \_\_\_\_\_

☆Unclaimed report cards will remain in the office for you to pick up in early July or late August.

**ROMS office will be closed between July 11 and Aug 22, 2014**

Report cards and class activities will be finished at **11:40**. The rest of the day the students will be involved in classroom and school preparation/clean up work. In the past we have had a great number of students bring notes to be dismissed early on this day.

My child may be **dismissed at 11:40 a.m.** on Thursday, June 26, 2014

I have **signed and returned** the attached Early Dismissal Form to the school

I have made **transportation arrangements** for my child to leave early (School buses will run at their regular times ~ after 2:53pm)

Written permission with parent/guardian signature is necessary in order to dismiss your student.

Phone calls are not sufficient.

Thank you.

*Parents/Guardians—keep this upper section for your records.*

- - - - - **-Return to your homeroom teacher** - - - - -

**ABSENCE or EARLY DISMISSAL FORM**

My child will **NOT** be at school on Thursday, June 26 \_\_\_\_\_ Div \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print student's name & div)

**OR**

My child **can be dismissed at 11:40** on Thursday, June 26 \_\_\_\_\_ Div \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation arrangements have been made. (Print student's name & div)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and **return this form by Monday, June 23rd, 2014**