



## ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

Life has been exciting at Rock City! It is hard to believe Halloween is quickly approaching.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to join us at the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Research shows that when parents become involved in their children's schoolwork, the children do better in school. One way you can get involved is by supporting your child with their reading at home daily, asking if they have completed any homework, and checking their planner.

School wide and classroom behaviour expectations have been reviewed along with our Code of Conduct rules. It is always appreciated when parents reinforce these rules with their children at home, a copy of both the Code of Conduct and behaviour expectations can be found in the front of the student planner for easy reference for both students and families, and the Code of Conduct is on our school website.

*Eileen Jubinville*

### New Reporting Interim Order

Our provincial curriculum is designed to engage the passions and interests of our students to better meet their personalized needs. With these changes, quality assessment and reporting practices takes on increased significance.

Reporting refers to the sharing of student progress to parents/guardians. Traditionally, this sharing took the form of a standard report card with comments and letter grades sent home three times per year.

This year, we are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents/guardians' to a model where we are 'communicating student learning with parents/guardians' on an ongoing basis. This means that reporting will provide multiple opportunities throughout the school year for you to see your child's learning, as it occurs. There will be 2 written reports (end of January and June).

### PAC Halloween Dance

Oct. 27 is our PAC sponsored Family Halloween Dance in our school gym. It runs from 6:15 - 8:30 PM. Admission is \$5/student or \$20/family.

Our grade 7 students will be hosting a bake sale so be sure to bring some money so that you may enjoy some of their tasty treats.

### Halloween Safety



On Monday, October 31<sup>th</sup> we are having a costume parade for all students at 8:50am. **We ask that costumes be free of masks, blood or weapons (swords, guns, etc.)** As we are a Healthy School and follow the BC Healthy School Guidelines, we request that students bring **No Halloween Candy to school.** We ask parents to please monitor this before your child leaves home each day. Thank you for your assistance.

#### *Halloween Safety*

1. Wear a lightly colored, flame resistant costume. Use reflective tape so car drivers can see you.
2. Make-up is better than a mask. A mask with small holes for your eyes makes it hard to see.
3. Wear a short costume so you don't trip.
4. Be safe – carry a flashlight so you can see in the dark and be better seen.
5. Trick-or-Treat on one side of the street, then the other side. Never crisscross the street.
6. Go out with a parent or other responsible adult. Older children should go out in groups.
7. Discuss your route with your parents and what time to be home.
8. Never go inside a strange house, apartment, or car.
9. Have a parent check your treats before you eat any. Have a snack or meal before going out.
10. Know the Block Parent homes in your area in case you're frightened, lost, or hurt.

### Cross Country

On Thursday Oct 27th, the Rock City Cross Country team participated in the Large Schools Zone Meet at Beban Park.

Qualified runners will be participating in the District Meet on Nov 2nd at the Rotary Bowl.

A big "Thank You" goes to coaches Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. McLeay and Ms. Hepples for their positive energy and encouragement. Congratulations to all the runners for a great season of running!



## Important Dates

Please check our school web calendar for important dates.

PAC: Halloween Dance (6:15-8:30 PM)	Oct. 27
Spirit Day: Costumes	Oct. 31
Cross-Country District Meet	Nov 2
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 10
Remembrance Day (Stat)	Nov. 11
Winter Concert	Dec. 8
Last Day Before Winter Holidays	Dec. 23
School Re-Opens	Jan. 9
Report Card Issued	Jan. 27
BC Family Day	Feb. 13
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	Feb. 20
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	Feb. 21
Start of Spring Break	Mar. 20
End of Spring Break	April 3
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	May 12
Victoria Day	May 22
Last Day of School	June 29
Report Cards Issued	June 29

## Inclement Weather



Our weather is changing! Remember to send your child(ren) to school with appropriate warm clothes and outer wear as they will be going outside most days during playtime. Outside breaks provide students with the opportunity for movement and fresh air.

## Parent Volunteers & Drivers

In our district's ongoing efforts to ensure student safety, there is a new protocol that requires all parent volunteers and parent drivers to have a criminal check completed before they may volunteer at the school, drive for school events or ride on School District busses must have a current criminal record check. We ask that parents who know they may volunteer to drive for classroom fieldtrips or school sports teams complete this process as soon as possible. Thanks for volunteering.

## Great BC Shakeout



On Thursday, October 20, Rock City joined many schools across BC in participating in the Great BC Shakeout which saw most school in our district doing their first earthquake drill of the school year. Our staff and students did an amazing job of following the recommended evacuation procedures.

Parents are asked to discuss the process with their children and to look at creating an evacuation and preparedness plan for their own homes. More information may be found here: <http://shakeoutbc.ca/>

## Fall Back

Remember to change  
your clocks

Back 1 hour  
on  
November 6!



## Parking Lot Safety



If possible, please use the parking lot at the back of the school (off Fairway Crescent) to help alleviate the congestion in the main parking lot at the front of the school.

We also ask parents to avoid dropping students off in front of the handicap parking spots so that these remain available for those who need them.

Please help keep our precious students safe by driving slowly and carefully while entering, using and leaving our school parking lots!

## Email Addresses for Mail Outs

In aligning with last year's new email privacy legislation, we need parents to give our school permission to email them things such as our school newsletter which may contain cost items such as school photos.

If you receive this newsletter electronically, you are successfully on our email list. If you don't receive an electronic copy, please go to our website and complete the online registration.

## Allergies (Nut & Scent Sensitive School)

A reminder that we have significant nut allergies and scent sensitivities at Rock City. Please help us keep Rock City a healthy place for all learners by not sending food items that contain nuts and by trying to use scent free personal products.



## Security Protocol

Ensuring safety for all students and school personnel is very important to us at Rock City Elementary. To that end, adults visiting our school are required to report to the office first, sign in the visitor's book and obtain an 'Authorized Visitor' pass from our secretary. This information is essential as it enables us to quickly determine the nature and length of your visit and account for all adults within the building in case of an emergency situation.

Please remember to always report to the office first upon arriving to school, even if you are well known to the office staff. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this very important safety concern.