



ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message



With the Winter holiday only a day away, looking back at the past four months, there have been many activities and events that have taken place at Rock City Elementary School. Most recently we have had the First Annual Shop and Drop and our Winter Wonderland Concerts.

I want to offer a sincere Thank You to all the staff, parents and community members who have demonstrated generosity of their time to support our students and school. We are so fortunate to have many volunteers who enrich our programs with their expertise and time.

It has been a very busy few months and we have all earned a well-deserved break! On behalf of all the staff at Rock City Elementary, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday! We look forward to having a fabulous start to 2017 in January.

Sincerely,
Eileen Jubinville



Important Dates

Please check our web calendar for dates:

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| Christmas Sweater/Hat Spirit Day | Dec 23 |
| Last Day Before Winter Holidays | Dec. 23 |
| School Re-Opens | Jan. 9 |
| Report Card Issued | Feb 10 |
| 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 |
| Good Friday | April 14 |
| Easter Monday | April 17 |
| ProD (Students Don't Attend) | May 12 |
| Victoria Day | May 22 |
| Last Day of School | June 29 |
| Report Cards Issued | June 29 |

School Spirit

The following students had their names drawn during our Tiger Roar Draw. Thanks for making Rock City a great place to learn and play:

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| Div. 1 Linden | Div. 2 Chistian |
| Div. 3 Kamea | Div. 4 Linden |
| Div. 5 Brydan | Div. 6 Charlotte |
| Div. 7 Thomas | Div. 8 Amelia |
| Div. 9 Ethan | Div. 10 Quinn |
| Div. 11 Arron | Div. 12 Emmitt |
| Div. 13 Lauren | Div. 14 Max |

Report Cards

As indicated in communications this year there have been some changes made to report cards:

Report Cards

The Ministry of Education is modifying the way teachers report student progress to parents. They are moving from "reporting to parents" to "communicating with parents on an ongoing basis".

What will this look like for your family?

The traditional Report Card has been replaced with a Mid-Year Snapshot of Student Progress (February), and a Summative Report (June). Whereas the traditional Report Cards were distributed at the end of each term, the new written reports will be sent home on February 10th and June 29th.

The written reports will look different. New are the Descriptive Feedback and the Student Performance Scale sections. Letter grades will not be included on either written report.

Teachers will be following a new format for Ongoing Communication with parents, which must include four criteria: Authentic Evidence (student work), the Learning Standards of the BC Curriculum, Descriptive Feedback from the teacher to the student, and Student Voice (the student's self-assessment).

How will educators communicate with parents?

There is no one prescribed format. Some teachers may choose to use a digital portfolio, some may choose to use email, some may choose to use paper based methods, and some may choose to use a combination of methods.

Spirit Day: Christmas Sweater & Hats

This month's spirit day will be held on December 23rd. Students are invited to wear their craziest or most comfy Christmas Sweater and/or Hat as we ease into the winter holidays.



Christmas Food, Mitten & Scarf Drive



A huge shout out to the Rock City community leadership team for their hard work over the last month. Because of their time, hard work, and dedication, they raised \$300 for our library with the Drop-N-Shop, given 40 hours of volunteer time in babysitting and Salvation Army kettles, made and delivered 52 care packages of socks, mittens, hats, and cookies to the homeless, served lunch at the New Hope Center, collected almost 400 pounds of food donations for Loaves and Fishes, and raised \$442 for an orphanage in the Congo to help build a pig farm by selling handmade Christmas tree decorations. What an impact they have had on our local community!!

A big thank you to the Rock City community for generously helping with donations of food, hats, mittens, and socks to make our fundraising efforts such a great success! A special thank you to Tracy Cook for donating 20 dozen homemade cookies, and to Mrs. Fowler's mom for hand knitting a bag full of hats for our care packages. You have all shown the true meaning and spirit of Christmas and touched the lives of many people. Merry Christmas everyone!!!

School Closures Due to Weather

Occasionally, schools are temporarily closed on short notice for emergency reasons. A heavy snowfall is the most frequent reason for emergency school closure; however, individual schools can also be closed because of power or heating failures.



If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station - tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

The district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter and Facebook, unless there are technical problems or a power outage.

School Sports

Our volleyball season has begun. The season is still young but our Pee Wee and Bantam Boys and Girls are working hard to improve their bumping, setting, and serving.

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 on both students and adults.

Kindergarten and Other Registration

SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2017-2018

A new, convenient and streamlined process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will begin on **January 11, 2017**.

The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. If your answer is yes to any of the following questions, you will register through the new online registration process:

Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?

Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2017? (ie new Kindergarten in September)

Do I want to register my child in French Immersion?

Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?

Do I want to register my child at Departure Bay Eco- School?

Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)

Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)?

Before you begin, you will need the following:

- 1) A valid email address
- 2) Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
- 3) Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

Online registration will begin on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Early and Late French Immersion, and Departure Bay Eco-school students will have until January 31, 2017 to register online. Student selection will once again be determined by lottery, with parents being notified by Friday, February 3, 2017.

New Academy, Out-of-Catchment and Out of District student registrations will be prioritized by date and time submitted online. Deadline is March 31, 2017.

For more information, please visit the district website or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca.

