



ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that December is almost here and that there are only four weeks remaining until Winter Break! There is a great deal of positive energy and enthusiasm building among the students (and staff). We have had a variety of events occurring and ones we are looking forward to during the next four weeks. Two events we are very excited about are our Dress Rehearsal and Concert, for which the students are busy practicing. The dress rehearsal will be at 1:00 on Thursday, December 8th, with the evening concert at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing students, families and members of our community at the performances!

Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring a very successful Halloween Dance - kids were excited to come to school in their costumes.

By now you may have received a Communication of Learning (via Fresh Grade or in a blue plastic envelope). Please take the time to go over your child's work with them and celebrate their strengths and accomplishments. Also, take the time to discuss some possible goal areas and make a plan for working on those goals in the coming term. Remember this sample of their work is only one reflection of their progress, but that it is a good tool to use for dialogue and discussion in regards to their education. Thank you for continuing to support both your own child and the Rock City Elementary School Community.

Eileen Jubinville

Spirit Day: Movember Day

Monday, November 28th is Movember Mustache Day. We are looking forward to seeing some fine looking facial hair and other "interesting attire".



Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was held on **Thursday, November 10th**. This is an important time to remember those who fought in wars so that we may enjoy the rights and freedoms we have today. It is also a time to think about what we can do as individuals and as a school to help make the world a better place.



Christmas Trees (Grade 7 Fundraiser)



To help raise money for year-end activities, our grade seven students are selling Christmas tree vouchers for Gogo's Christmas Tree Farm (two locations: South Forks Rd & Pryde Ave.). The vouchers are only \$5; the grade 7s keep all of the proceeds. When you present the voucher at the lot, you pay only \$20 for the tree.

Vouchers may be purchased from grade 7 students or grade 7 teachers. Please contact Melissa Rivard (mdrivard@shaw.ca) if you require additional information.

School Sports

On Wednesday Nov 2nd, 19 of our Cross Country Runners qualified in the District Meet at the Rotary Bowl. The day was very blustery - wind and rain! Our runners performed very well and should be proud of their achievements.

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!

Our volleyball season started this week.



Important Dates

Please check our web calendar for dates:

Mustache Spirit Day	Nov. 28
Shop and Drop	Dec. 1
Winter Concert	Dec. 8
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
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	May 12
Victoria Day	May 22
Last Day of School	June 29
Report Cards Issued	June 29

Library News

A big thank you to our Rock City community for supporting the library through The Indigo Love of Reading program. We earned \$1010.00 to spend at Chapters, plus they gave us an additional 30% off. We were able to purchase over \$1300 in books for our school. That's approximately 80 new books on our shelves!



Head Lice (Be Proactive)

It is around this time of year that we have a few occurrences of head lice in our schools.

Remember that head lice are a nuisance; they do not carry disease and are not a health risk. They also do not mean your child is dirty; anyone may become infested by them. Early detection and appropriate treatment, will significantly limit the spread of head lice in our school.

At this time, it is suggested that you avoid using head lice shampoos; they no longer kill all lice and their nits, and they may cause skin irritation. Inexpensive conditioner and special lice combs, when used as directed, will quickly eliminate lice from your child's head. Hair conditioner and lice combs are available at most drug stores. More information is available from the Public Health Nurse (755-3345).

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. 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.

Grade 6/7 Bottle Drive

Our Grade 6/7's are having a Bottle Drive on Friday, November 25th, from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Please support our Grade 6/7 classes by bringing in your bottles and cans! They may be dropped off in the morning at the front of the school.

Lost & Found



Our lost and found is overflowing with clothing and other items lost by students. We would like to see as many of these items as possible making it back to their rightful owner. They will be displayed in the main hallway during the week of December 5-9, during the concert week. Please have a look when visiting the school.

All current lost and found items will be bundled up at the end of this month and given away.

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.

Halloween Dance

A big thank you to our PAC and parent volunteers for a wonderful Halloween Dance. A great time was had by all.



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.



Tech News

Why iPads, Chromebooks and G-Suite for Education?

The new BC Curriculum for Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies is clear about the use of technology in schools. "Technologies are tools that extend human capabilities." Students must be able to, "Use familiar tools and technologies to extend their capabilities when completing a task," and "Choose appropriate technologies to use for specific tasks."

Chromebooks and iPads in the classrooms help students become familiar with the wide range of tools available to them to improve their learning, productivity and engagement. Having technology in the classrooms assist with providing student-centered learning environments and allows students and teachers to try new things, work collaboratively and create new projects.

Technology supports the core competencies which are the foundation of the new curriculum. These include: Communication, Creative and Critical Thinking, Personal and Social Competency. Chromebooks and iPads in the classroom allow for creative and critical thinking by giving students access to a wide range of tools and opportunities for "right-now" learning. Students must consider the tools they wish to use and how to access information and what they want to do with that information.

Personal and Social Competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society.

G-Suite apps for education help students individualize their learning while being a part of the larger learning community. All communication and work is kept within the safe domain or our school network giving students the chance learn how to be a part of a safe community.