



## ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message



The first week back in January we dusted off our hockey sticks for a visit from the Nanaimo Clippers. They joined some of our classrooms to read with our students.

As January unfolds, it is a perfect opportunity to re-establish routines and regular habits to support your child's school life. Please continue to be involved in your child's education by:

1. Regular bedtimes with time for brushing teeth, and quiet reading time helps to calm active children and enable them to sleep well each night.
2. Consistent wakeup times, healthy breakfasts and sufficient time to dress and gather school books enables children to begin the school day on time and in a calm way.
3. Regular daily homework time (with parental support as needed) is essential to help children feel competent and confident in class.
4. Ensure there is a balance between active play and television or computer time. Time with friends and family is essential to developing positive social skills and a sense of belonging.
5. Computers should be in a highly visible area of the house. A child's computer time must be monitored and should follow specific safety guidelines regarding site and program access.
6. Share a caring conversation and a smile with your child each day.

We also ask each of our students to think of ways he or she can continue to make Rock City an even better place to work, learn and play. Each individual can make a difference and has a role to play in making the 2016-17 school year one of the best ever!

Sincerely,  
*Eileen Jubinville*

### Important Dates

Please check our school web calendar for important dates.

Jump Rope for Heart: Jump Off	Jan 26
Spirit Day: Jersey Day	Jan 27
Family Literacy Night	Feb 2
Progress Report Issued	Feb 10
BC Family Day (No School)	Feb 13
ProD (No School)	Feb 20
ProD (No School)	Feb 21
Last Day before Spring Break	Mar 17
School Re-Opens	April 3
Good Friday (No School)	April 14
Easter Holiday (No School)	April 17
School Track & Field Meet	May 8
ProD (No School)	May 12
Victoria Day (No School)	May 22
Zone Track Meet	June 1
PAC Fun Fair	June 2
District Track Meet	June 8
Last Day of School	June 29

### Jump Rope for Heart

January saw our school dusting off our skipping ropes as we practiced for our next fundraiser. Students received Jump Rope for Heart fundraising information and asked for pledges to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



Our Jump Rope Jump Off was held on Thursday, Jan. 26 with all pledges due into the school by Tuesday, January 31st at the latest.

### Family Literacy Day (& Evening Event)



Thursday, February 2nd, 2017, is Family Literacy Night at Rock City.

Families are invited to come join some of our Rock City Staff in the evening for some Family Literacy Fun. Come to the Rock City Library from 6:30-8:00 PM. **(NO drop off of students please.)**

There will be prize draws and hot chocolate. Children are invited to come in their PJs and to play some literacy games and/or read a story with their family.

## Parking Lot Safety

We continue to have parents using the round-about parking lot for student pickup and/or drop off and driving too fast for a parking lot.

For safety reasons, we kindly request that our families please use the larger parking lot by the annex or the parking lot behind our school. **Please drive safely at all times in all parking lots!**

## 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 7:00 AM 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.

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

## Appropriate Clothing for the Weather Conditions

There may be days students will ask the question, "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is no.



Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing.

At Rock City we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. **It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks.** Warm gloves are always a good idea as well.

## FSA Assessments - Gr 4 & 7 Students

If you are curious about the content of the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSAs) given to all elementary students in BC in Grades 4 and 7, take a look at the sample questions @ [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/sample\\_test\\_s.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/sample_test_s.htm)

The Ministry of Education requires that FSA Assessments be completed by all students in Grades 4 & 7 between Jan 17 and Feb 10.

## Burn Awareness Week February 5-11th 2017



Families are encouraged to visit [www.burnfund.org](http://www.burnfund.org) and review safety tips for Fire Safety with their children.

## School Registration 2017-2018

Kindergarten Registration for 2017-18 started on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Complete information about registration is available on the school district website [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca).

Early and Late French Immersion, and Departure Bay Eco-school students will have until January 31, 2017 to register online. Student selection will 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.

Our Grade 7 students are automatically registered at Wellington Secondary for Grade 8, as Wellington is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to Wellington Secondary as this is taken care of for your child. Students wanting to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school should notify their Principal and Grade 7 Teacher and apply online at [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca). Out of catchment applications will be prioritized based on time and date stamp of the application.

## School Spirit & House Teams

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

Div. 1 Carys	Div. 2 Mackenzie
Div. 3 Stella	Div. 4 Natalie
Div. 5 Nash	Div. 6 Samantha
Div. 7 Emerson	Div. 8 Alexis
Div. 9 Jayden	Div. 10 Quinn
Div. 11 Jaiden	Div. 12 Juliana
Div. 13 Hailey	Div. 14 Olivia

## 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.