



ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

There are only nine more weeks until the end of the school year. The next two months are going to be very busy both academically and socially for students. Remember to check your child's planner to keep up to date with all the events coming up (Talent Show, Track & Field Meets, Healthamongus, Deep Bay Field Trips, PAC Fun Fair, and Fun Day).

As we wind up the Basketball season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our coaches, helpers, and teacher sponsors for their dedication and support to our teams of students. Congratulations to all the participating students on your spirit and enthusiasm! Well done!

Thanks, as always to members of our PAC for their continued contributions to the school. Your help and assistance is appreciated by the staff and students at the school.

Sincerely,
Eileen Jubinville

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

There will be an event for students starting Kindergarten in September 2017 on Wednesday, May 10 from 1-2:00pm in the gym. You do not need to Preregister for this session.  Parents must attend.

Kindergarten E-Registration 2017-2018

Registration for Kindergarten for September 2017 continues to be open! Families are encouraged to register **on-line** as soon as possible. <http://www.sd68.bc.ca>

Important Dates

Please check our school web calendar for important dates.

Gr 7 Parent Night @ Wellington	April 27
Talent Show	May 4
School Track & Field Meet	May 8
Welcome to Kindergarten	May 10
PAC Meeting	May 11
ProD (No School)	May 12
Victoria Day (No School)	May 22
Zone Track Meet	June 1
District Track Meet	June 8
PAC Fun Fair	June 9
Last Day of School	June 29

Spirit Day: Mix & Match Day

Our next spirit day is on Friday, April 28th.
 Mix & Match Day!
 Wear mixed **Patterns, Stripes, Colours.**

Parenting Sessions

Join us for the third session of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Parenting on Thursday, May 4th, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. You do not need to have participated in the first 2 to join us. New parents welcome.

The topics for this session are:
 - Setting Boundaries & Routines
 - Effective Communication


To register email sderosa@sd68.bc.ca.

Mother's Day Baskets: Fundraiser

Just a reminder if you ordered a Mother's Day Baskets, they will be ready for pickup on Wednesday, May 10th between 2 and 3pm in the back parking lot of the school.



READY SET LEARN

Ready Set Learn is occurring on Mondays from 12-1:30pm in our portable. There is one session left on Monday, May 1st. These sessions are designed for 3 and 4 year olds. Ready, Set, Learn requires parent/guardian participation and attendance. 

School Spirit & House Teams

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

Div. 1: Auriah & Carys	Div. 2: Brielle (twice)
Div. 3: Poppy & Trystin	Div. 4: Anders & Sophia
Div. 5: Hunter & Jax	Div. 6: Tristan & Charlotte
Div. 7: Emerson & Logan	Div. 8: Lucan & Joshau
Div. 9: Ryane & Abby	Div. 10: Quinn & Sarah
Div. 11: Emma & Cody	Div. 12: Juliana & Sophausaurus
Div. 13: Hailey & Emma	Div. 14: Samantha & Hannah

Erase Bullying Resource

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with School Districts across the province have developed and implemented an online student and parent resource about and to report bullying incidents. Please visit www.erasebullying.ca for more information.

School Track and Field Meet

All students in Grade 3-7 will be participating in our annual school track & field meet on Monday, May 8th at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS).

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately



- even though the sun may be out, it can get quite cold at the Rotary Bowl. All students should have a jacket, hat and pants in their backpacks, available to wear when needed.

Dress Code

As we look forward to more sunshine, it is a good time to review the Rock City Dress Code.

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to a positive and safe learning environment. At school, we rely on the good sense of students and their parents rather than a strict code as to what is suitable to wear to school. These are general guidelines:

- Hats are not worn in the building
- Beach wear/leisure wear or clothes that are revealing are not acceptable (i.e. low cut tops, spaghetti straps, muscle t-shirts, halter-tops, bare midriffs, bare backs).
- Clothing that displays offensive graphics and/or writing are not appropriate for school
- Shorts/skirts should be, at a minimum, of a reasonable mid- thigh length.

Thanks for your support in this area.

Vancouver Island Children's Book Fest

Come out and meet some Canadian authors at the Vancouver Island Children's Bookfest!

When: Saturday May 6th

Where: Downtown Nanaimo
(at various venues)

Authors:

Celestine Aleck	Scott Chantler
Cybele Young	Eugenie Fernandez
Ruth Ohi	Lee Edward Fodi
Chieri Uegaki	Richard Van Camp
Suzanne do Montigny	

A special (FREE) Teen Session 10:15-12:00 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre Meet Graphic Novelist Richard Van Camp and Teen authors of "In Our Own Voice".

For Tickets and more information:

www.bookfest.ca



Swim to Survive

Over the final two months of the school year, our grade 7 students will be involved in a valuable swimming program that is co-sponsored by our Parks and Recreation and our school district.

The Swim to Survive program is focused on providing students with the skills to help with water safety.

Student Learning Survey

A reminder/request for the parents of our grade 4 and 7 parents to complete the Student Learning Survey (formerly the Satisfaction Survey); letters were sent home in April. If misplaced, a new form with a unique number may be picked up at the school office. The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete. All the surveys are anonymous.

The main purpose of the survey is to provide information that will help guide discussions around improving student achievement and overall satisfaction. The survey gathers perceptions from each of the groups regarding achievement, human and social development and safety.

Allergies: Nut & Scent Sensitive School

A reminder that we have significant nut allergies and scent sensitivities at Rock City Elementary School.



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.

Volunteer Driver Forms & Criminal Record Checks

It is great to see so many parents volunteering to help with school events.

Please remember - you must have a **criminal record check** done if you plan on helping in the school, wish to go on field trips, drive students and ride on the school bus.



Are you Moving?

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If you are planning to move away from the Nanaimo area or are transferring your children to another school next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2017-18 school year.