



ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

As hard as it is to believe, we are down to the final weeks of the 2016-2017 School year. May has been a busy month with the School Track and Field Meet, the Talent Show, Welcome to Kindergarten and the many class field trips.

We are looking forward to all the fun activities planned for June, including the PAC Fun Fair, the always-popular Fun Day, our year-end assembly, and the school wide field trip to Rath Trevor Beach.

Please join us on June 7th from 8:15-8:45am for the Volunteer Appreciation Tea for helping to make Rock City Elementary a special place to be for the students and staff.

Sincerely,
Eileen Jubinville



Class Placement Requests

Over the next month, staff will be working to create preliminary class lists for next year. Our staff works together to make decisions for each child's placement. In arranging new classes, we try to achieve an optimal class composition (working within provincially agreed upon class sizes) by balancing such factors as:

- Student's strengths and needs
- Matching learning and teaching styles
- Social, emotional and behavioural strengths and needs
- Student relationships
- Past class placements
- Age, physical and emotional maturity
- Male/Female balance in the class
- Degree of independent work habits

Our goal is to create balanced social and academic educational settings where optimal teaching and learning can take place. Parents who have children with specific medical or educational needs should discuss their child's future academic and behavioural needs with their child's current teacher. Following these discussions, parents may put their educational concerns in writing to the principal by June 2nd, 2017. Parents are advised that requests should focus on specific needs of the child and not on placement with a specific teacher. All letters will be shared with staff during the placement process. This process is complex and, as a result, individual requests do not guarantee class placement.

The actual division structure and teacher assignments will not be finalized until September, once we have our final enrolment numbers.

Dress Code

Warmer weather is upon us! This is a reminder about the school dress code for students. In accordance with School District 68, we expect students to dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to a positive learning environment.

Appropriate dress includes tops meeting bottoms at the waist, no spaghetti straps, tube tops or backless tops, skirts and shorts are at least a hand-width below the buttocks.

Important Dates

Zone Track Meet	June 1
Volunteer Appreciation Tea	June 7
District Track Meet	June 8
PAC Fun Fair	June 9
100 Days of Reading Celebration	June 14
Grade 7 Celebration (Daytime)	June 22
Final Assembly	June 28
All School Trip to Rath Trevor	June 29
Last Day of School	June 29

Spirit Day: Mix & Match Day

Our next spirit day is on Friday, May 26th.
 Wacky Hair and Hat Day!



PAC Fun Fair

Our PAC is hosting a Fun Fair on June 9th, 2017, from 5:30-8:00pm. There will be a DJ, bouncy castles, a dunk tank, face painting, raffle baskets and other fun activities. A concession will be selling hot dogs and pizza. Come out and share the evening with the school community.

Sports

Congratulations to all of our athletes that participated in our school track and field meets. It is one of the biggest sporting events of the season and we love to see our students achieving their personal bests.

Congratulations to the following students who set new school records:

Owen B. (PeeWee Boys discus)

Max H. (PeeWee Boys 100 m).

Bike or Walk to School Week

Rock City Elementary is taking part in this year's Bike and Walk to School Challenge!

Monday May 29th- Friday June 2nd

Leave the car at home and join your child as they walk to school. There will be draw prizes; each SD68 student that participates will be entered to win a Kona bike.

Celebration Station

Pacific Sport will be hosting a Celebration Station at Rock City Elementary on Tuesday, May 30th 8:15-8:45am.

Pop by the station, have a snack, and give the volunteers a high five!

THE TOP 10 REASONS FOR PARENTS TO BIKE OR WALK WITH YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

IT'S FUN Do you remember biking or walking when you were a kid? It's energizing.

IT'S GREEN Bikes and feet cool the Earth.

DRIVE LESS, STRESS LESS Avoid waiting in long school drop-off and pick-up car lines.

UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES Your child will never forget your time together walking or biking to school.

ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS The messy backseat of your car is less scenic than the sounds and beauty of Nanaimo. Unstrap your child and make walking and biking to school a fresh air adventure.

BRAIN POWER Students who bike or use their feet to get to school arrive more alert and ready to learn with a clear mind.

SAVE MONEY Green travel choices equal a greener bank account for your family.

PEDDLE FOR EXERCISE Looking for ways to integrate physical fitness into your child's daily life? Teach them the lifelong lesson of using their bike or feet to get places.

BREEDS INDEPENDENCE Teach your child the safe route to school from your home and watch them go!

CONNECT WITH NEIGHBORS Walking and talking with others on the way to school bonds communities and friendships for life.

Cop's For Cancer Tour de Rock

The Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock will hit the road again next fall for their 20th ride and Rock City Elementary will be a part of this monumental year with a possible tour stop! Stay tuned for more details.

Canada 150 - Canadian Flag

Two of our classes participated in a special Canada 150 - Canadian flag celebration at Healthamongus.



Parent Survey

A reminder/request for the parents of students in Grade 4 & 7 in Rock City School community to complete the Learning Survey. The data from this survey is very helpful to our school and the District to inform school-based and district work.

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.



Next PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th, 2017. PAC positions and potential elections will be discussed at that time.

Student Vote 2017

Students in Divisions 11 & 12 participated in Student Vote during the Provincial Election. Student Vote provides youth under the voting age with an opportunity to experience the voting process firsthand and build the habits of active and engaged citizenship.

Students learn about government and the electoral process, and research the issues, parties and candidates through classroom learning, campaign activities, media consumption and family dialogue.

On Student Vote Day, students take on the roles of election officials and coordinate a vote for the election candidates running in their school's electoral district.

