



ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

It has been an exciting first month of school. Students have quickly settled into their classrooms and we are all looking forward to making this a fantastic school year.

We enjoyed seeing many of our parents and students at our "Welcome Back to School" pancake breakfast on the first Thursday. It was a great way to kick off the school year; a big thank you to all of our community support for making this a great success.

Please remember to check out our school website for newsletters and special dates.

It's going to be a great school year! Go Rock City Tigers!

Sincerely,

Eileen Jubinville & Linda Baldwin

Orange Shirt Day



Students at Rock City will be celebrating Orange Shirt Day by wearing orange t-shirts on Friday, September 29th. Every Child Matters remembers the experiences of former students of Indian Residential Schools.

Allergies

(Nut & Scent Sensitive School)



A reminder 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.

School Cheques

During the school year, families may be asked to pay for things for the school (supplies, planners, fieldtrips, etc.) and things for PAC (spirit wear, hot lunches, etc.).

The school will try to make it clear who to make cheques out to. A quick rule of thumb is, (a) for school items, please make cheques payable to "SD68", (b) for PAC items, please make the cheques payable to "Rock City PAC". Thanks in advance.

Important Dates

Tour de Rock Assembly	Oct. 2
Class Photos & Photo Retakes	Oct. 4
Pro-D (Students Don't Attend)	Oct. 6
Thanksgiving (Holiday)	Oct. 9
Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal)	Oct 16-19
Great Canadian Shakeout	Oct. 19
Pro-D (Students Don't Attend)	Oct. 20
Cross-Country Zone Meet	Oct. 24
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 10
Remembrance Day (Holiday)	Nov. 13
Winter Concert (aft & eve)	Dec. 7
Last Day Before Winter Holidays	Dec. 22
School Re-Opens	Jan. 8

Tour de Rock

On Monday, October 2nd, we will be hosting the Tour de Rock Ride for Cancer team at an assembly at 10:00 a.m. Our school liaison officer, Constable Caram, is one of the riders. Students and families are encouraged to bring a "Twoonie" to support the Riders in their fundraising for children with cancer.

Our leadership team has been sponsoring a jellybean count contest and will be encouraging students to decorate their bikes and ride to school on the day.



Parent-Teacher Interviews



Parent/Teacher Conferences

It was wonderful to see many of you out for our Open House/Meet the Teacher Night on September 21st.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Oct. 16-19. As in the years past, students will be dismissed early. This is an opportunity to meet with teachers to get an early snapshot on how your child is progressing so far. Please watch for confirmation from your child's classroom teacher for your scheduled time.

Criminal Record Checks

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 volunteer at the school or drive for school events.

We ask that parents who know they may volunteer to drive for classroom fieldtrips or school sports teams to complete this process as soon as possible. Thanks for volunteering.

Dress Code



It is expected students will dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to a positive and safe learning environment. Appropriate dress is safe; is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, discrimination, sex and/or violence; is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting. Clothing should appropriately cover the body from the shoulder to the mid-thigh. Students who wear inappropriate clothing will be asked to change into acceptable attire.

Parking Lot Safety



Please be aware that there is a parking lot at the back of the school (off Fairway Crescent). If possible, please use that area to help to alleviate the congestion in the main parking lot at the front of the school.

We also ask that parents try to avoid dropping students off in front of the handicap parking spots so that these remain available for those who need them.

Student Verification Forms

The student verification forms were sent home. Please remember to return yours. It is **very important** that parents fill out both sheets completely and accurately and return them back to school as soon as possible.

Telephone Messages

Please try to use the planners for messages and reminders of dentist, doctor appointments and after school arrangements for your children.

If there is a change and we receive a call in the office, we will page the students to come down to the office before lunch, recess or at the end of the day to inform them.

There is a phone in the front foyer for students to contact parents - however, we ask students to make play dates prior to coming to school in the morning.

Absences/Lates

Please phone the office by 8:30 a.m. if you know your child will be absent or late. You can also leave a voicemail at any time.



BC Fruit and Vegetable Program

The BC Schools Fruit & Vegetable Program continues again this year serving up fresh and ready to eat. All the fruit and vegetables provided are BC grown and our students learn the healthy benefits of fruits and vegetables and types of produce grown in B.C.



Email Addresses for Mail Outs

We would still like to see all of our families on our Rock City electronic mail out list in our ongoing efforts to become more paper-friendly.

In aligning with last year's new email privacy legislation, we need parents to give our school permission to email them things such as our school newsletter which may contain cost items such as school photos.

Our school newsletter will be emailed on the last Thursday of the month to all families who have opted in. Upcoming Dates are sent out weekly on Fridays.

If you receive this newsletter electronically, you are successfully on our email list. If you don't receive an electronic copy, **Please visit our website and subscribe** 😊


<http://rc.schools.sd68.bc.ca>

IMPORTANT: When you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email with a link that you need to [click to complete your subscription](#).

Subscribe to our Newsletter

Because of the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation, we require parents' consent to send you our school newsletter via email.



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Adopt a School

Rock City Elementary has been selected for the Chapter's Indigo Adopt a School Program! Through this program, our library has the chance to receive donations of up to 370 brand new books! Our goal is to provide relevant, current, interesting books for students that promote a love of reading and learning. For each donation of two books, Chapters Indigo will donate a free book to the school! We have reached 297 of our 370 book goal!

Please consider sharing this amazing opportunity with co-workers, family and friends! Our students will benefit greatly from each donation received! The deadline is October 8th and we are confident that with the support of the amazing parents, staff and students of Rock City Elementary, we can reach our 370 book goal!

You can donate at Chapter's Indigo store at 6670 Mary Ellen Drive, or from the comfort of your own home by visiting the following website: <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/1390> before **October 8, 2017** to show your support for our library!