

Rock City Elementary

Year: 2022-2023

Principal: Mike Lundine



Our School Story

What are the unique, positive characteristics that we celebrate in our school/community?

- strong staff (supportive, connected, committed, caring and responsive to the needs of parents/students)
- staff/students share a lot of fun, laughter
- staff feels supported and appreciated by admin
- collaboration amongst staff (grade groupings, teachers supporting teachers)
- meet students where they are at (differentiation in the classroom, boys/girls groups, weekly Liaison officer visits, admin playing sports at recess with students, wrap around students/families when needed, taking time to understand the whole child and their current/past reality)

What are the important demographics of our school and community?

Rock City is in north Nanaimo. The school has 350 students in 15 divisions. Of the 350 students, 29 have ministry designations, 15 have ELL designations, 1 International Student and 67 students have Aboriginal ancestry. The school's socio-economic profile ranges from middle class to low income. While the school does not have a breakfast/lunch program, we provide breakfasts and lunches to an average of 20+ students per day.

- varied demographic at Rock City (socio-economic)
- teachers observe a variety cultural celebration over the course of the year
- strong school community, working to develop relationships and create connection between home/school
- low visible indigenous population

Our School Goals

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- To improve literacy at all grades.
- To incorporate Compassionate, Caring Learning Environment thinking and philosophies into everyday practice.

Our School Celebration Story

Rock city is blessed with a staff who work together, take care of each other, and laugh together. We have been lucky enough over the years to attract staff who are close friends outside of the schoolhouse. This makes for a tight-knit community feel and our learners benefit from that.

Evidence:

- Teachers check in with each other
- Staff room is always full
- Staff share resources
- Staff collaborate
- Staff check in when someone is at home ill
- Social activities
- Organized triad rooms
- Buddy classes
- Joint class activities
- Spirit days
- Mentorship
- Support one another's mental health

