



## ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

With the Winter Holiday only a day away, looking back at the past four months, there have been many activities and events that have taken place at Rock City Elementary School. Most recently we have had the Sock & Mitten Drive, the NED show and our Great Canadian Concerts.

I want to offer a sincere Thank You to all the staff, parents and community members who have demonstrated generosity of their time to support our students and school. We are so fortunate to have many volunteers who enrich our programs with their expertise and time.

It has been a very busy few months and we have all earned a well-deserved break! On behalf of all the staff at Rock City Elementary, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday! We look forward to having a fabulous start to 2018 in January.

Sincerely,  
*Eileen Jubinville*



### Important Dates

Please check our web calendar for dates:

Christmas Sweater/Hat Spirit Day	Dec 22
Last Day Before Winter Holidays	Dec. 22
School Re-Opens	Jan. 8
Report Card Issued	Feb. 2
BC Family Day	Feb. 12
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	Feb. 19
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	Feb. 20
Start of Spring Break	Mar. 19
Good Friday	March 30
Easter Monday	April 2
End of Spring Break	April 3
ProD (Students Don't Attend)	May 11
Victoria Day	May 21
Last Day of School	June 28
Report Cards Issued	June 28

### Spirit Day: Christmas Sweater & Hats

This month's spirit day will be held on December 22nd. Students are invited to wear their craziest or most comfy Christmas Sweater and/or Hat as we ease into the winter holidays.



### The Great Canadian Concert



On behalf of all the students and staff at Rock City School thank you for coming to watch our performances! We had fun celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

We wish you a wonderful rest of December and a Happy New Year!

### Report Cards

#### Report Cards

The Ministry of Education has moved from "reporting to parents" to "communicating with parents on an ongoing basis".

#### What will this look like for your family?

Again this year, the traditional Report Card has been replaced with a Mid-Year Snapshot of Student Progress (February), and a Summative Report (June). Whereas the traditional Report Cards were distributed at the end of each term, the new written reports will be sent home on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The written reports are different with Descriptive Feedback and Student Performance Scale sections. Letter grades will not be included on either written report.

Teachers are continuing with sending home Ongoing Communication of Student Learning which includes four criteria: Authentic Evidence (student work), the Learning Standards of the BC Curriculum, Descriptive Feedback from the teacher to the student, and Student Voice (the student's self-assessment).

#### How will educators communicate with parents?

There is no one prescribed format. Some teachers may choose to use a digital portfolio (FreshGrade), some may choose to use email, some may choose to use paper-based methods, and some may choose to use a combination of methods.

## Christmas Food, Mitten & Scarf Drive



A huge shout out to the Rock City Community Leadership Team for their hard work this month. Because of their time, hard work, and dedication, they made and delivered over 100 care packages of socks, mittens and hats to the homeless and served lunch at the New Hope Center. They also collected over \$600 for Loaves and Fishes. What an impact they have had on our local community!



A big thank you to the Rock City Community for generously helping with donations of food, hats, mittens, and socks to make our fundraising efforts such a great success! You have all shown the true meaning and spirit of Christmas and touched the lives of many people. Happy Holidays everyone!!!

## 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 a.m. 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.

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

## School Sports

Our volleyball season has begun. The season is still young but our Pee Wee and Bantam Boys and Girls are working hard to improve their bumping, setting, and serving.

## 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.

## Kindergarten and Other Registration

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2018-2019

A convenient and streamlined process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will begin on **January 10, 2018**.

The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. If your answer is yes to any of the following questions, you will register through the new online registration process:

- Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- Do I want to register my child in French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz).
- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request?

Before you begin, you will need the following:

- 1) A valid email address
- 2) Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth Certificate)
- 3) Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie. mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

Early French Immersion students will have until January 31, 2018 to register online. Student selection will once again be determined by lottery, with parents being notified early February 2018.

New Academy, Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District student registrations will be prioritized by date and time submitted online. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

To ensure placement at your catchment-area school, registration must be received by June 15, 2018.

For more information, please visit the district website or by emailing [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca).

