



ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

February has been another busy month at Rock City. We always have a lot of fun around Valentine's Day and discuss the importance of working together to help address the issue of bullying during February's Pink Shirt Day.



On February 5th, we held our third Family Night and over 50 students and families joined in the fun games, crafts and other activities arranged by third year Child and Youth Care Students from VIU. N3Science joined us this evening, with several science activities for families and students to participate in. A big thank you to Susan M'Gonigle, our community coordinator, for helping to make this evening a great success!

Our Grade 5-7 athletes have been practicing their skills in basketball and the games started last week.

At Rock City we try to help others as part of our Global Citizenship initiatives. At the end of January, we participated in Jump Rope for Heart; this year we raised over \$5300.

Our leadership team sponsored a Sweater Day in honour of recognizing climate change and how it affects wildlife and our environment. They sold hot chocolate to raise funds to virtually adopt a Polar Bear. They also sold Val-o-grams and the money raised is going to help fund a We Day water initiative. Events like this remind us of the opportunities we all have to difference in other people's lives.

Sincerely,

Eileen Jubinville

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Important Dates to Note

PAC Meeting (6:30pm)	Feb 28
Last Day before Spring Break	Mar 16
Good Friday (No School)	March 30
Easter Holiday (No School)	April 2
School Re-Opens (Tuesday)	April 3
School Track & Field Meet	April 27
Spring Variety Show	May 8 & 9
ProD (No School)	May 11
Victoria Day (No School)	May 21
Zone Track Meet	May 30
District Track Meet	June 7
Last Day of School	June 28

Anti-Bullying & Pink Shirt Day

February 28nd is Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear pink shirts on this day to both show school spirit and to help raise awareness of the importance of having the often-silent majority stand up against unhealthy and bullying behaviours. The Ministry of Education has a guide developed to assist parents regarding bullying behaviour and other safety issues with the E.R.A.S.E. program. The guide can be found at www.erasebullying.ca.



School Spirit & House Teams

Names will be drawn during our next Tiger Roar Draw at the assembly on Wednesday February 28th. Thanks for making Rock City a great place to learn and play!

Spirit Day: Wacky Hair Day

The next spirit day is on Friday, March 2nd. Students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing their hair in a different "wacky" way.



Sharing Cupboard

We have a Sharing Cupboard at school to help out, ie: students getting wet at recess breaks, slipping in mud puddles, etc. We like to have on hand - shirts, socks, pants, jackets, mittens, gloves, shoes and boots of various sizes.

Kindergarten E-Registration 2018-2019

Registration for Kindergarten for September 2018 continues to be open! Families are encouraged to register online as soon as possible. <http://www.sd68.bc.ca>

Nanaimo Wrestler Wins Gold!

Emmitt Giesbrecht, a grade 7 Rock City student, wins the gold during Western Canadian age-group wrestling championships in Abbotsford earlier this month.



Student Lates



To promote responsibility and a value for education, we encourage students to arrive to class on time. When students are late, they often miss information given first thing in the morning, basic directions on a task, and disrupt the learning environment of the rest of the class. Sometimes students are late due to medical, dental or other appointments, these are the exceptions and we understand they will occur.

Thank you in advance for your support with helping us develop responsible student citizens at Rock City Elementary School.

Sexual Health Education

As part of the mandated curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education, our school is required to teach about sexual health to the students. Rock City Elementary teachers and Natalie Chelsom, Sexual Health Educator, of Nanaimo Ladysmith Learning Services will be delivering the Sexual Health Curriculum this year.

There are grade-specific concepts as well as "big ideas" that focus on students knowing about their bodies and making healthy choices that help them look after themselves. The learning outcomes from the Health and Career Education Curriculum, is available on the ministry website. Please click [HERE](#) to look at the prescribed learning outcomes.

School Closures Due to Weather

A reminder: If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM & WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7am on the day of the closure.



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

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 students and adults.

Grade 3 Swim to Survive

Grade 3 students will be participating again this year in the Swim to Survive program. This free program educates our young people as to how to be in the water safely and prevent accidental drowning. There are three (3) pool sessions and one (1) in class session of instruction. Permission slips were sent home and the program will begin at the end of February. For more information, please contact your child's teacher.

Satisfaction Survey 2017-2018

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

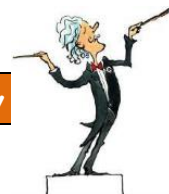
The Satisfaction Survey is administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province - in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school sent home earlier this month. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

The e-survey site will be available until the end of April.

Grade 4 Vancouver Island Symphony

On January 22, our grade 4 students and parents joined other grade 4 students from across our district to attend a performance of our Vancouver Island Symphony at the Port Theatre.



Clipper Tickets "Cheer Off"

A great time was had by our group of Rock City students, staff, family and friends who attended the February Cheer Off. Thank you to Mr. Sullivan for sponsoring this event.

