



ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

As January unfolds, it is a perfect opportunity to re-establish routines and regular habits to support your child's school life. Please continue to be involved in your child's education by:

1. Regular bedtimes with time for brushing teeth, and quiet reading time helps to calm active children and enable them to sleep well each night.
2. Consistent wakeup times, healthy breakfasts and sufficient time to dress and gather school books enables children to begin the school day on time and in a calm way.
3. Regular daily homework time (with parental support as needed) is essential to help children feel competent and confident in class.
4. Ensure there is a balance between active play and television or computer time. Time with friends and family is essential to developing positive social skills and a sense of belonging.
5. Computers should be in a highly visible area of the house. A child's computer time must be monitored and should follow specific safety guidelines regarding site and program access.
6. Share a caring conversation and a smile with your child each day.

We also ask each of our students to think of ways he or she can continue to make Rock City an even better place to work, learn and play. Each individual can make a difference and has a role to play in making the 2017-18 school year one of the best ever!

Sincerely,
Eileen Jubinville

Important Dates

Jump Rope for Heart: Jump Off	Feb. 1
Report Card Issued	Feb. 2
BC Family Day (No School)	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
School Track & Field Meet	April 27
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
Report Cards Issued	June 28

Jump Rope for Heart

January saw our school dusting off our skipping ropes as we practiced for our next fundraiser. Students received Jump Rope for Heart fundraising information and asked for pledges to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



Our Jump Rope Jump Off will be on Thursday, February 1 with all pledges due into the school by Tuesday, February 13th at the latest.

Family Literacy Week



We celebrated Family Literacy Week at Rock City January 22-26th.

Mrs. Black, our teacher librarian, invited

students to bring in a gently used book to exchange for a book of their choice.

A literacy trivia contest for students and staff was held throughout the week. New books were awarded for correct answers (one primary and one intermediate per day).

Parking Lot and Driving Safety



We continue to have parents using the round-about parking lot for student pickup and/or drop off and driving too fast for a parking lot.

For safety reasons, we kindly request that our families please use the larger parking lot by the annex or the parking lot behind our school.

The RCMP held a Speed Watch for one hour in front of our school this past week and reported that **26 cars** were clocked travelling through the school zone above the speed limit and **14 cars** clocked driving over the speed limit stopped in at the school.

Please drive safely in all parking lots and on the road!

Burn Awareness Week February 5-9th 2018



Families are encouraged to visit www.burnfund.org and review safety tips for Fire Safety with their children.

Firefighters will be visiting on Monday, February 5th in the younger grades (K-1).

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 7:00 AM 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.

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.

Appropriate Clothing for the Weather Conditions

There may be days students will ask the question, "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is no.



Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing.

At Rock City we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. **It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks.** Warm gloves are always a good idea as well.

Satisfaction Surveys

On an annual basis, the Ministry of Education asks BC Schools to participate in a Satisfaction Survey of grade four and seven students, their parents, and school staff. The main purpose of the survey is to provide information that will help guide discussions around improving student achievement and overall satisfaction. The survey gathers perceptions from each of the groups regarding achievement, human and social development and safety. All the surveys are anonymous.



Letters regarding the survey (with randomly generated computer logins) will be coming home. **We ask parents involved to take a few minutes to complete the survey to help provide our school with additional information that we can use to help guide our practices in the future;** students will complete the surveys in school.

School Registration 2018-2019



Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19 started on Wednesday, January 10th. Complete information about registration is available on the school district website www.sd68.bc.ca.

Early and Late French Immersion, and Departure Bay Eco-school students will have until January 31, 2017 to register online. Student selection will be determined by lottery.

New Academy, Out-of-Catchment and Out of District student registrations will be prioritized by date and time submitted online. Deadline is March 31, 2017.

Our Grade 7 students are automatically registered at Wellington Secondary for Grade 8, as Wellington is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to Wellington Secondary as this is taken care of for your child. Students wanting to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school should notify their Principal and Grade 7 Teacher and apply online at www.sd68.bc.ca. Out of catchment applications will be prioritized based on time and date stamp of the application.

School Spirit & House Teams

The following students had their names drawn during our recent Tiger Roar Draw. Thanks for making Rock City a great place to learn and play:

Div. 1 Alyssa	Div. 2 Ashely
Div. 4 Brooklyn	Div. 5 Jenny
Div. 6 Audrina	Div. 7 Mekhiah
Div. 8 Summer	Div. 9 Tristan
Div. 10 Jax	Div. 11 Paige
Div. 12 Shelby	Div. 13 Jordan
Div. 14 Ryu	Div. 15 Ty
Div. 16 Jaiden	Div. 17 Masha

Allergies (Nut & Scent Sensitive School)

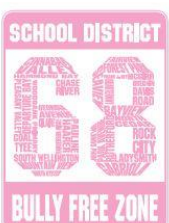
A reminder that we have significant nut allergies and scent sensitivities at Rock City.



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.

Anti-Bullying & Pink Shirt Day

February 28th is Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day. Students were 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.



Save the Date: Thursday Feb. 1 at McGirr Elementary for a Parent Session on Internet/Social Media 6:30-8:30pm