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### **School Hours**

**8:30–2:15**

**RECESS**

**9:55-10:10**

**LUNCH**

**12:00-12:30**

**DISMISSAL**

**2:15**

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# **Ripple Rock Elementary**

**February 2023**

Happy February!

It is incredible to think that we are near the mid-point in the school year already. We have been thrilled to see all the excited faces of next year's kindergarten students arriving during Registration week. While the official week is over, if you know of any 4 or 5 year olds in the neighborhood, please remind their families to come in and see us.

February is such an exciting time of year for learning! As class routines have been established, these winter months between Christmas and Spring Break are the months where we see huge growth. We can really dig in and make lots of gains in academics, as well as with our social responsibility expectations. We like to remind our students during these intense learning times, to make sure they are getting lots of sleep, keeping active and are eating healthy snacks that are good for our growing brains!

As always, Ripple Rock Elementary is alive with activity and learning. We enjoyed Literacy Week, where classes were participated in activities with the theme "Make It Count!" We were excited to be able to hear Stories with Kung Jaadee through a link with the Tidemark Theatre. Our salmon have hatched in the tank in the front foyer and a number of our classes are working with Greenways Land Trust on a local plants project. We are excited to welcome Science World to our school this week, where we will get to learn science in a fun way!

As always, thank you to our families who support what we do at Ripple Rock. We appreciate the wonderful children you share with us every day.

Warmest Regards,

Michelle Nohr & Andrea Ritchie

## Parking Reminders

Thank you to the many families who navigate the busy road and parking lot everyday!

Please continue to remind your children that they should use the cross walks whenever crossing the road, and that when possible, they should not be walking behind parked cars as they are often below driver sightlines.

Bus parking (red curbs) should be used for pick up and drop off only and care should be taken to move if a bus is approaching.

Disabled parking should only be used by vehicles displaying proper signage.

Thank you!

## February Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students having a birthday in February!

Xavier	Cory	Emilia
Kaeden	Paige	Rhylan
Avery	Hayden	Hailey-Jade
Owen	Soren	Keyden
Declan	Natalia	Benson
Lily	Aurora	Matthew
Alaina	Chanel	Liam



## Hour Zero Emergency Drill Information

On Wednesday, we will practice a lock-down drill. During the lock down, teachers will lock their doors, close their blinds/curtains and turn the lights out in the classroom. Students and staff are expected to remain quiet and out of sight. Teachers will go through the expectations prior to the drill occurring. We are aware that it can seem frightening. Our goal is to prepare children for an emergency so they are able to respond automatically in case of a real emergency. Please take a minute to talk to your children about the drill.



## Lock-Down

Lock-Downs are used to protect the safety of individuals during a **THREAT OF VIOLENCE**, where the threat is inside the building or on campus and when it may be more dangerous to evacuate the building than to stay inside.

### Lock-Down is...

a procedure for securing students and staff in lockable rooms during incidents involving threats of violence.

# February 2023

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

**1** Leadership students  
to the School Board  
Office

**2**

**3**



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

**6**

**7**

Dobler/Hogan Oyster Bay  
Lacombe visit  
from Aquarium

**8**

Lockdown drill 9:45



**9**

Science World at Ripple Rock 9:15-12:00

**10**

**13**

**14**

Dobler/Hogan  
Baikie Island

**15**



**16**

Report Cards  
Home  
If your child ordered  
hot lunch Nov 30  
they will receive hot  
lunch today



**17**

Non-Instructional Day  
Report cards on portal



**20**

Family Day



**21**

Dobler/Hogan Big  
House

**22**

Wiese/Little Mt.  
Washington Snow-  
shoeing



**23**

**24**

Evacuation Drill

**27**

**28**

Dobler/Hogan  
Cape Mudge

Upcoming  
Events

March 6  
Non-Instructional Day

March 15  
Student Led Confer-  
ence. No School

Spring Break

March 25-returning  
April 11th

# Out-of-School Care



The out-of-school care program is located at Cedar Elementary, Georgia Park Elementary, Ocean Grove Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary, Ripple Rock Elementary and Sandowne Elementary.

Hours of operation are before school from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and after school from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## LICENSED, QUALITY CARE

- The out-of-school care centres are licensed under the authority of island Health (Community Care and Assisted Living Act).
- As part of the licensing, at least one responsible adult must have their first aid with CPR endorsement.
- The adult to child ratio will be 1:12.

## COST

- Before-school \$10/day
- After-school \$25/day
- Before- and after-school \$35/day
- Full Day (i.e. Pro-D Day) \$45/day

## SICK POLICY

- We ask you to keep your child home if they are sick.
- We may call you to pick up your child if they are ill, even if they attended school that day.
- You will be charged for any days your child is away.

## Common Questions

**Does my child have to attend the school where the childcare centre is located?**

Yes. These spaces are only open to children who currently attend the school.

**If my child doesn't get into the program, is there a waitlist?**

Yes. Your child will automatically be placed on the waitlist, and you will be informed.

**Does my child have to attend full-time?**

Priority will be given to children who attend five days per week. Part-time children will be considered.

**Why does childcare cost so much?**

Childcare is not funded by the province and must operate on a cost-recovery basis. We will review the costs to determine if adjustments are required.

**How can I pay for childcare?**

Payment is due on the first school day of the month. Cheque, e-transfer, or online payments are accepted. A \$50 NSF cheque fee applies to any cheque that is denied or cancelled.

**I can't afford childcare, is there a subsidy?**

Yes. The Affordable Child Care Benefit is available from the provincial government. Info can be found by searching '[Affordable Child Care Benefit](#)' online.

**Will the district cover childcare fees if I can't?**

Unfortunately, childcare is unfunded and must not operate at a loss. It also cannot use funds from K-12 school funding. The only support is through the province's Affordable Child Care Benefit.

**My child has an educational assistant (EA) during the school day. Will my child have a dedicated EA during childcare?**

During the school day, supports are provided based on K-12 funding. For before- and after-school childcare, families must apply through Supported Child Development. ([cradacl.bc.ca](http://cradacl.bc.ca))

**What do I do if I have a concern about childcare?**

You should speak to the childcare provider directly. If the issue is not resolved, you can contact the childcare manager at [childcare@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:childcare@sd72.bc.ca).