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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

November 2023

Hello Ripple Rock Community!

What a month of change we are undergoing! The weather is changing, the time is changing, and some of our daily faces are changing. Our newsletter arriving mid month is a result of some of those changes! As you know, Mrs. Kelly has transferred to Timberline. Our new administrative assistant, Ms. Jodeen Hodgson, will begin on Tuesday and Mrs. Kelly will be back to help her get established.

Mrs. Nohr, our Vice Principal has been transferred to Ecole Phoenix Middle School. She will be at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday and then she will begin at her new school. We will miss her tremendously, but our students will be so lucky to have a familiar, caring face when they arrive at Phoenix in grade 6.

Mrs. Tara Mellstrom will be stepping in the Acting Vice Principal role until the end of the year. We are so excited that she will have the opportunity to share her knowledge, skill and creativity with the whole school population.

It was wonderful to see so many families here during our Student Learning conference day at the beginning of the month. I appreciated the preparation teachers and students put into planning what to share to demonstrate their growth since the beginning of the year. I encourage you to use the newsletters, website and emails to have conversations with your students.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the District 2 km Cross Country Run! You were incredible representatives of Ripple Rock school! Thank you to Mrs. Wiese and Mrs. Gardiner for sponsoring this group.

Another congratulations (ahead of time) to our Performance Skipping Team. We enjoy watching your skills develop and are excited to hear about your performance at Ocean Grove next week!

Finally, thank you very much for participating in our PAC's cookie dough fundraiser. It was a rousing success! The current fundraiser is for poinsettias and other holiday arrangements. Please check the PAC Facebook page for information and updates.

Have a safe and dry weekend. Sincerely,

Andrea Ritchie, Principal

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Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

		<p>1</p> <p><i>Student Led Conference</i></p> 	<p>2</p> <p><i>District cross country run @ Sportsplex</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Dobler Hogan Roberts to Oyster Bay Park</i></p>
<p>6</p> <p>Fall Behind</p> <p>Turn back your clocks Sunday 2am</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Dobler Hogan Roberts to Canyon View</i></p>
<p>13</p>  	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Dobler Hogan Roberts to Baikie Island Park</i></p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p><i>Cook/ Wiese to Elk Falls</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Dobler Hogan Roberts to Oyster River Nature Park</i></p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Black Dog String Quartet</i></p>	<p>30</p>	



HANDWASHING FOR HEALTH

Germs spread easily in a classroom. Handwashing is the best way to stop the spread of germs that cause colds, influenza (flu), diarrhea and other sicknesses. It is important that children learn how and when to wash their hands to lower their risk of getting sick.

How to Wash Hands:

- ♦ **Wet** your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap
- ♦ **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap
- ♦ **Scrub** all surfaces of your hands, including the palms, backs, fingers, between your fingers, and under your nails. Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
- ♦ **Rinse** your hands under clean, running water
- ♦ **Dry** your hands using a clean towel, paper or air dry them
- ♦ **Turn off taps** with a paper towel

When to Wash Hands:

- ♦ Before and after preparing, eating or handling food
- ♦ After using the toilet
- ♦ After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- ♦ After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages, or animal feces (poop)
- ♦ After touching garbage
- ♦ If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy

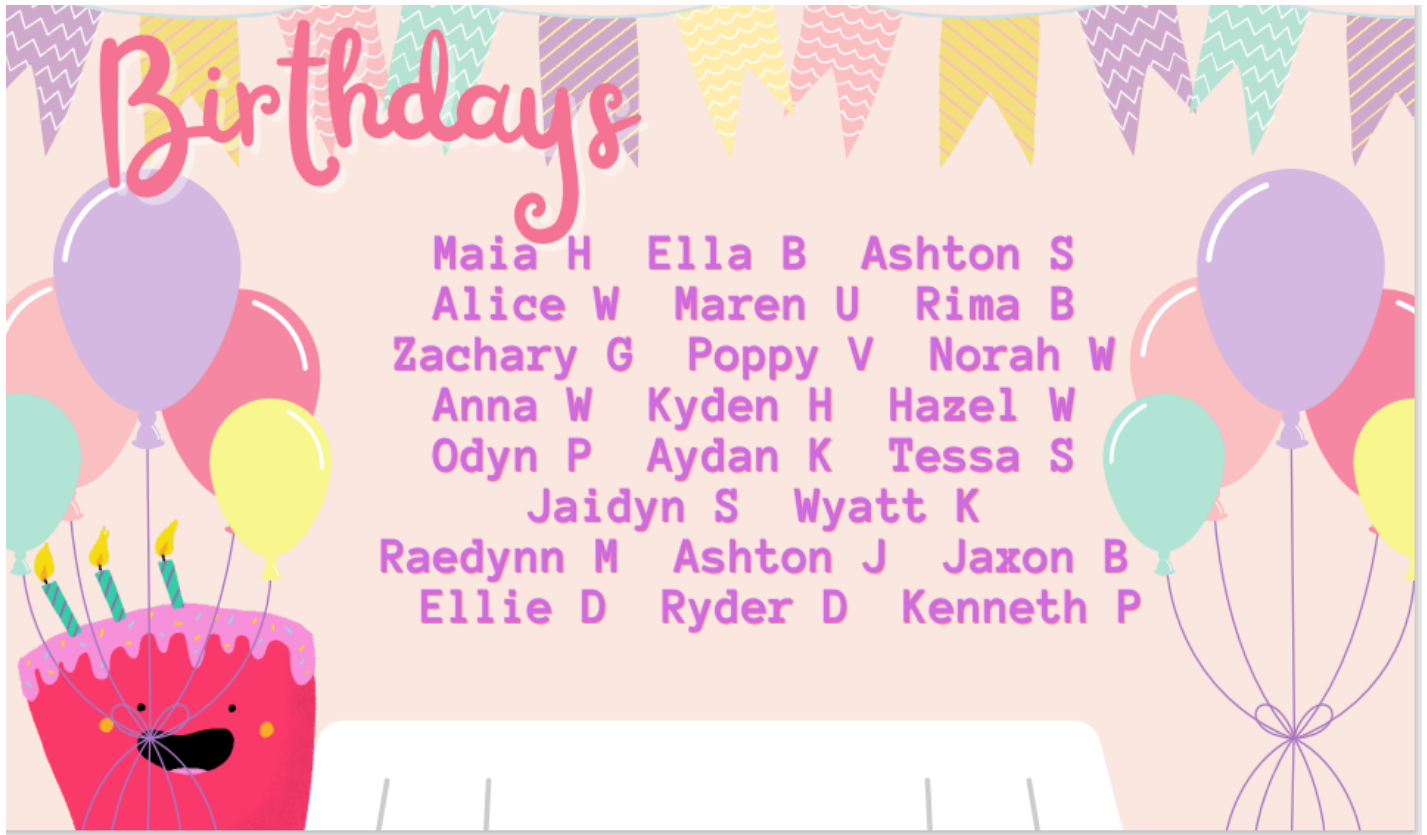
For more information:

- ♦ Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
- ♦ [HealthLinkBC](#) or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ♦ [Do Bugs Need Drugs?](#)
- ♦ [Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives \(CDC\)](#)

Weather Closures of School

While the CR School District will try to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, there will be occasions when schools must temporarily close due to extreme weather or emergency reasons. Any decision to close schools is made by the Superintendent in consideration for the safety of students and staff. As winter approaches, the likelihood of a closure increases.

Please take a moment to refer to full information on the website [Emergency Weather Closures](#) detailing steps taken in the event of extreme weather overnight or during school hours.



Maia H Ella B Ashton S
Alice W Maren U Rima B
Zachary G Poppy V Norah W
Anna W Kyden H Hazel W
Odyn P Aydan K Tessa S
Jaidyn S Wyatt K
Raedynn M Ashton J Jaxon B
Ellie D Ryder D Kenneth P



Save the Date for
Ripple Rock's
Winter Wonderland

Wednesday, December 13th
Early evening—exact time TBD

We will be having an evening of games, crafts and family fun. Please stay tuned!

Ripple Rock's 12 Days of Giving

Once again, Ripple Rock will be doing the **12 Days of Giving**. We will be supporting the Knights of Columbus, who assist many families in the Campbell River area, and every year there is more need. Below we have included a list of items that are in high demand. We would like to keep our students involved and encourage them to help make a difference in their community while understanding why it is important to give.

We will be collecting items for 12 days in our classrooms and displaying them in our school foyer to see the huge difference we can all make if we work together. If you are able, please have some fun sending the following items on each day.

*Items are not limited to this list. Other non-perishable items or donations are welcome. They are not collecting toys this year.

We challenge our students to the following catchy holiday song with a twist!

1st	Nov. 27	Cans of vegetables or fruit
2nd	Nov. 28	Cans of tuna or salmon
3rd	Nov. 29	Oats or cereal
4th	Nov. 30	Spaghetti or other pasta
5th	Dec. 1	Cans of soup or stew
6th	Dec. 4	Pasta sauce / canned tomatoes / tom. paste
7th	Dec. 5	Hot chocolate, tea or coffee
8th	Dec. 6	Juice or canned milk
9th	Dec. 7	Cranberry sauce
10th	Dec. 8	Package of cookies
11th	Dec. 11	Pancake mix or syrup
12th	Dec. 12	Peanut butter or jam

Thank you for helping, make a difference in our community!