



Ripple Rock Elementary

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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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Happy February!

We have officially started the second half of the school year and the days are getting lighter! The sun and the light make everyone's moods better. We have been busy completing kindergarten registration for next year's students. While the official week is over, if you know of any 4 or 5 year olds, please remind their families to come in and see us.

This is the time of year when learning is at its peak. The conversations and activities going on in every classroom are so rich! The intermediate classes have completed science fairs. Many classes are learning about the salmon (k̓úta/k̓út̓la) life cycle as we watch the eggs in our tank develop into alevin. Teams are practicing for Battle of the Books. At recesses, students are practicing basketball or skipping in the gym. We were lucky to have Morgan Toney and Keith Mullins share music from Cape Breton and Mi'kmaq cultures during Family Literacy week. Classes are learning on the land, and up the mountain. It is amazing to be part of a school that is so alive with activity and learning.

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

February 2024

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

5

Cook/Wiese
Mt.Washington

6

7

8

9

Bello/Wieman - C.R.
Bowling
Dobler, Hogan,
Roberts-Cape
Mudge

12

Cook/Wiese
Mt.Washington

13

14



15

16

Non-Instructional
Day



19

Family Day



20

PAC meeting
6:30pm Library

21



Demeo - CR Museum

22

DHH- Field Trip WIP
Courtenay Climbing

23

Evacuation Drill

26

Cook/Wiese
Mt.Washington

27

Principal's Lunch

28

Pink Shirt Day

28



Spring Break

March 18-returning
April 2

End of Day Reminders

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

End of day **bell goes at 2:15pm** and it is preferred to please wait until the final bell to pick up your child to avoid classroom interruptions.

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.

Thank you!

PAC Cheese Fund Raiser

Orders can be completed on Munchalunch.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

PARADISE ISLAND VARIETY PACK 880g



Paradise Island Monterey Jack Jalapeno
Paradise Island Sharp Cheddar
Paradise Island Gouda
Paradise Island Applewood Smoked Old Cheddar

PAC meeting, Feb 20, 6:30pm, in the library

This meeting will focus on planning PAC events and discussing the rest of the school year. We value your input. Additionally, several PAC executives have will be moving on next year, as their children are heading to middle school. It is a great opportunity to see what PAC does, have your voice heard and start thinking about how you could be involved this year and into the future.

PAC Update: Did you know that if you have a child enrolled at Ripple Rock that you are automatically a member of the PAC? Your insight and experience are welcomed and valued!

February Birthdays

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

Xavier	Ayla	Alaina	Hailey
Nevaeh	Gracie-Ann	Natalia	Paige
Emilia	Jasper	Benson	Amir
Declan	Soren	Lilly	Shea
Rhylan	Keyden	Aurora	Chanel
Matthew			



Save the Date: Family Movie Night

The PAC is sponsoring a family Movie night on Thursday, March 7. The doors will open at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6:15. Stay tuned for more information!





We're participating in Jump Rope for Heart



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke.

We love participating in Jump Rope for Heart because:

Students learn life-long habits:

Jump Rope for Heart is more than a fundraiser. It teaches students EASY Healthy Habits to help protect their heart and brain health – for a lifetime!



Eat fruits and vegetables

Active for 1 hour or more

Screens for 2 hours or less

Yes to water, no to sugary drinks

Students can earn Thank You Gift Cards:

As our heartfelt thank you for your support, students can earn one of five Thank You Gift Cards, plus a chance to win two great contests! Gift cards are from Toys "R" Us, Indigo, Amazon or Walmart – based on the fundraising levels. Learn more at jumpropeforheart.ca.

Jump is customizable for all abilities:

On our Jump Event Day kids can move their way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and more!

Kids feel good by doing good:

Students learn the importance of giving back as they collect donations that help fund critical research that saves lives, prevents heart disease and stroke, and supports survivors and their families. The funds collected help other kids like Julian, who suffered a pediatric stroke following his heart surgery.



Jump gives back:

Schools that raise a minimum of \$500 will receive 8% of their fundraising dollars back to put towards what we need most or we can donate it back to Heart & Stroke to make an even bigger impact.



Families can use or share this QR code to donate to the Jump Rope for Heart.

Students can also set up their own page, if they wish to fundraise on their own.

CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Child, Youth and Family Program Descriptions

All Weather Family Place | Newborn and Up | FREE

Meet at Dick Murphy Park at the Tye Spit for the outdoor version of our popular Family Place program. We'll provide coffee, snacks, songs, stories, activities, and more. Join us in a welcoming place where children and their caregivers can enjoy simple activities and learn together.

Baby Time | Newborn - Walking | FREE

A time and place for new babies to drop-in with their grown-ups to connect, share and learn from one another. Baby Time welcomes twins and triplets.

Busy Bees | Walking to 5 Years | \$10 per Child

Children stay busy singing songs and participating in games and social play while parents or caregivers catch up on their fitness in the weight room or at one of our classes at the Sportsplex. Drop off the kids and go for a run, study, or sit and enjoy a coffee. Dress appropriately for indoor and outdoor activities and bring a nut-free snack and water. You can register online up to two weeks in advance or take a chance and drop in. Registration is recommended for this popular program.

Family Badminton | Ages 6+ \$3 per Child / \$5 per Youth / \$7 per Adult

Bring the whole gang out and challenge your family or another group to a game of badminton! Equipment is available to borrow, and volunteer badminton leaders will help you learn a few tricks while having fun. Children must attend with a parent or guardian.

NEW! Fitness Memberships and 10 Visit passes can now be used for this program!

Family Place | Newborn and Up | FREE

Join us to create a place for families, caregivers, and their young children to enjoy simple activities and learn together. We will put the coffee on, provide snacks, and share stories, songs, activities and more!

Hemlock Family Place | Newborn and Up | FREE

Join us to create a Family Place on Hemlock Street. We'll put the coffee on and bring snacks, songs, stories, activities, and more. We invite families to join us with their young children to create a welcoming place where children and their caregivers can enjoy simple activities and learn together. Located at: 1048 Hemlock Street.

PLAY Gym | Age 5 and Under | FREE

Motivated by P.L.A.Y. (Physical Literacy and You) CR, this playful hour encourages movement and physical competence for you and your preschooler. Skip, jump, hop, and run through our giant obstacle course, balance and tumble on mats, or push, throw, and catch balls while dancing to fun tunes! Parents/guardians are responsible for their children during this program.

Sunday Fun Day | Age 5 and Under | \$3 per Child | \$5 per Family

It's playtime for preschoolers (walking to 5-year-olds) and their grown-ups. The gyms are ready with riding toys, tumbling mats, balls, climbers and more. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children during this program.

CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY CALENDAR

January to May, 2024

Program will be held in the Community Centre

Program will be held in the Sportsplex

Program will be held Offsite

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	8:45 – 10:45 a.m. Busy Bees Jan 9 – May 28 Sportsplex No Program Mar 19 and 26	8:45 – 10:45 a.m. Busy Bees Jan 10 – May 29 Sportsplex No Program Mar 20 and 27	8:45 – 10:45 a.m. Busy Bees Jan 11 – May 30 Sportsplex No Program Mar 21 and 28		
9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Baby Time Jan 8 – May 27 Community Centre No Program Feb 19, Apr 1, and May 20		9 – 11 a.m. Family Place Jan 3 – May 29 Community Centre		9 – 11 a.m. Family Place Jan 5 – May 31 Community Centre No Program Mar 29	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. PLAY Gym Jan 8 – May 13 Community Centre No Program Feb 19 and Apr 1		9 – 11 a.m. Hemlock Family Place Jan 10 – May 29 1048 Hemlock St		9 – 11 a.m. Hemlock Family Place Jan 12 – May 31 1048 Hemlock St No Program Mar 29	
12 Noon – 2 p.m. Family Place Jan 8 – May 27 Community Centre No Program Feb 19, Apr 1, and May 20		12 Noon – 2 p.m. Family Place Jan 3 – May 29 Community Centre	1:15 – 2:30 p.m. All-Weather Family Place - SPRING ONLY <u>Starts in May - Dates TBA</u> Dick Murphy Park	10:30 – 11:30 a.m. PLAY Gym Jan 12 – May 17 Sportsplex No Program Mar 29	SUNDAY
3 – 5 p.m. Afterschool Programs Jan 15 – May 27 Sportsplex Registration Recommended	3 – 5 p.m. Afterschool Programs Jan 9 – May 28 Sportsplex Registration Recommended	3 – 5 p.m. Afterschool Programs Jan 10 – May 29 Sportsplex Registration Recommended	3 – 5 p.m. Afterschool Programs Jan 11 – May 30 Sportsplex Registration Recommended	12 Noon – 2 p.m. Family Place Jan 5 – May 31 Community Centre No Program Mar 29	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Fun Day Jan 21 – May 26 Sportsplex No Program Mar 31 and May 19
3:30 – 5 p.m. Junior Badminton Jan 8 – Feb 12 \$60 / 6 Weeks Sportsplex Registration Recommended	5 – 7 p.m. Family Badminton Jan 9 – May 28 Sportsplex				

Cancellation Policy

- When 72 Hours cancellation notice is given for registered programs, a refund will be granted and no withdraw fee will be charged
- When less than 72 hours notice is given for registered programs, there will be no refund granted
- Pre-registered drop in sessions must be cancelled by 4 p.m. the day prior in order to receive a refund

- Squash and Racquetball courts may be cancelled up to 1 hour in advance of your scheduled court time
- If the cancellation occurs due to a medical condition please contact us directly for more information
- To cancel, please call 250-923-7911, 250-286-1161 or email recandculture@campbellriver.ca



Community Centre 250.286.1161

Sportsplex 250.923.7911

LEARN TO SKATE FOR ALL ICE SPORTS

WITH THE

CAMPBELL
River
SKATING CLUB



Registration is open for Winter programs!

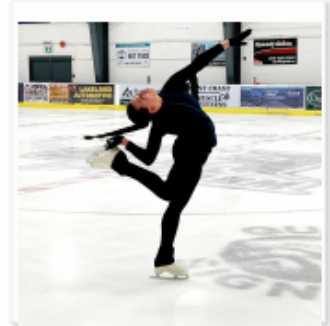
- CanSkate Learn to Skate
- PreCanSkate
- Parent and Tot
- PowerSkate Hockey
- STARSkate Figure Skating (Youth or Adult)

Sign up online!

SkateCampbellRiver.ca



SCAN TO
SIGN UP



**Skate
Canada**



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)

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.



YOUTH TOGETHER

AFTER SCHOOL GRIEF GROUP

If you've lost someone special, we've got your back!
Our tight-knit group is a safe space for healing together.

Starting Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024 3:30 - 4:30
Hospice Care Centre 440 Evergreen Rd, Campbell River

**Get in touch with Coreenna, Clinical Counsellor, to register:
Coreenna@crhospice.ca or text 867-620-0142**

MINDFULNESS

CONNECTING

SNACKS!

SUPPORT

WELLNESS ACTIVITIES!

