



Ripple Rock Elementary

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School Hours

8:30–2:15

RECESS

10:30–10:45

LUNCH

11:45– 12:15

DISMISSAL

2:15

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Welcome Back!

We have had a great couple of weeks getting back into the swing of school. This is one of the newsletters that we will be sending a paper version home, as well as posting on our school website. The online version live links work to help you keep up to date.

How to keep up with school events:

[Ripple Rock School Website](#) - Items posted here are also automatically updated on the [Ripple Rock Facebook](#) site.

[SD72 Parent Portal App](#) - How to install instructions at this link. The app will work on a website, IOS and Android devices. Search for CRSD72 Parent App in the App Store or Google Play

Many teachers also send a weekly update using email too.

Please get in the habit of checking with website/Facebook as we will work to keep that information the most current. Newsletters are once a month and give an overview but often not the details.

Watch this short video to learn more!



Hungry Kids at School

Every school in Campbell River has a [Feeding Futures](#) coordinator who has an hour a day to shop and prepare food for students who need it.

Snacks: We always have a fruit bowl and healthy snacks that are available to students who have finished their food from home and are still hungry.


Lunch: Our coordinator makes lunches for students who need one on a daily basis. It could be an every day need, or when a student forgets a lunch from time to time. Students who need a lunch every now and then complete a quick paper in the morning so our coordinator knows how many lunches to make. Teachers do a quick check during snack time to see if someone may need lunch that day.

Grab & Go Breakfast: We are developing a plan to have quick, healthy items available in the front foyer. At this point it could be a smoothie, a hardboiled egg, toast or a home made muffin. We hope to have this up and running in a couple of weeks.



SEPTEMBER

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
					On the Land Quinsam River		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	PAC Meeting 6:30	Tour de Rock & Terry Fox We are collecting donations for both	School Photo Day	Open House 5:30-6:30	Orange Shirt Day Bello/Wiese M.A.R.S. field trip On the Land Oyster River		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 						



Ripple Rock Staff 2024-2025

Heather Demeo	Kindergarten
Bree Brits	Kindergarten/Grade 1
Kirsten Dobler	Kwakwaka Li'wala Kindergarten/ Grade 1
Carly Scott	Grade 1
Heather Reinholt	Grade 1/2
Natasha Hogan	Kwakwaka Li'wala Primary/Intermediate
Amy Weiman	grade 2
Gabe Bello	Grade 2/3
Erin Galloway/Christie Kennedy	Grade 3/4
Megan Cook	Grade 3/4
Jenna Wiese/ Claire Billings	Grade 3/4
Kimberly Gardiner	Kwakwaka Li'wala Intermediate
Tara Mellstrom/Jennifer Anderson	Grade 4/5
Garth Douglas	Grade 4/5
Jodi Lane (Vice Principal)/Claire Billings	Grade 4/5
Elisa Welychko	Learning Support
Tara Mellstrom	Learning Support
Catherine Wilson	Indigenous Support/ ELL
Jenaca Germyn	Teacher Librarian
Ellen Smith	Music
Dana Roberts	Language and Culture Teacher
Linda Duffin	Indigenous Child/Youth Worker
Jodeen Hodgson	Administrative Assistant
Lindsey Boulter	Educational Assistant
Shelley Brand	Educational Assistant
Peggy Dick	Indigenous Educational Assistant
Adrienne Hennessey	Educational Assistant
Amber Robinson	Educational Assistant
Pat Stewart	Educational Assistant
Rebecca Suurhoff	Educational Assistant
Cassy Kirschner	Custodian

Terry Fox Run & Tour de Rock Visit

Our students will be participating in our annual Terry Fox run and receiving a visit from the Tour de Rock on **Tuesday, September 24.** We are encouraging students to bring a toonie for Terry and a toonie for the Tour if they can. Any donation is welcome, but none is required.

We will be running after lunch, then greeting the Tour de Rock riders on the back field at 1:40 pm. We are so excited to greet the riders as they complete this tremendous effort to fundraise for childhood cancer research and support.



Open House!

Ripple Rock staff invites families to join us for an Open House on Thursday, September 26th.

Your child will be able to show you around the classroom and other important places in the building. We will have a scavenger hunt that helps you in your exploration. You will be able to have an informal visit with your child's teacher, as well as other members of the school staff.

We are excited to meet new families and get re-acquainted with returning ones.

Time: 5:30–6:30 pm



Please write your child's name in sweat-shirts, jackets, hats, and on water bottles. We will work to reunite your children with their lost clothing. It is so much easier when there is a name inside!

BRING YOUR
Smile!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

PHOTO DAY

SEPT 25

After photo day, a take-home flyer containing instructions & information will be provided for every student.

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Paperwork Sent Home This Week

The following forms were sent home with your child earlier this week:

- * Student Verification Form
- * Use of Computers: Acceptable Use Agreement
- * Emergency Release Form
- * Student FIPPA/ Personal Information Consent Form

Many have already been returned! We appreciate the time it takes to review and update these forms and thank you for returning them to your child's teacher or to the office.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many birthday wishes to the following students who had a birthday in August or are having a birthday in September!

August: Remington K. Ailyn K. River T. Emmie H. Ruby H.
Konnor G. Grady D. Brett L. Grady D. Nellie M.
Ryatt A. Brooklyn P. Avaya H. Hudson S. Grayson J.
Kaylyn K. Jameson J. August M. Kavin H. Ryott L.
Talon N. Deegan R. Zayden S. Kye D. Natilee S.

September: Max A. Aria A. Emilee H. Max H. Amaya J.
Aubrey W. Elena F. Eugene H. Kai O. Harlee M.
Kingsley E. Thomas W. Brady J. Maxton R. Knox L.
Lennon F. Jenna F. Gordon B. Emelia P. Eva W.
Holden B. Mayson C. Philip G. Carder V.



Attendance

We love working with your children! Please make every effort to ensure that your child(ren) arrive at school on time. If they are late, they must come in through the main entrance and check in at the office to sign in. This will save you from a scary phone call saying they were marked away.

If your child will be absent, late or leaving early, please email (ripperock@sd72.bc.ca) or call the school. If we don't hear from you, we work to contact families to ensure children are home and safe. A quick message from parents saves a great deal of call out time for Mrs. Hodgson.

We know absences are necessary for illness and emergencies. We encourage your child to attend regularly otherwise. Absences add up quickly and equal a lot of lost learning time. Five days = 1 week, 20 days

Ripple Rock PAC

Earlier this week you received an email from your Ripple Rock Parent's Advisory Committee. Thank you for reading it and thinking about how you can be a part of the PAC. All parents are invited to meetings, and input and support is needed and valued.

Meetings: Third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
Ripple Rock Library Learning Commons.

First meeting: Sept. 23 at 6:30

Messages During the Day

With a school of over 300 students, the Ripple Rock office is an incredibly busy place. We are happy to get messages to your child during the day if plans have suddenly changed for the end of the day. We are hopeful that most of the time students/staff members know where children are going at the end of the day prior to their arrival in the morning.

If someone calls you from the school during the day and you see our number has called, if it is important, they will leave a message or call you back. We won't be able to track down where the call came from.

Parking Lot and Road Safety

Safety for students and adults is so important to us. The road and parking lot get so busy at the beginning and end of the day. We encourage cars to follow the posted speed signs and only park where permitted. The red line/bus zones are for drop off, not stopping. Please remind students to use sidewalks, cross at crosswalks, and to make sure they walk along the grass in the parking lot. Most students are not tall enough for reversing cars to see if they walk behind them. Thank to you everyone for ensuring we are all safe on the road at the busiest times of day.





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Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) FAIR NOTICE FOR PARENT COMMUNITY

What Parents and Students Need to Know

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigation may involve the student services counselor, the police or other community agencies
- investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action
- an intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

What is a threat?

an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:
to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
to understand the factors contributing to the threat maker's behaviour
to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
to promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What behaviors warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviors including, but are not limited to
serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
verbal/written threats to harm/kill others (clear, direct, and plausible)
online threats to harm/kill others
possession of weapons (including replicas)
bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
fire starting
sexual intimidation or assault
gang related intimidation and violence.

Collection Notice

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws, and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online source is only obtained from open source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

Sincerely,

Andrea Ritchie, Principal
Ripple Rock Elementary School



**Every Child Matters Walk Our National Day of
Truth & Reconciliation September 30, 2024**

Speaker: Wedlidi Speck

11:00 AM

**Opening Prayer
Remembrance Walk**

11:30 AM

**Eagle Down Spreading
Welcome Song
Sitting of the Survivors
Chiefs/Nations and Special Guests**

11:45 PM

**Mourning Song
Wedlidi Key Note-Why Orange Shirt day, Truth and Reconciliation**

12:30

Lunch Given Out

12:45

Honoring the Survivors

1:30

Ladies Dance, Salmon, Paddle and Fun dances

2:00

**Speeches / Closing
from Chiefs/Nation**

Tidemark Theatre

2:30

Stores told by Residential school/Indian day/Boarding home Survivors



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

**Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
Campbell River Library**

**Discussions about the toxic drug crisis in our
community**

SEPT 18

Prevention & Talking to Your Kids About Drugs

SEPT 25

Faces of the Drug Poisoning Emergency

OCT 2

The Current Drug Supply: What's Changed?

OCT 9

Harm Reduction where you least expect it

OCT 16

Culture: The Missing Piece

OCT 23

We've got it goin' on: Celebrating Community Action