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School Hours

8:30—2:15

RECESS

10:00—10:15

LUNCH

11:45— 12:15

DISMISSAL

2:15

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Ripple Rock Elementary

September 2025

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](http://www.sd72.bc.ca/ripplerock) school website (www.sd72.bc.ca/ripplerock)- Items posted here are also automatically updated on the [Ripple Rock Facebook](#) site

[SD72Parent 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. We will send out a school calendar once a month with an outline but the details will be found on the website.

Watch this short video to learn more!



Hungry Kids at School

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:

- Every day need—let the office know and we can prepare a lunch every day for your student
- Every now and then—student writes their name and class on a paper and brings to office so a lunch is ready for them.

Grab & Go Breakfast: We are hoping to have this running by the end of next week.



Ripple Rock Staff 2025-2026

Sarah Remmen	Kindergarten
Carly Scott	Kindergarten
Heather Reinholt	Kwakwaka Likwala Kindergarten/ Grade 1
Megan Cook	Kindergarten/ Grade 1
Claire Billings	Kwakwaka Likwala grade 1 /2/3
Amy Weiman	grade 1 /2
Maria Scholz/Erin Gallup	Grade 1/ 2
Gabe Bello	Grade 2/3
Myles Woodland	Grade 2/3
Erin Galloway/Jennifer Lacombe	Grade 3
Jenna Wiese/ Christie Kennedy	Grade 4
Kimberly Gardiner	Kwakwaka Likwala Grade 4/5
Tara Mellstrom/Christie Kennedy	Grade 4/5
Jodi Lane / Christie Kennedy	Grade 4/5
Garth Douglas	Grade 5
Elisa Welychko	Learning Support
Tara Mellstrom	Learning Support
Catherine Wilson	Indigenous Education/ ELL
Jenaca Germyn	Teacher Librarian
Ellen Smith	Music
Dana Roberts	Language and Culture Teacher
Melanie Chickite	Language and Culture—Language program
Kelsey Babchuk	Language and Culture—Language program
Emily Aikin	Language and Culture—Language program
Linda Duffin	Indigenous Child/Youth Worker
Jodeen Hodgson	Administrative Assistant
Lindsey Boulter	Educational Assistant
Shelley Brand	Educational Assistant
Kara Henderson	Indigenous Educational Assistant
Marlie Cleverley	Educational Assistant
Kate Humphreys	Educational Assistant
Arianna Mcfarlen	Educational Assistant
Lisa Nichini	Educational Assistant
Cheyenne Pickering	Educational Assistant
Sarah Tonn	Educational Assistant
Stephanie Turney	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 23.** 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 2:00 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 25th.

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



Clothes at School



- Please keep a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack.
- Names in coats help us return items forgotten around the school.
- The lost and found is by the library. It fills up very quickly. Please check if you are missing items.

Daily Attendance

Thank you for sending your lovely children every day. We appreciate the opportunity to work with them and support their learning. We encourage consistent attendance because learning activities are planned to follow one day into the next. Teachers work hard to make up for missed days but it can be hard for the child to fill in the gap.

We know illness and family matters can sometimes require students to be away from school. For all other circumstances, we want to have them here!

Ripple Rock has a very high absentee rate. We are hoping that we can work together to have all children at school more consistently this year.

Did you know:

- ♦ Students can attend if they feel well enough to be at school. They do not need to stay home until all symptoms of colds are gone if they feel well.
- ♦ If your student misses 2 days a month, that is 20 days per year, which equals a month of learning time. From kindergarten to grade 5 that would be 6 months of learning time missed.
- ♦ We LOVE seeing your children every day!
- ♦ We would like to work with you to solve any problems that is making it hard for your child to attend regularly.

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.

*******There is a prize for the first 3 classes to return all their paperwork!*******





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.	Ashlyn K.	Emmie H.	Ruby H.	Grady D.
Brett L.	Grady D.	Griffin S.	Ryatt A.	Wyatt B.
Brooklyn P.	Avaya H.	Hudson S.	Grayson J.	Kaylyn K.
Cash B.	Jameson J.	Gregory P.	August M.	Kavin H.
Ryott L.	Deegan R.	Zayden S.	Kye D.	Natilee S.
		Declan P.		

September: Max A.	Aria A.	Emilee H.	Breck F.	Jace C.
Elise G.	Elena F.	Kai O.	Tenley B.	Harlee M.
Kingsley E.	Easton M.	Brady J.	Maxton R.	Knox L.
Elora N.	Lennon F.	Gordon B.	Emelia P.	Nova B.
		Blake M.		

Calendar Dates:

- ⇒ Sept 23: Tour de Rock and Terry Fox run. Fundraiser begins next week.
- ⇒ Sept 25: Kindergarten Hearing Screen
- ⇒ Sept 25: Open House
- ⇒ Sept 29: Truth & Reconciliation Assembly/ Orange Shirt Day
- ⇒ Sept 30: National Day of Truth & Reconciliation—No School
- ⇒ Oct. 9: School Picture Day

Ripple Rock PAC

As parents/care givers of a Ripple Rock student, you are members of the PAC. The PAC executive meets monthly to support a variety of school activities and coordinates hot lunch and fund raisers. They will send communications from time to time and appreciate anyone who wishes to be involved some or all of the time. All parents are invited to PAC meetings.

First Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 23 at 6:30

Ripple Rock Library Learning Commons.

A regular monthly meeting day will be set at this meeting.

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 and cross at crosswalks. Most students are not tall enough for reversing cars to see if they walk behind them so please be extra cautious.

Thank to you everyone for ensuring we are all safe on the road at the busiest times of day.



FAIR NOTICE FOR PARENT COMMUNITY

Behavioural Digital Threat Assessment (BDTA)

What Parents and Students Need to Know

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigation may involve the student services counselor, the school psychologist, 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 behaviours warrant a Behavioural Digital Threat Assessment to be initiated?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours 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.

Can I refuse to participate in a student threat assessment?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However, if for some reason there is reluctance to participate in the process by the person of concern or parent/caregiver, the threat assessment process will continue in order to promote a safe and caring learning environment.

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,



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