

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Welcome to December!! We would thank our PAC for funding the Rocks and Rings program to come visit our school. On Tuesday and Thursday of the last week of school, prior to the holidays, all of our students will rotate through the Rocks and Rings program which will give them a hands on experience to learn more about curling!

Thank you once again to Mrs. Oakes and her students from the Student Voice Club for organizing and leading the RLE Warm Clothing and Food drive. Boxes have been set up in the school's foyer and we know that all donations are very much appreciated!

This week we say good bye to our student teachers from UBCO who have been working and learning in Mrs. Wilkison, Ms. Cowell, Ms. Burton and Ms. Dietzel's classrooms. These young teachers were very fortunate to participate in our school's learning community and to be mentored by such excellent teachers. We wish Ms. Kuoppala, Ms. Hass, Ms. Blakely and Ms. Schaefer well in their careers as educators.

Take a Tour...

Several classes are piloting a new report card format and during one of these meetings a parent suggested that it would be great to see some of the wonderful learning opportunities our teachers are creating for our students. This idea sparked an interest about sharing our learning journey with you. On Tuesday, February 5, from 9:45 – 10:45 am, we will be touring parents through some classrooms to highlight the rich learning activities and tasks your children are experiencing here at RLE!! Look for an invitation and RSVP notice to come out in early January...there will be limited spots!!

Mr. Kirsch, Principal and Mrs. Anjos, Vice-Principal

Dates to know in December:

December 3-14

Warm Clothing & Food Drive

December 4

Kindergarten Vision Screening

December 5

Kindergarten Vision Screening

December 7

Pasitney to Gymnastics, 9 – 10

Leinemann to Gymnastics, 10-11

December 11

PAC Traffic Safety Mtg, 6:30 pm

December 13

Report Cards go Home

December 14

Pasitney to Gymnastics, 9 – 10

Leinemann to Gymnastics, 10-11

December 18

Rocks and Rings

December 20

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December 21

Last day of school before winter break

PJ Day

December 24 – January 4

Winter Break

January 7

School re-opens after winter break



The Burton/Dietzel Learning Community enjoyed their field trip to Chichester Park!

Food and Warm Clothing Drive

It is once again time for our annual Food/New and Gently Used Clothing/Toy Drive at Rutland Elementary. We have families in our own community who are without food and who need our help. Please bring in non-perishable food items, clothing or a toy to be put into our collection boxes in the foyer of the school. Some suggestions include (but are not limited to) pasta, baby food, cans of soup, canned fruit and vegetables, clothing or a small toy. Thank you for giving to our community!



PAC Traffic Safety Committee Meeting

The PAC would like to revive our Traffic Safety Committee to address the traffic safety concerns around the school. We are holding a meeting for anyone interested in helping on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the library. The purpose of this committee will be to provide education regarding traffic safety, compile data on safety concerns and traffic patterns as well as meet with the school administrators and the Regional Traffic Safety Officer.

Parking Lot Safety

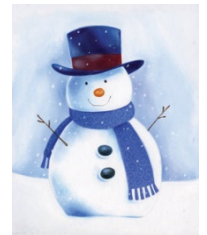
Thank you to all the parents who are looking out for the safety of all students by following the NO PARKING/FIRE LANE restrictions when coming to pick up and drop off their children. The visibility of children darting out from the sidewalk is greatly improved when cars are **not** parked along the edges of our parking lot.

Primary Winter Performance

Students in Mrs. Church, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Kruiper, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Dickson, Ms. Suurallik, Ms. Cowell, Mrs. Wilkison, Ms. Burton, Ms. Dietzel, and Mrs. Whitehead's classes will be presenting the Primary Winter Music Performance on Thursday, January 31, 2019. The students have been working hard to put on a great show for everyone!

Cold Weather Reminders

The weather has been getting colder and probably will stay that way for the next few months. Unless the weather is extreme, students are expected to wait outside until the morning bell rings and they are expected to go outside for some fresh air at break and lunch time. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather, warm clothes and gloves for the cold days and boots and rain jackets for the wet days.



If your child has a cold or flu that requires them to stay indoors, they are probably better off staying at home that day. By staying at home they have a better chance to recover faster and reduce the possibility of spreading their illness. There will be rare exceptions, but generally if a child is well enough to come to school, they are well enough to go outside for fresh air.

Lost and Found

Parents are asked to come into the school and look through our Lost and Found (located in the main foyer on the left hand side). There's lots of hoodies and jackets waiting to be claimed. Items not claimed will be donated to a charity on Friday, December 21.



Winter Break

School will not be in session from Monday, December 24 through to Friday, January 4. We are back on Monday, January 7. Have a wonderful holiday!