

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year! We hope the holidays were filled with great moments and memories along with some rest. We are excited for the adventures ahead and welcome your children back to school. We look forward to all that will be happening over the next few weeks.

One of the exciting things at RLE, is that we are welcoming some new faces. First, we have Tyna Smith, our new Indigenous Advocate who joined us in November. Second, we have Ms. Ross who is taking over our Grade 4/5 classroom from Mrs. Semsch. Third, we have wished Mr. Stacey all the best in his retirement and have welcomed Ms. Hallding to finish off the school year in Grade 5.

We want to send a huge thank you to our PAC who paid for Rocks and Rings to come to our school from December 12-16th. The students had a blast in the gym perfecting their throws!

We also want to thank all the families who attended our Primary Christmas Concert. It was amazing to have an event so well attended to support our students. Next year, we will look at having two performances so that there will be room for more people to come and watch.

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will take place on February 2 and 3. Our school days will be shortened to accommodate this schedule with an early dismissal at 12:30 pm.

We wish you the best for the New Year and we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with your children.

Gord Kirsch, Principal

Jamie McEvoy, vice Principal

Dates to know in January:

January 3

Welcome Back!

January 11

Oakes & Ketesdi (3's) Swimming

January 12

PAC Meeting

January 18

Oakes & Ketesdi (3's) Swimming

January 25

Soft Plastic Collection Day
Oakes & Ketesdi (3's) Swimming



Winter Reminders

Parents, please discuss these with your child(ren):

1. The "no snowball" rule is in effect. While throwing snow seems like a perfectly natural activity, the potential exists for injury to others. We continue to remind students that throwing and kicking snow may lead to consequences.
2. Students should be dressed warmly so they can fully participate in the fresh outdoors. It is a good idea to send along some extra clothing during the wet/slushy season.

3. Sledding Hill: Students may only 'slide' if they go one at a time, wear snow pants and do not stand up or go head first when sliding.

Student Tardiness

Students should be arriving before the 8:30 am bell so that they are able to line up outside with their classes. When students are late to school, this creates a great deal of disruption in the hallways and the classrooms. We are asking parents to make this a priority in the New Year.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will take the same format as the fall. Stay tuned for more detailed information as we get closer to the date (Feb 2 and 3)!!

Traffic Safety

There have been several complaints regarding 'near misses' of children walking out in between cars crossing Webster and Craig Road. A few reminders:

1. Use the cross walk!
2. Don't walk in between cars in the staff parking lot.
3. Don't cross the road especially in between cars
4. Parking in the yellow areas is unlawful.

Thank you to all the parents for making safe drop off choices for their children.

Rocks and Rings



Author Share

Students in Ms. Kuzik's grade one classroom are shown here during Author's Share. After participating in the writing process, they are sharing their writing with their peers. There is so much to be celebrated in how far each student has come working on their individual writing goals.

