

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a chance to take some time to connect with the kids and get some rest over the holidays. We have a small group of teachers learning together with Mrs. Anjos ways to implement the new ADST (Applied Skills, Design and Technology) curriculum. They have been visiting schools and learning about some really cool projects with micro:bits which are small but extremely easily programmable 'computer boards'. The grade 5 students have been working with some of our Grade 2 and 3 students to teach them some of their 'programming skills'.



As usual the students have caught on like wild fire and seem to learn much faster than the adults! The group has also brought in Dash and Osmo which again are fun educational programmable devices that have the students developing their sequencing and input skills which are the fundamental building blocks of understanding and developing more complex programming skills in the future.

On Tuesday, January 30th from 6 – 7 pm the Rutland Family of Schools is hosting an Inquiry Event at Rutland Senior Secondary to showcase the variety of inquiry projects going on in our schools. The evening is meant to be fairly informal with provocation tables set up around the foyer in a fair style environment. There will be info tables set up on the Designed Curriculum, Innovative approaches to Communicating School Learning, Inquiry Process and The 7 OECD (the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) Principles, see attached for details on the OECD Principles. The event is intended for parents, students and teachers. There will be a 'passport' type system for participants to visit all the tables. We hope you are able to make time to drop by and see all the great things going on in our school and other schools in our Rutland Community.

Gord Kirsch, Principal Jessica Anjos, Vice-Principal

Dates to know in January:

January 10

Mrs. Church's class to Kelowna Art Gallery, 9:10 – 11:20 am

January 12

Grade 1 Drama Workshop

January 15

PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm in the library

January 16

Ms. Leinemann/Ms. Pasitney, Ms. Kuzik & Mrs. Oakes' classes skating, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

January 19

Grade 1 Drama Workshop
Family Active Night

January 24

Mr. Stacey, Mrs. Stringer, Ms. Kuzik's classes skating, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

January 26

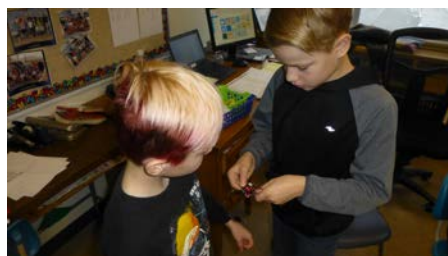
Grade 1 Drama Workshop
Mr. Stacey's class to Gymnastics, 9:15 – 10:15 am
Mrs. Stringer's class to Gymnastics, 10:15 – 11:15 am

January 30

Inquiry Event at RSS, 6 – 7 pm

February 1 & 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm



Winter Reminders

Parents please discuss these matters 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 which may ultimately lead to a suspension.
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.



Student Tardiness

Students should be arriving before the 8:25 am warning 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 this New Year.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, February 1 and Friday, February 2

There will be an early dismissal at 12:30 pm on both of these days to accommodate afternoon and evening appointments. Online appointment booking will be available on Thursday, January 11.

Yearbook

We are looking for parent volunteers to help design the yearbook using our on-line program. Please contact Teresa at 250-765-7412 or tdbanka@gmail.com. Photos for the yearbook can be submitted using the link on the RLE homepage.

Winter Performance

Our Kindergarten, grade 1, 2 and 3 students did a wonderful job performing at the Winter Performance.

