

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

October has slipped by and we are now into November! At the last PAC meeting, the PAC embarked on the great conversation of the possibility of a new addition to our current playground and apparently I did a pretty good job of 'stirring the pot' around the swings!!! I find that playgrounds bring back memories from people's childhood experiences so they can elicit some strong emotions on what people would like to have added or left alone. Rest assured the swings will remain but they may be moved to an expanded section of the playground to allow for additional equipment and more efficient use of the space. We are waiting for a playground planner to come and give some suggestions for new equipment that could be added.

This week we had teachers and administrators from two other schools working with some of our staff to begin our new learning journey in Numeracy. Our goal this year is to begin to explore new ways to delve deeper into the redesigned curriculum and develop new ways of supporting our students' learning in Math!

Special thanks to the Rutland Community School for hosting the Annual Halloween Ball. There was a huge turn out and the photos below only begin to capture the great costumes and fun had by everyone who attended.



Dates to know in November:

November 3

Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL

November 7

Photo retakes

November 8

Museum Presentation to K's
"Taking Flight – Okanagan Birds"

November 10

Remembrance Day Assembly,
9:30 – 10:00 am

Mrs Vecchio's class to
Gymnastics, 9:15 – 10:15 am

Mrs. Huntley's class to
Gymnastics, 10:15 – 11:15 am

November 13

Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

November 15

Kelowna Rockets Visit, 8:45-11:30
Cultural Performance, 12:30 –

1:30 pm

November 17

Mrs Vecchio's class to
Gymnastics, 9:15 – 10:15 am

Mrs. Huntley's class to
Gymnastics, 10:15 – 11:15 am

November 20

PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm

November 22 & 23

Kindergarten Vision Screening

November 24

Mrs Vecchio's class to
Gymnastics, 9:15 – 10:15 am

Mrs. Huntley's class to
Gymnastics, 10:15 – 11:15 am

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day assembly is on Friday, November 10 at 9:30 am. Students will receive a poppy to wear to the assembly, however students are encouraged to make a small donation. Also, students who are members of any service organization (Brownies, Beavers, Sparks, Cubs, Guides, Cadets, etc) are encouraged to wear their uniform for our Remembrance Day Assembly.



PAC Poinsettia Sale

Order forms will be coming home this week for the annual PAC Poinsettia Sale. Orders are due by November 16th and delivery will be on December 1st.

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.

School Photos - Retakes

Please let the classroom teacher know if your child requires retakes. Retakes will be taken on Tuesday, November 7. There is no charge for retakes.

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 right hand side). There's lots of hoodies and jackets waiting to be claimed. Items not claimed will be donated to a charity on Friday, November 10.

Noon-Hour Supervisors Needed

We have a great team of dedicated Noon-Hour Supervisors (NHS) at RLE and we are looking to expand our NHS team and add additional personnel to our on-call relief spare list. We appreciate the timing of the day can be challenging for most as our lunch hour is from 11:15am-12:15pm. We are looking for individuals with a strong skill set in making connections with children who are mindful and understanding of the joys of lunch time excitement and adventures at the elementary level. If you have an interest, please swing by to connect with Gord Kirsch or Jessica Anjos to learn more of the process including completing an application with three references.

Did you know about these lunch hour opportunities for your children?

We have a Chess Club at RLE! Students in grades 1 through 5 are welcome to join the Chess Club and learn from one another on Wednesdays and Fridays in the library Ms. MacRitchie and Mrs. Anjos. As well, Mrs. Huntley offers Dance Club every Tuesday in the gym on a rotation of primaries during one week and intermediates the following week. Social Justice Club is in full swing under the guidance of Mrs. Oakes and Ms. Kuzik on Thursdays - if your child is in grade 2-5, they can join the movement and adventures that this club has in making our world a mindful place to live and be.