

Rutland Elementary

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Dates to know in November:

Principal's Message:

October has been a month filled with gratitude and celebration at Rutland Elementary. Each week brought exciting activities that reminded us how lucky we are to be part of such a vibrant and caring school community. We are thankful for our students, who arrive each day full of energy and ready to learn; our PAC, who organize delicious hot lunches, grade 5 fundraisers, and a fantastic Halloween dance; and our families, who play an essential role in supporting their children's learning journey.

This month, we celebrated Diwali in classrooms with bhangra presentations, diya pot decorating, and rangoli art. It was a joy to see students dressed in beautiful traditional clothing and to learn more about the Festival of Lights. We also embraced Thanksgiving and Halloween as opportunities for learning. Some classes explored pumpkin lifecycles in science, while others used seeds for counting collections—showing how celebrations can spark creativity and curiosity in diverse ways.

Halloween was a great success again this year! Students came to school in exciting and spooky costumes, and we appreciate everyone's effort to keep them family-friendly, making the day fun and inclusive for all. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the school were contagious, and it was wonderful to see our community come together in celebration.

Finally, we want to recognize our incredible staff, who work tirelessly to create meaningful learning experiences for every student. Their dedication and teamwork are evident in everything they do. One exciting initiative this month is the return of Floor Hockey—thank you to all staff involved, and especially to Mr. Fitzgerald for leading the charge. We're grateful for each and every one of you who helps make Rutland Elementary such a special place to learn and grow.

Mark Watson and Rochelle Popoff

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| 2 | Photo Retake Orders Due |
| 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly 10am |
| 10 | PAC Meeting 7pm |
| 11 | Remembrance Day
No School |
| 18 | Cultural Performance –
Axe Capoeira 845am |
| 20 | Harmony Day |
| 20 | Kelowna Rockets Visit
RLE 1-230 |
| 28 | Crazy Hair Spirit Day |

Remembrance Day

This year, on Monday November 10th at 10am, Rutland Elementary will hold a school-wide Remembrance Day assembly led by our student leaders. It's a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our service members who continue to defend our values and freedoms. Considering current world events, this observance carries even more significance, as we are reminded of the importance of unity, gratitude, and peace.

You can also participate in Remembrance Day by attending local ceremonies, wearing poppies, and observing 2 minutes of silence on November 11. Poppies will be available for all students, and any donations collected will be forwarded to the Canadian Legion. Your participation not only pays tribute to our heroes but also reinforces the importance of remembering their sacrifices in today's world. We invite you to join us honoring Remembrance Day as we stand together as a community and remember the enduring significance of this day.

Parking

We have had a few reports from parents of students nearly being hit at drop off and darting across the road to get to school. We are asking that you please drop off your child in an area where they do not have to cross the road in between cars etc. We arrange for staff to supervise the crosswalk in the morning and after school. By dropping them off a few minutes earlier or close to the crosswalk students can cross the road safely with supervision. Parents are welcome to complete a 'traffic incident' form which is available from our office, and these are forwarded to the RCMP and or Bylaw enforcement. Alternatively, you can submit a service ticket using this link: <https://www.kelowna.ca/city-services/online-services/services-requests>

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 lunchtime. 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.

Lost and Found

Please feel free to come into the school and look at the lost and found for your child's items. It is located at the end of the hallway to the left from the main entrance.

Multi-Cultural Week

Did you know that each year in B.C. the third week in November is proclaimed as Multicultural Week? It's a time to celebrate our multicultural communities and to appreciate the way diversity enriches our lives. At RLE we greatly value inclusion and cultural diversity – something every Roadrunner can be proud of! Please mark November 20th on your calendars to wear a special dress, sash, hat, or clothing piece from your culture.

Volunteering

Volunteers play a vital role in enriching the educational experience for students. Whether you're helping out on field trips or supporting activities within the school, your involvement helps strengthen our school community, build connections with the broader community, and positively impact learners. To get started, simply visit your school's front office to pick up the necessary documents, including a criminal record check. Once you've completed the paperwork, you can return it either by mail or in person to the school office or the Board office. **Please note that for the safety of all students, parents and guardians are not permitted to attend field trips unless they have completed a criminal record check and have been approved as volunteers.** We truly appreciate your willingness to make a difference!

Terry Fox Run

We had our Terry Fox Run on October 9. Thanks to everyone who donated. We raised a total of \$1,431 and reached our goal!!!! Thanks to all the grade 5 helpers cheering the runners along the way.







Storybook Pumpkin Patch

Our Rutland Elementary Storybook Pumpkin Patch was open for business, and it was obvious that many families spent quality time together creating story characters to add to our patch. It really is one of our favorite activities in our library, so thank you to all the families that participated. We had 101 pumpkins decorated! The whole school loved coming through the patch and admiring all the hard work!

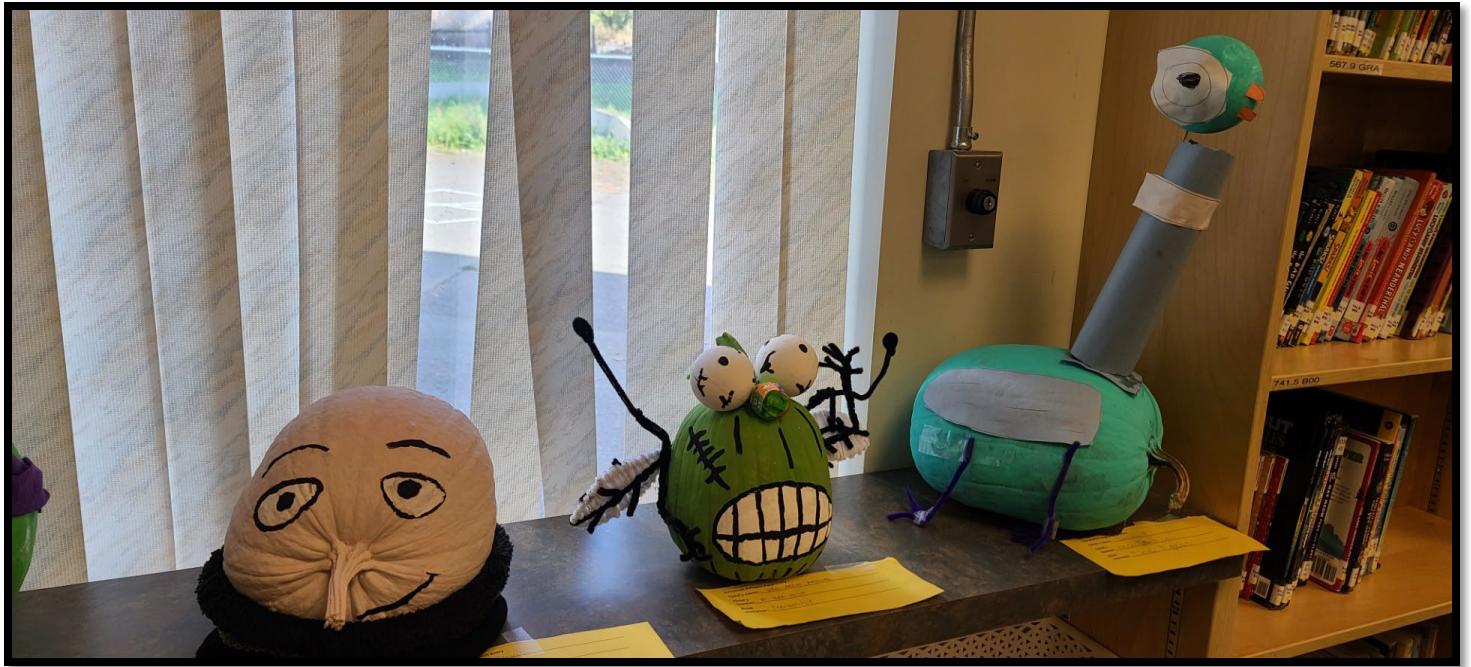












Mark Kroos Cultural Performance



Kelowna Flight Museum/Mill Creek Field Trip – Dietzel/Donkin





Learning Sign Language at RSS – Semsch/Polacco



! YOUTH E EMPLOYMENT S SUMMIT



Kelowna Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre

2170 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna BC Canada V1Y-6G8

Thursday November 20th, 2025 | 1 pm - 7pm

A FREE Inclusive Employment Event for youth with disabilities

Register and read more at: inclusionBC.org/YES



The Youth Employment Summit (YES!) is coming to your community — and we want you to be part of it!

These inclusive, free events are designed to spark inspiration and open doors — whether you're just starting to think about your future or ready to step into the workforce. Join us to meet new people, learn from professionals, and take the next step on your employment journey!

FREE Snacks & Drinks!

Fuel up while you connect and learn.

This event is brought to you in collaboration with Pathways Abilities Society, Central Okanagan Public Schools, WHEELS Transition to Employment Program & Okanagan College

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Lake Country Native Association

Invites You to the 28th Annual

Winter Family Gathering Traditional Pow Wow

November 22, 2025



Winfield Memorial Hall

Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Grand Entry: 1:00 p.m.

Host Drum: BirchCreek

M/C: Richard Jackson, Jr.

Tiny Tot Toonie Special

TRADITIONAL DINNER

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

Bannock Tacos Fundraiser noon-3pm

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

No Alcohol or Drugs

NO OUTSIDE RAFFLES/FUNDRAISERS

*For more information to register for a vendor table or special
please contact*

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* Please note:

Limited Vendor Tables.

Please Book Now!

