

Rutland Elementary

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Dates to know in November:

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| 1 | McDonnell OGC 9:50 |
| 3 | Ketesdi OGC 9:50 |
| 9 | PAC Meeting 7:15 |
| 10 | Dickson OGC 8:50
Beeger OGC- 9:50
Remembrance Day
assembly @ 10am |
| 13 | Remembrance Day (No
school) |
| 15 | McDonnell OGC 8:50
Ketesdi OGC 9:50
Multicultural Day |
| 17 | Harmony Day
Dickson OGC 8:50
Beeger OGC- 9:50 |
| 23 | Cultural Performance |
| 24 | Dickson OGC 8:50
Beeger OGC- 9:50 |
| 29 | McDonnell OGC 9:50 |

* OGC = Okanagan Gymnastic
Centre

Principal's Message:

October has been a fun and exciting month at our school! Field trips, volleyball games, Halloween, and Thanksgiving activities were all wonderful ways that students were engaged and active. The Gaga Ball Pit continued to be a huge hit and a great way for students to interact and have fun together during recess.

Family involvement, like the Halloween dance and the students dressing up in costumes, added a special touch to the school community. It's great to hear that parents ensured the costumes were family-friendly and suitable for the classroom setting, making it enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to Mrs. Hughes for hosting again.

Overall, it was a fantastic October filled with memorable moments and a strong sense of community. The photos in the newsletter have captured some of these delightful memories. It's always important to celebrate the positive moments in the school community and acknowledge the efforts of both students and staff. Thank you to our PAC parents for starting up and running the Hot Lunch program! Here's to more exciting and engaging months ahead!

Gord Kirsch and Jamie McEvoy



Thank you to our teachers, Ms. Ross, and Mr. Fitzgerald for volunteering their spare time to our team!

Remembrance Day

This year, on November 10 at 10 am, 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. In light of 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 in honoring Remembrance Day as we stand together as a community and remember the enduring significance of this day.

Parking

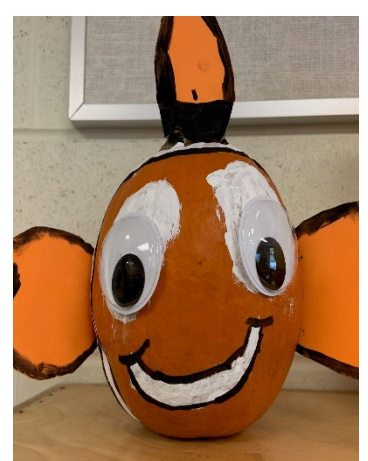
We have had a few reports from parents of students nearly being hit at drop off and darting across the road to get to school. We are asking that you please drop off your child in an area where they do not have to cross the road in between cars etc. We arrange for staff to supervise the crosswalk morning and afterschool. 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 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.

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 over 46 pumpkins decorated! The whole school loved coming through the patch and admiring all the hard work!



Lost and Found

This rack and bin hold our lost and found items that have been found on the field and in the hallways. Please feel free to come into the school and look for your child's clothing.

Multi-Cultural Day

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 15th on your calendars to wear a special dress, sash, hat, or clothing piece from your culture. Also, if your family would like to share a traditional food item from your culture, please check with your teacher and plan to bring it in also on November 15. We are looking forward to a colourful and respectful day!

Talking Sticks

Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Donkin's classes came together in circle to learn and create indigenous talking sticks. These sticks are used in a sacred sharing circle where we listen, respect and care for whoever is speaking. A sharing circle creates a sense of community and allows everyone to share their voice.



Fire Chief for a Day

Our very own Roadrunner, Breyden was selected to be a fire chief for a day.



Halloween Pictures

