

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

Another month has come and gone, and we have found ourselves saying goodbye to winter and hello to spring. At this rate, the rest of the school year will fly by! We hope all our staff, students, and families had a lovely spring break and took time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate.

One sign of spring approaching is that in April, our intermediate students will be busy preparing for the Apple Bowl. As you drive by, you will notice them in the fields honing their skills of shot put, racing, discus, and a few others. We wish them the best of luck in the Apple Bowl at the beginning of May.

On the topic of spring weather, it can change dramatically over the course of the day. Please send your students to school with the appropriate outdoor clothes so that they can enjoy outside recess time, rain or shine.

As we say goodbye to winter, we are sad to say that we are also saying goodbye to Ms. Ketesdi as she goes on maternity leave. While we are sad for us, we are very happy for her and her family. In her place, we are welcoming Ms. Schellenberg who will be with us until the end of June.

Gord Kirsch, Principal Jamie McEvoy, Vice-Principal



- Apr. 2 **First day back after spring break**
- Apr. 11 PAC Meeting
- Apr. 12 Ketesdi/DonkinSCience Centre Presentation
- Apr. 16 Early Learning for families 3:00-4:00
- Apr. 18 Cultural Performance- Kelly Haines
- Apr. 25 **Class Photos**
- Apr. 26 90's Day
Administrative professionals day

Ms. McDonnell's RSS Highschool Buddies



Are You Moving?

To make accurate plans for next year's school organization, **we need your assistance in confirming student enrollment**. If you know that your child will not be attending Rutland Elementary School next year, please let the office know. **Classes are built in the beginning of June, so this information is VERY valuable to us!**

Class Placement Request

The staff puts a lot of thought and time into building balanced classrooms. This process takes several weeks and starts at the end of May. Every year, we have a small number of parents wishing to make placement requests for their children. During the month of May, the request form is put on our school's website for you to download and complete. The building of next year's classes takes considerable time, so we begin the process in the first week of June. Please ensure your forms are handed in no later than June 3rd.

Dogs on school grounds

A friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. If you would like to wait with your dog, please wait on the sidewalk. As always, students' safety is our top priority. Thank you for your help with this!

Parent Satisfaction Survey

During the months of January to April, School District 23 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province.

Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any **time before 11:59 pm May 3rd, 2024**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: the name of your child's district
 - School: the name of your child's school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

2025-2026 Calendar

We invite you to provide your input about this proposal by **Friday, April 5, 2024**, by completing a very brief survey at the link below. We anticipate that the finalized 2025/2026 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents/guardians later this spring. Copies will be provided directly to you through your child's school. Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

https://ca.research.net/r/2025_2026SchoolCalendarSurvey



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Draft 2025-2026 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2025/2026
Days in session	190 (3 summer Pro Days)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 2
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 10
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 24
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 22 – January 2
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Thursday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 5
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 13
Family Day	Monday, February 16
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 16 – March 27
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 3
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 6
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 18
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26

The Calendar for 2025-2026 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).