

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

We've had a wonderful and busy month at RLE! Our Grade 5 leaders facilitated two assemblies: Harmony Day, where we celebrated the importance of uniqueness and diversity, and Remembrance Day, where we expressed gratitude for our freedom and honored those who came before us. During these assemblies, students shared stories about freedom, read poems and storybooks, and even performed dances. It was a beautiful way to learn and grow together. Check out the photos in our photo section!

As December approaches, we say goodbye to our teacher interns—Ms. Kim, Mr. Pollacco, and Ms. Smith. They will soon graduate from UBCO and begin their careers as educators. We are so proud of their hard work and hope to welcome them back to RLE in the future.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, there will be two concert times for the Primary Winter Concert: December 12 at 1:15 PM and December 13 at 9:00 AM. Both concerts will feature the same performances, so we kindly ask families to attend only one of the two events. There are no tickets or limits on family members attending, but seating is limited, and this is a very popular event—thank you for helping us make it enjoyable for everyone! Performing classes include Kindergarten through Grade 3. If your child is in Mrs. Ketesdi's class, they will participate in the Spring Concert with the intermediate grades. Our students are working hard and can't wait to put on a fantastic show!

Principal, Mark Watson

Vice Principal, Rochelle Popoff

Dates to know:

- 2** Chiefs Hockey Players visit RLE
- 2** WESST/UBCO Stem Visit
- 5** Rutland Library Field Trip – Koziol/Brown
- 8** PAC Meeting 7pm
- 9** Santa Bus visits RLE
- 9** WESST/UBCO Stem Visit
- 11** Primary Winter Concert Performance 1:15pm
- 12** Primary Winter Concert Performance 9:00am
- 16** Museum Field Trip – Donkin/Ketesdi
- 17** Ugly Sweater Spirit Day
Written Learning Updates go home
- 18** Green and Red Spirit Day
- 19** Pajama Spirit Day
Last day before winter break

Dec 20-Jan 4

School closed for winter break

Jan 5

School back in session



Winter Break

School will not be in session from Monday, December 22nd through to Sunday, January 4th. We are back on Monday, January 5th. Have a wonderful holiday!

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. Please send an extra change of clothes to keep in the classroom and ensure that they have pants now instead of shorts.

Cold and flu season

One of the most important ways to prevent the spread of cold germs is to wash your hands! Thank you in advance for using the Safe Arrival School Messenger system to advise us if your child will be absent. Using this system saves our clerical staff valuable time. <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Parking

A friendly reminder to not idle while waiting to pick up students. In addition, please do not stop or park in front of fire hydrants and the city bus stop. Thank you to those parents who arrive a couple of minutes after the bell at the end of the day to space out traffic congestion around the school.

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found bin and clothing rack is overflowing, and **items will be donated on Dec. 19th**. Please feel free to come in and look for your child's belongings. Come to the office and we will let you know where to find the lost and found.

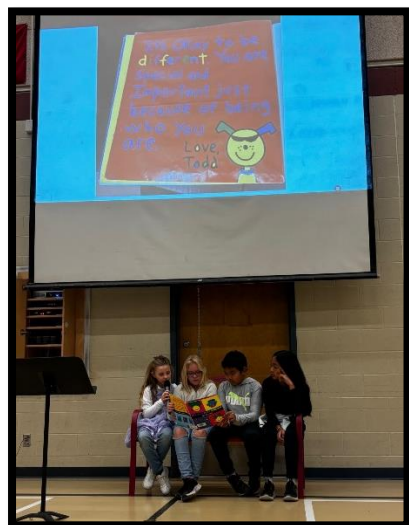
Remembrance Day



Cultural Performance – Axe Capoeira



Harmony Day



Rockets Hockey Players Visit RLE









RSS Visits RLE to teach ASL – Semsch/Polacco & Keating



RLE Paint Night Fundraiser







Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool for students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



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teammates, fun racing
opportunities, team spirit,
excitement and adrenaline!***

All ages and experience levels welcome!!

Check out our Facebook page or email
kelownaspeedskate@gmail.com for registration info

*** FREE Try-It Session Dec. 15th @ MNP Place ***

Family Holiday Skate



Sunday, Dec. 14
1 - 3 p.m. at Rutland Arena

Join in on some free family fun!

Skating, treats, games, door prizes & more!

Admission is free, but donations to the food bank are greatly appreciated.

kelowna.ca/calendar





Join our joyful community!

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Special Olympics BC - Kelowna

offers year-round sport programs filled with joy, accomplishments, and growth for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and volunteers alike.

SOBC - Kelowna also offers other programs, including FUNDamentals, a multi-sport program for children with intellectual disabilities, aged seven to 11, that teaches basic sports skills in an atmosphere of fun and meaningful interactions.



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FUNDamentals

FUNDamentals is a 12-week program that provides children with an in-depth intro to sport-related motor skills along with training and competition, while maintaining an atmosphere of fun and meaningful interaction.

Children are introduced to soccer, softball, basketball, and track & field. It provides children with the opportunity to learn and practice the sport skills necessary to later move into community or traditional Special Olympics programs.

FUNDamentals also introduces basic nutrition information to both parents and children through a series of fun activities at the end of each session.

Special Olympics sports are a lot of fun, plus you meet so many friends. When I first joined Special Olympics, I didn't have a lot of friends, and now I do!

– Jordan,
Special Olympics BC athlete

