



Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were filled with joy, cherished moments, and some well-deserved rest. As we welcome the new year, we are thrilled to have your children back at school and excited for all the opportunities and adventures ahead.

We are also pleased to introduce some wonderful new faces to our Rutland Elementary community. Mrs. Hernandez has joined our team, teaching Physical Education and English Language. She is stepping in for Mrs. Olijnyk, who is currently on a leave of absence. Additionally, we are excited to welcome Mrs. Popoff as our new Vice Principal. She will be taking over from Mrs. McEvoy, who is now the Principal at Webber Road Elementary. Please join us in offering a warm Rutland Elementary welcome to both Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Popoff!

Our Primary Winter Concert was a fantastic success! A big thank you to Ms. Schilter for her dedication and hard work in organizing such a wonderful event. Our students truly shone, showcasing their learning and talents for the audience. We also want to express our gratitude to Mr. Fitzgerald for his enthusiasm in leading our intramural floor hockey program. Congratulations to the Teal Tornadoes (Primary) and the Firehawks (Intermediate) for their championship performances!

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growth with your children. Wishing you all the best in 2025!

Mark Watson, Principal

Rochelle Popoff, Vice Principal

Winter Reminders

Parents, please discuss these with your child(ren):

1. The "no snowball" rule is in effect. While throwing snow seems like a perfectly natural activity, the potential exists for injury to others. We continue to remind students that throwing and kicking snow may lead to consequences.
2. Students should be dressed warmly so they can fully participate in the fresh outdoors. It is a good idea to send along some extra clothing during the wet/slushy season.
3. Sledding Hill: Students may only 'slide' if they go one at a time, wear snow pants and do not stand up or go headfirst when sliding.

Dates to know in January:

January 6

Welcome Back!

January 9

Ice Skating Rutland Arena –
Pasitney/Koziol

January 15

Art with Linda – Grade 1

January 16

PAC Meeting 7pm

January 20

Rotary Centre for the Arts –
Kindergartens

January 21

Cultural Performance – Rhythm
Resource

January 23

Ice Skating Rutland Arena –
Pasitney/Koziol

January 30

Ice Skating Rutland Arena –
Ross/Donkin

January 31

Twin/Triplet Day

Feb 6-7

Parent Conferences- Early
dismissal 12:30

Student Tardiness

Students should be arriving before the 8:30 am bell so that they are able to line up outside with their classes. When students are late for school, this creates a great deal of disruption in the hallways and the classrooms. We are asking parents to make this a priority in the New Year.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will take the same format as the fall. Stay tuned for more detailed information as we get closer to the date - Feb 6-7th.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to all the families who donated to the Food Bank last month.



Traffic Safety

There have been several complaints regarding 'near misses' of children walking out in between cars crossing Webster and Craig Road. A few reminders:

1. Use the cross walk!
2. Don't walk in between cars in the staff parking lot.
3. Don't cross the road, especially in between cars.

Thank you to all the parents for making safe drop-off choices for their children. Do not pull into the parking lot – Please park along the road and do not double park.

Intramurals

A huge shout out to Mr. Fitzgerald for all his hard work organizing and supervising floor hockey for the last 6 weeks! The floor hockey games have been hugely popular with the students and staff.

Primary Final: Teal Tornados 3 Destroyers 2 (Overtime Shootout)



Intermediate Final: Firehawks 2 Snipers 1

