February 2020 Newsletter

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

A new decade has welcomed us well here at RLE! We have much to be grateful for in our building.

A huge thank you to Jeremy Harris and Todd Sloan for the outstanding coaching they are providing to our students. The boys and girls in grade 4 and 5 are having a fabulous time and learning some great basketball skills at a very early age! Ms. Rippel has already started preparing for our Harmony Day assembly on Wednesday, February 19. Feel free to come and join us at 10:00am on this day, as we celebrate the wonderful diversity that makes us such a great school and country.

Thank you to the parents who participated in our Parent Tour on Thursday, January 30. The tour provided an opportunity for parents to see how learning activities have evolved over the years. Our students are always very excited to share their knowledge and their 'next steps' in own learning. We are very thankful to our teachers who work hard to create innovative and inclusive learning environments with rich hands on activities for students to delve deeper with. Please come and join us at the Rutland Community Forum on Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 to 7:30pm in the gym at Rutland Senior Secondary. Some of our students and staff will be alongside all the schools in Rutland sharing their learning as well as many community agencies to share information about their resources and services.



Gord Kirsch, Principal Jessica Anjos, Vice-Principal

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Dates to know in February:

February 3

Registration for 2020-21 school year opens at 7:00 am Zumba for Gr 3-5, 11:05-11:35 am

February 4

Martial Arts with Gr 1's, am Dance Party, Gr K-2, 11:05-11:35

February 5

Parker, Pasitney, Knox – Skating, 8:35 – 10:15 am Stacey, Stringer, Aka – Skating, 9:30 – 11:15 am

February 6

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm RCS Family Dance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

February 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm

February 10

Parker, Pasitney, Knox – Skating, 8:35 – 10:15 am Stacey, Stringer, Aka – Skating, 9:30 – 11:15 am

February 11

Active Games for Gr 3-5, 11:05 am PAC Meeting, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

February 13

Stringer & Stacey to Museum, 8:50 Suurallik to Art Gallery, 9:30 -11:00 Rutland Comm Forum, 6:00 @ RSS

February 14

Kruiper to Art Gallery, 9:30-11:00 Hip Hop for Gr 3-5, 11:05 – 11:35

February 17

Family Day - NO SCHOOL

February 19

Harmony Day

February 21

Staff In-service Day - NO SCHOOL

February 26

Pink Shirt Day

February 28

Parker to Gymnastics, 9 – 10 Pasitney to Gymnastics, 10 – 11 Hot Dog Day

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RCS Family Valentine's Dance

Rutland Community School proudly presents the RCS Family Valentine's Dance, Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Rutland Elementary School Gymnasium. Great music, great family fun, fun family craft and lots of prizes. Dress in your best red, white and pink!!! \$5/person, \$10/family. All children must be with a parent or responsible adult.



Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7

There will be an early dismissal at 12:30 pm on both of Thursday and Friday to accommodate afternoon and evening appointments. Online appointment booking is available until Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 pm.

Jumping January

Thank you to the PAC for organizing and supporting "Jumping January" and "Fun Fit February" where the students had the opportunity to try out Hip Hop, Zumba and Fun Active Games in the gym during lunch. And the timing couldn't have been better with the freezing temperatures!



Traffic Woes & Parking Lot Safety

Thank you to the families who continue to be mindful and respectful of our neighbours and find safe parking, drop off and pick up each morning and afternoon. Also a reminder to make sure your children do <u>not</u> walk through the parking lot between parked cars when they are dropped off in the mornings.

Free Parent Session - "Helping Your Child with Stress" Feb 10, 2020, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Presenter: Dr. Haley Watson; Location: Hollywood Education Centre Room 1 (Gym) This workshop will provide you with tools for helping your children deal with stress and anxiety stemming from things like school, social media, and friendships, as well as tools for managing your own stresses and pressures as a parent. It will provide an overview of mental health and how to boost self-esteem, independence, and emotional resilience in youth. You will leave with practical strategies for maintaining a connected relationship with your children and helping them cope with the ups and downs of growing up in today's world. This workshop is free – no registration required.

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