

Rutland Elementary

620 Webster Rd, Kelowna, BC, 250-870-5126, www.rle.sd23.bc.ca



Principal's Message:

We hope you had a restful holiday season and enjoyed time with family and friends. As we begin **2026**, we're excited to welcome students back and look forward to a great year of learning together.

Staff Update

We're pleased to introduce **Mrs. Fugitt**, who has joined our team as a Grade 4 teacher. She will be stepping in for **Ms. Pasitney**, who is currently on a leave of absence.

Mrs. Roth has returned from her maternity leave.

Winter Concert & Intramurals

Thank you to **Ms. Schilter** for organizing our Primary Winter Concert—it was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their learning and talents. We also appreciate **Mr. Fitzgerald** and his Grade 5 students for leading our intramural floor hockey program. It was a great season focused on teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Seahawks (Primary) and the Roadrunners (Intermediate) on their championship wins!

Family Feedback

Last month we sent this link to a [feedback form](#). If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a moment to complete it. Your input is important and helps us continue to grow as a school community.

We're looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support, and best wishes for a successful **2026**!

Mark Watson, Principal

Rochelle Popoff, Vice Principal

Dates to know in January:

- 6** Welcome Back!
- 12** PAC Meeting 7pm
- 22** Rotary Centre for the Arts Field Trip – Melia/Sadi
- 30** Twin/Triplet Day
- 30** Rotary Centre for the Arts Field Trip - Kindergarten

February

- 5-6** Parent Conferences
Early dismissal 12:30
- 13** PRO DAY No School

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.

Student Tardiness

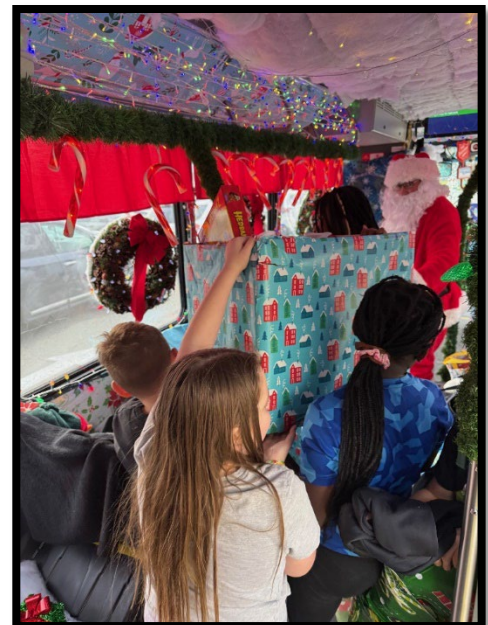
Students should be arriving before the 8:30 am bell so that they are able to line up outside with their classes. When students are late for school, this creates a great deal of disruption in the hallways and the classrooms. We are asking parents to make this a priority in the New Year.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Early Dismissal Days: Thursday, February 5th, and Friday, February 6th are early dismissal days (12:30 PM) for our Celebration of Learning. Please send your child(ren) with a healthy snack and lunch on these days. The purpose of this Celebration is for you and your child to visit their classroom and share some of their learning highlights so far this school year. More information will follow regarding the format and how to book a time to visit.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to all the families who donated to the Salvation Army. We had the Santa Bus come visit RLE and take the donations for us! Thanks to all the student helpers!



Traffic Safety

We value our relationship with our neighbors and appreciate your efforts to find legal parking on Hemlock or Craig Road. Please keep in mind the following:

- **Encourage children to use the crosswalk and model this behavior.**
- The school parking lot is reserved for staff vehicles and school buses during school hours.
- Respect School Zone speed limits.
- Avoid U-turns, double parking, and blocking our neighbors' driveways.

Thank you for taking the safety of our students and families seriously. Your efforts to keep our students safe on the streets are greatly appreciated.

2026-2027 Registration

Registration for the **2026-2027 school year** opens on **February 2**. This applies **only to incoming Kindergarten students and students who will be moving to a new school**. **Note:** Our Grade 5 students will be automatically enrolled at **Rutland Middle School**, so no action is required for them. If your family is anticipating a change of schools, please let us know as soon as possible. This information helps us with planning for next year. More details are provided at the end of this newsletter.

After School Activity - Mentor Readers



Kelowna Chiefs





Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn

French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026
@ 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Link: sd23.org/french
This meeting will be recorded and posted on the
District website

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 am for 2026 - 2027 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and school of choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)870-5155

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in by email or in person by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of Supporting Documentation (3.) below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation below.
3. **Supporting Documentation/Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 3, 2026

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents will not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2026, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2026. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.



UBCO HEAT SCHOOL DAY GAME

UBCO HEAT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MRU COUGARS- FRIDAY JAN 16TH

LOCATION: UBCO Gymnasium- 3211 Athletics Court, Kelowna, BC

TIME: 10:30am- Arrival
 11:00am- Game Starts
 12:45pm- Game Ends **approximate timing*

FEE: Free for students and chaperones!

LUNCH: \$10 pre-purchased lunch option (pizza slice, chips, fruit bar & drink)
 (Lunch numbers to be submitted to chantelle.labrie@UBC.ca by Monday Jan 5th)

FOOD/DRINKS: Snacks & drinks will be available for purchase at our concession, or bring your own nut free lunch

REGISTER: Seating is limited, schools will be accepted on a 1st come 1st served basis. Email chantelle.labrie@UBC.ca to reserve your seats today!

Bring a Heat poster and receive a prize!

Junior Coyotes WINTER PROGRAMS



WINTER 3ON3

Gr 1-9 Boys & Girls
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

MICROBALLERS

Boys & Girls | Ages 3-5
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

WINTER 5ON5

Gr 6-8 Boys | Jan 10 - Mar 8
Saturdays & Sundays

Next attachment



CHRISTMAS CAMP

Gr 1-12 Boys & Girls | December 27-28

WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA



THEATRE CLASSES

— Winter 2026 —



YOUTH CLASSES (AGES 6-11)

MISSION POSSIBLE-A SPY STORY
SATURDAYS, 10-11AM

K-POP MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS-ORIGIN STORY
SATURDAYS, 1-2PM OR MONDAYS, 4-5:30PM

ALICE IN WONDERLAND
SATURDAYS, 2-3PM

TEEN CLASSES (AGES 12-17)

DOWN A DARK HALL-MYSTERY PLAY
SATURDAYS, 11-12:30PM



ADULT CLASSES

IMPROV GAMES NIGHT
MONDAYS, 5:30-7PM

LET'S MAKE A MURDER MYSTERY
MONDAYS, 7-8:30PM

DIRECTING & PLAYWRIGHTING
WORKSHOPS-JANUARY & FEBRUARY

SPRING BREAK CAMPS-MARCH

WEEK #1-SING! DANCE! ACT!-YOUTH
WEEK #2-HEROES & VILLAINS-YOUTH
WEEK #2-MUSICAL THEATRE-TEENS

NEWVINTAGE.CA

KSAN BRIGHT COLOURS Winter Lantern Parade

Sunday, January 18,
Meet at 4pm, Parade at 4:30 PM

Rowcliffe Park
All Lanterns Welcome!
Hot Chocolate to Follow



Lantern Making Workshop:

**Monday, January 12
4pm--8pm**

**St. Michael's Cathedral
603 Sutherland Ave**

**All Supplies Provided
Register at ksan.ca**



**Bringing light
into the dark
time of the year!**



JOIN OUR NEW PROGRAM



ACTIVE KIDS CLUB



2:45–5:30 PM (FOLLOWING SD23 CALENDAR)

Pick up between 5:00 - 5:30PM

JANUARY 5TH - JUNE 25TH , 2026



Excluding Spring Break and Pro-D Day

Grade 1 to Grade 6



Kelowna City FC's Football Factory
(#4 - 920 Leathead Road)



OPTIONS & FEES PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS

Tue/Thu (2 days/week): \$299 + GST

Mon/Wed/Fri (3 days/week): \$399 + GST

Mon–Fri (5 days/week): \$599 + GST



SECURE YOUR SPOT

Spaces are limited and fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration and More Info: www.kelownacityfc.com

Got questions? Or need support, please email: admin@kelownacityfc.com

Bus pick up from North Glenmore & Ecole Glenmore Elementary School. Families who are at other schools are responsible for drop-off and pick-up at the Football Factory. Refer a friend for Jan - June 2026, and receive 1 month for FREE! YEAR-ROUND KCITY members ask for a discount!