



Rutland Elementary

Dates to know in October:

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

We have had a very smooth and positive start to our school year. We are a very full school and even after adding another classroom we have less than 5 spaces available in our entire school. We now have a school population over 450 students!

Our first assembly was "Are you smarter than a school librarian?" in a game show format. The students really enjoyed the fun, and it was a great way to review some of our basic school expectations. During this time, many of you came in for our open house to meet teachers and see the classrooms. We are so grateful for your ongoing support as members of our school community.

Speaking of school community, an integral part of our school is our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). If you have a child at Rutland Elementary, you are automatically a member of the PAC. They run many important fundraising events and social opportunities throughout the year. Please watch the calendar for upcoming PAC meeting dates.

During the last week of September, classes were honoring First Nations, Inuit, and Metis People, and reflecting on the ongoing effects of residential schools. The week culminated with an assembly where Indigenous students gave a personal land acknowledgement, led by our Indigenous Advocate, Mr. Cody. Thank you to all the students who wore orange for Orange Shirt Day.

Thank you to Mr. Fitzgerald for organizing and leading our Terry Fox run again this year. The students really enjoyed participating in our run this year and over \$1100 was raised for Cancer Research! As we head into October, we are looking forward to seeing so many of you at parent/teacher conferences. If you have not already done so, please sign up with your child's teacher. Also, please note our October schedule as this month has several shorter than usual weeks. We are looking forward to a great year!!

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| 3/4 | Parent Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal at 12:30 |
| 11 | School closed – Implementation Day |
| 14 | School Closed - Thanksgiving |
| 17 | Picture Retakes |
| 25 | School Closed - Pro D |
| 29 | Cultural Performance |



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SCHOOL FEES

School fees are \$45 per student. We encourage you to use our online payment system! There is a link on our website, <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>. All school fees are due now.

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. Using this system saves our clerical staff valuable time.

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Allergy Awareness

More and more children in our care have life-threatening food allergies. For these children, smelling, eating or touching allergy-causing food can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction (also known as anaphylaxis). If not treated, it could lead to collapse and death. Some anaphylactic reactions can occur within seconds or minutes of contact with the allergy-causing food. Other reactions may take an hour or longer to appear. The only way to prevent this type of reaction is to avoid contact with allergy causing foods.

Rutland Elementary has a school-wide awareness policy on peanuts and tree nuts. Parents are asked to carefully read product labels prior to sending any foods to school to ensure they do not contain peanuts and/or nuts within the ingredients list. Teachers may send home a letter outlining the specific nature of the allergy in your child's classroom. As well, please remind your children to not share their lunches.

RLE Traffic Safety

Thank you for taking the safety of our students and families seriously by keeping in mind the following things: 1. Please ask children to use the crosswalk and model this behavior. 2. Respect that the school parking lot is only for staff vehicles and school buses during school hours. 3. Respect School Zone speed limits. 4. Avoid U-turns, double parking, and blocking our neighbors' driveways. Your efforts to keep our students safe on the streets are appreciated.

Dogs At School

As adorable and fun as dogs can be, unfortunately all dogs, even on leash, are prohibited from school property by the City of Kelowna bylaw. This also includes tying your dog to the fence and leaving the animal unattended. Owners that violate the bylaw may be fined \$100 by the Regional District of Kelowna. If you are walking to meet your child and you have a dog with you, please plan to meet your child off school property. Thank you to those parents who have been waiting with the four-legged family member just outside the property. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th was marked as a statutory holiday - **the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

For many years, this day has been commemorated as Orange Shirt Day, based on the story of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad, who as a child, had her new favorite orange shirt stripped from her on her first day of attending residential school. This new national holiday brings people together in the spirit of reconciliation to honor residential school survivors and their families.



Numeracy Stations in Ms. Melia's Class



Terry Fox Run



Story Workshop in Ms. Hilde's Class

