

Rutland Elementary

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Dates to know in May

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

After 35 years of working in the field of education, it is time for me to retire. I have served the Rutland community in various capacities for over half of my career and have very fond memories of the children and families I have worked with during that time. I am excited about the freedom and possibilities that retirement will offer but will miss being part of your children's education. Mr. Mark Watson, Principal at South Rutland Elementary, will be taking over the reins here at RLE. Mr. Watson is a great person and fit for our school.

Ms. Schilter and her grade 3 to 5 students have been working hard preparing for this year's Spring concert. The teachers whose classes will be performing are Miss Schellenberg, Ms. Pasitney, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Semsch, Ms. Stringer and Ms. Donkin and Mr. Fitzgerald. The concert is on May 24th at 12:30pm in our school gym. Our intermediate students have also been practicing almost daily during the month of April for our track meet at the Apple Bowl on May 11th. This all-day event is very popular with our students!

Happy Spring!! After what seems like a long winter, it is great to finally see the Spring weather arrive. It is not uncommon for rain showers to quickly roll in so please have your children dressed for all types of weather.

In appreciation of the support we receive from the PAC and parents, we invite you all to join us for a drive-through breakfast on Wednesday May 29th between 8:00-8:30 am. Breakfast items will be coffee/tea and a muffin...quick and easy for folks on the go!

Gord Kirsch, Principal Jamie McEvoy, Vice-Principal

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| May 1 | MacDonald- Gymnastics 8:50 am |
| May 2 | Intermediate Apple Bowl |
| May 8 | Hallding- Gymnastics 8:50
Rescheduled Sexual Health Education |
| May 9 | Class Photos 9:00
PAC Meeting 7:15 |
| May 15 | Pullar- Gymnastics 8:50
Grade 5 RMS Visit 9-12
L. Vecchio-Gymnastics 9:55 |
| May 17 | Hallding- Gymnastics 8:50 |
| May 20 | School Closed |
| May 21 | Grade 5 year end trip |
| May 22 | L. Vecchio-Gymnastics 9:55 |
| May 23 | Dickson/Bulach EECO Centre 9:00 |
| May 24 | L. Vecchio-Gymnastics 8:50
Pullar- Gymnastics 9:55
SPRING CONCERT 12:30 |
| May 29 | Parent Appreciation Drive Thru
MacDonald- Gymnastics 8:50 am |
| May 30 | Pullar/Hallding EECO Centre 9:45 |
| May 31 | Funny Hat Day |

Class Placement Requests for 2024-2025

The staff puts a lot of thought and time into building balanced classrooms. This process takes several weeks and starts at the beginning of June. Every year, we have a small number of parents wishing to make placement requests for their children and we ask that those requests come before we start the process of creating classes. If you decide to make a request, we ask you to use the Request Form available on our school website ([or click here](#)) and submit the form electronically to rle@sd23.bc.ca or to **the office** in person **prior to May 31st**. This form allows us to ensure that we are keeping track of the requests. Once received, we will send you a confirmation e-mail. Due to the complexity of creating balanced classrooms, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we try our best to accommodate as many requests as possible.

2024-2025 School Calendar

Please see the attached link to our calendar dates for 2024/2025

<https://rle.sd23.bc.ca/documents/2a9da659-ab61-494f-b6f3-94c69c7d3b77>

Going to middle school next year?

A note from RMS: The RMS team is busy preparing for our next school year. We are excited to be welcoming a new crop of grade 5 students into our school. Since Spring Break, we have been working on the transition process. Here are a few key things to remember:

- All RMS Grade 5 feeder school students will automatically be enrolled at Rutland Middle School for their grade 6 year. **There is no need to do an online application.**
- In May, staff from RMS will connect with your children at their current school to help them begin the transition to Grade 6. Again, this will most likely be via Zoom.
- The RMS support team will liaise with Grade 5 teachers to learn about each child so that we can set them up for success in Grade 6.
- RMS Parent and Student Info night
- The RMS Spring Play Day will take place on **Wednesday, May 15, from 9 am – 12 noon**. Lunch will be provided.

Are You Moving?

In order to make accurate plans for next year's school organization, we need your assistance in confirming student enrollment for September. If you know that your child will not be attending Rutland Elementary School next year, please let the office know.

Dogs on school grounds

A friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. If you would like to wait with your dog, please wait on the sidewalk. As always, students' safety is our top priority. Thank you for your help with this!

Track and Field

As the photos below show, students have been working hard preparing to attend our Track and Field Day at the Apple Bowl.

Date: May 2, 2024

Time: 9-2:15

What to bring: Dress for the weather. Sunscreen, hat, light jacket. Lunch and snacks. The concession MIGHT be open.



Storybook Workshop

Students in Ms. Pullar's classroom have been busy this last month. As part of our school wide work on literacy, students are seen here working at literacy centers, and story workshop. An exciting spring tradition at Rutland Elementary School is planting in our community garden. Students gain important knowledge by participating in and observing firsthand the changes that happen in our garden over the next few months.



More Photos

Ms. Pullar's class at the Community Garden with Chris B



Ms. Vecchio and Gerber's class won "classroom of the month"