

Rutland Elementary

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



Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

After what seems like a long winter, it is great to finally see the Spring weather arrive. We have had a fun-filled April with numerous events and learning experiences for the children, including our Earth Day celebration and the Early Learning for Families event. Our cross-country team has also started their practice sessions. As a reminder, it is not uncommon for rain showers to quickly roll in, so please ensure your children are dressed for all types of weather.

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 Ross, Ms. Wells, Ms. Koziol, Mrs. Semsch, Mrs. Keating, Ms. Donkin, and Mr. Fitzgerald. The concert is scheduled for May 9th at 12:30 PM in our school gym. We hope to see you there!

Our intermediate students have been practicing almost daily during the month of April for our track meet at the Apple Bowl on May 16th. This all-day event is very popular with our students, and we look forward to a day of fun and competition.

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 include coffee/tea and a muffin—quick and easy for folks on the go!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Mark Watson, Principal Rochelle Popoff, Vice-Principal

Dates to know in May

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| May 1 | Happy Hooves Field Trip – McDonnell/Whitehead |
| May 2 | OK Gymnastics Centre – Huntley/Vargo |
| May 6 | Happy Hooves Field Trip – Huntley/Vargo/Kies |
| May 7 | YMCA – Cowell/Wilkison
YMCA – Donkin/Ross/
Whitehead
Happy Hooves Field Trip – Vecchio/Dietzel
Cross Country Races – Mission Creek Park 2:45 |
| May 8 | Happy Hooves Field Trip – Ross/Donkin
PAC Meeting 7pm |
| May 9 | Intermediate Spring Concert 9 am
OK Gymnastics Centre – Kies/Huntley |
| May 11 | Mother's Day |
| May 15 | Beeper Bowl at Apple Bowl - Intermediates |
| May 19 | School Closed – Victoria Day |
| May 20 | Green Bay – Grade 5 |
| May 29 | Volunteer Drive-Thru Breakfast 8:00-8:30am |
| May 30 | Funny Hat Day |

Class Placement Requests for 2025-2026

The staff puts a lot of thought and time into building balanced classrooms. This process takes several weeks and starts in May. Every year, we have a small number of parents wishing to make placement requests for their children based on specific learning concerns. If you choose to make a request:

- Please use the Request Form available on our school website <https://rle.sd23.bc.ca/documents-and-publications> and submit the form electronically to rle@sd23.bc.ca or to the office in person prior to May 16th. This form allows us to ensure that we are keeping track of the requests.
- Please avoid requesting a specific teacher—final staff teaching assignments aren't known until the fall. Requests must focus on your children's specific learning needs and learning style.
- Once received, we will send you a confirmation e-mail. Please understand that—due to staff changes, class limits & composition—we may not be able to fulfill your request.

2025-2026 School Calendar

Please see the attached link to our calendar dates for 2025/2026

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15d054orkx1SzeDiD69kXWSxyL3Hgps5f/view?usp=sharing>

Student Learning Survey (Grade 4 students and families)

The Provincial Student Learning Survey collects valuable insights from parents, teachers, and students about school environment, safety, and achievement. This information helps schools plan improvements and provides a broader district and provincial perspective.

Who Participates?

- Grade 4 students
- Their parents/guardians/caregivers
- All school staff

Why Participate? Your feedback is crucial for identifying strengths and areas for improvement in schools.

How to Complete the Survey:

1. Visit Student Learning Survey

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

2. Click "Take the Survey."

3. On the login page, select the "Parents" icon.

4. Choose your school district and school name.

The survey can be completed electronically and accessed on the Internet at Student Learning Survey. The survey is open until May 9, 2025. For questions, contact the school at 250-870-5126

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 RLE Grade 5 students are automatically enrolled at Rutland Middle School for their grade 6

year. **There is no need to do an online application if they are planning to attend RMS.**

- In May, staff from RMS will connect with your children at RLE
- 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 will host a Parent and Student Info Night
- The RMS Raptor Welcome 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.

Finch Bots

Our school used Finch robots in the month of April to teach coding and robotics. These robots help students learn by doing, making lessons fun and interactive. Students from all grades enjoy programming robots to complete different curricular tasks.



Thank you PAC!

A HUGE thank you to our PAC for the Grade 5 Community's hoodies!



Track and Field

Students have been working hard preparing to attend our Track and Field the Apple Bowl.

Who: Grade 4 and 5s

Date: May 15, 2025

Time: 9-2:15

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



Day at

Earth Day

On April 17, Rutland Elementary held a student-led assembly for Earth Day. Each class made seed bombs—biodegradable balls with indigenous seeds that can be planted to grow wildflower gardens. These seeds are native to our area, supporting local ecosystems and wildlife.

Great job, students!



Photos



Enter a World of Colour and Light

FIRST TIME
IN B.C.!

LUMINARIUM: ARBORIALIS

by Architects of Air

at HA Kidzfest
Penticton, BC

"It's like wandering into an 11,000 square foot kaleidoscope!"

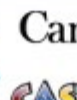


JUNE 5-8, 2025

OK LAKE PARK, PENTICTON

\$8 in advance -- \$10 at the gate

Tickets available at www.hahahakidzfest.com



City of Kelowna Summer Camps registration opens April 24

Get ready for an unforgettable summer with the City of Kelowna's summer camps! Whether your child is a budding artist, a sports enthusiast, or loves to explore, we have a variety of full and partial day camps available at Parkinson Recreation Centre, as well as Canyon Falls Middle School, Bankhead Elementary, Watson Road Elementary, and more. See the [2025 Summer Camps at-a-glance](#) to help plan your summer of fun. Registration opens on April 24.

Learn more about spring programs and summer camps online now at kelowna.ca/recreation.

A vibrant poster for HA Kidzfest Pentiction, BC. The top section features the text "Celebrating 5 years of the Largest Children's Festival in the BC Interior" in white on a purple background. Below this, a large, colorful, brush-stroke style banner reads "HA Kidzfest Pentiction, BC". To the right of the banner is a logo for "COMPLETE STORAGE CENTRES" with the text "Presented by" above it. The central image shows a woman in a colorful, polka-dot leotard and purple leggings, holding two large, colorful, fan-like props. She is smiling and has her arms raised. In the foreground, the back of a child's head and arms are visible, reaching up towards the woman. The background shows a park setting with trees and other people. At the bottom, a purple banner contains the text "JUNE 5-7, 2025" and "OK LAKE PARK, PENTITION". Below this, a QR code is on the left, and the text "\$11 in advance -- \$12 at the gate" and "Tickets available at www.hahahakidzfest.com" is on the right. The bottom of the poster is filled with various logos of sponsors and partners, including ADDS, British Columbia Arts Council, British Columbia, Avalon, Greyback, Castanet, Fortis BC, Rotary, Bradford Bookkeeping, and others.



Kelowna **BMX** OPEN House

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

DATE **April 14th, 2025**

DAY **Monday**

TIME **5-5:45 (5&under), 5:45-7 (6&over), 7-dusk (Open Gates)**

WHO **Current rider, new riders or ANYONE**

WHERE **Kelowna BMX Track, 633 Dodd Road**

DETAILS

- **All bike types welcome**
- **We have loaner BMX bikes & helmets available as well**
- **Riders need to have:**
 - **closed toed shoes**
 - **long sleeve shirts**
 - **full length pants or knee/elbow pads.**

GEAR SWAP

Bikes, Helmets, Parts, Protective Gear, Attire

5-7pm



The Strong Roots Centre

Childhood Connections

COLOURS FOR CARING 2025: FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER

DATE : MAY 25TH, 2025

TIME: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION: MISSION RECREATION PARK
4105 GORDON DRIVE, KELOWNA

**» REGISTER
NOW!**



**THANKS TO AN
ANONYMOUS SPONSOR,
EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE
WILL BE MATCHED—UP TO
\$20,000.**





EcoRecipe Challenge

March 18 - April 18

Submit your favourite sustainable,
plant-based dish & win amazing prizes!

www.ecocooks.org/challenge

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Chess Academy

WEST KELOWNA 2025 CHESS SUMMER CAMPS

📍 **Okanagan Regional Library,**
3731 Old Okanagan Highway, West Kelowna, BC

ENGAGING PUZZLE-
SOLVING CONTESTS

TOURNAMENT-STYLE
PRACTICE SESSIONS

ANALYSIS OF
GRANDMASTER GAMES

PERSONALIZED
FEEDBACK

\$250-\$395
Registration
Fee

Aug 11th to Aug 15th, 2025

Timings: 10am-4:30pm
Full & Half day Camps

Join for fun & creative indoor activities for KG and up





LIL' DUNKERS WESTKHOOPS

Practice
Tuesdays 5-6pm

5-8yrs

Games
Saturday 9am-10am

Season Starts
April 28-June 21

Have fun

**Make new
Friends**

**learn
fundamentals**

REGISTER NOW



SCAN ME



2025 Licensed Summer Camps



City of Kelowna day camps offer an exciting week of gym games, crafts, outdoor play and an out-trip to the downtown splash park or Parkinson Rec Center for an afternoon of swimming!

Join our fantastic staff
for action-packed
weeks for kids K-12Y!

Weekly Camp Themes

June 30 - July 4* Oh Canada
July 7 - 11 Space Exploration
July 14 - 18 The Enchanted Forest
July 21 - 25 Gamer Week
July 28 - August 1 Art Attack
August 4 - 8* Water Splashdown
August 11 - 15 All About Sports
August 18 - 22 Best of the Best



Watson Road Elementary
475 Yates Road

**no care on Stat holidays*

July 7 - 11 Space Exploration
July 14 - 18 World Olympics
July 21 - 25 Myths and Legends
July 28 - August 1 Medieval Times
August 4 - 8* Cowboy Jamboree
August 11 - 15 Water Week
August 18 - 22 Bankhead's Got Talent
August 25 - 29 Camp Rewind



Bankhead Elementary
1280 Wilson Avenue

**no care on Stat holidays*

Registration opens Monday, May 5

Registration must be completed through the Program Manager. Please contact for more information.

Subsidy available!



Bankhead: bankheadkelowna@gmail.com



Watson Road: wraskelowna@gmail.com



KINDERGARTEN

HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT



Colouring Contest!



JUNE 18
**1:00PM-
6:00PM**



Guessing Game!



Family Hub - Pearson
Road Elementary,
700 Pearson Road,
Kelowna



Tattoos & Stickers!



Hello Kindergarten Parents. Do you have a child needing their 4-6 year old immunizations? **Public Health Nurses invite you to book into our Kindergarten Health and Wellness Event.**



Book by appointment:
250-980-4825



No appointment? No problem! You are still welcome to come by and ask questions about public health services and book an appointment for the future. Even if your child is up-to-date on immunizations, all are welcome to attend!

