

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

As the days being to grow longer, we at RLE are gearing up for a busy month. February is always a busy month with lots going on around the school and this year is no exception. We want to thank Mr. Fitzgerald for the awesome job he did with the intramural floor hockey league he ran in the Fall. He tells us he is 'cooking up' something new to start this week! Thank you also to Mrs. Huntley who ran dance club during our cold snap, giving our students a warm activity to participate inside if they did not want to go outside to play in the cold. Thanks to Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Lundquist, we run Lego club and board games in the library at lunch times during our winter months as well.

Among a few of the special days in February are Pink Shirt Day and Valentine's Day. Students are eagerly looking forward to Valentine's Day. Look for more information from your child's classroom teacher about this very fun day! Pink Shirt Day is on February 28, and on this day, students are encouraged to wear pink to take a stand against bullying.

On Thursday, February 1, and Friday, February 2, we will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences. Dismissal will be **12:30** both days. Please book a time with your child(ren)'s teacher to talk about your child(ren)'s progress so far this term. Conferences will be held in person. Instructions on how to register are on our website under Documents and Publications. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

The following teachers are not using our booking site and require you to contact them directly: Cowell, Wilkison, Parker, Pasitney, Dickson, Bulach, L. Vecchio/ Gerber, Dietzel, McDonnell, and Pullar.

Principal, Gord Kirsch and Vice Principal, Jamie McEvoy



Dates to know in February:

January 29

Registration for 2024/2025 school year opens at 7:00 am (New registration only)

February 1

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm
Pack a snack and lunch

February 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm
Pack a snack and lunch

February 7

Gymnastics- Cowell 8:50

February 8

Valentine's Family Dance @6:30

February 9

Gymnastics- Stringer 8:50/ Donkin 9:55

February 14

Gymnastics- Cowell 8:50

February 16

Pro-D Day- NO SCHOOL

February 19

Family Day – NO SCHOOL

February 21

Gymnastics- Cowell 8:50

February 22

PAC meeting 7:15

February 23

Jersey Day
Gymnastics- Stringer 8:50/ Donkin 9:55

February 28

Gymnastics- Pasitney 9:55
Pink shirt Day

New Staff Introduction:

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Bulach, and Ms. Pullar who have recently joined us. Ms. Bulach is taking over for Mrs. Beeger and Ms. Pullar for Ms. Vecchio while they are on maternity leave.



Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, February 1 and Friday, February 2

There will be an early dismissal at 12:30 pm on both Thursday and Friday to accommodate afternoon and evening appointments. Online appointment booking is available until Wednesday, January 31st at 9 am. Students will have their regular eating time so **please still send your child with their snack and lunch.**

Grade 5 Basketball

A huge thank you to Mr. Fitzgerald who has volunteered to coach boys basketball this year! A thank you to Ms. Olijnyk for coaching the grade 5 girls as well!

Kindergarten and New Student Registration

Online applications open on Monday, January 29th 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 by email by **Friday, March 15, 2024.**

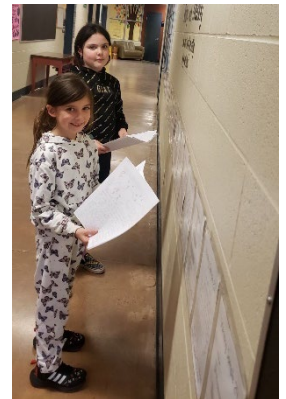
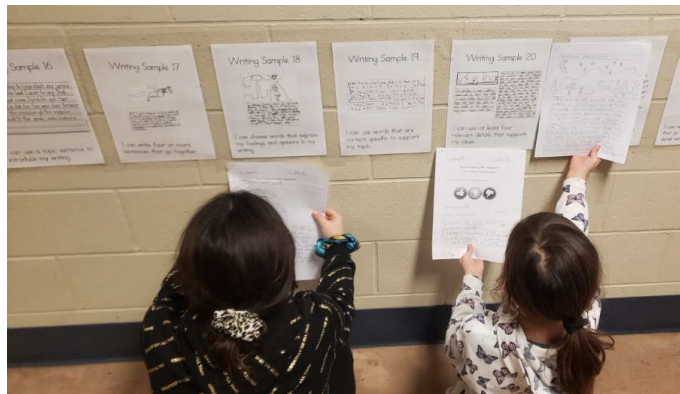
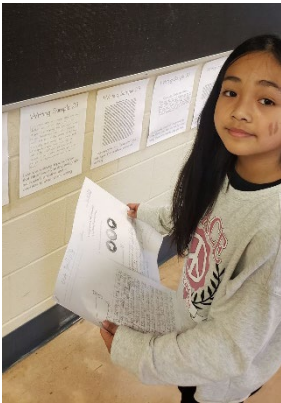
1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License **and** Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows: **or**,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows.
3. Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation
 - 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.

Traffic Woes & Parking Lot Safety

Recently, there has been an increase in drivers stopping in the middle of the road blocking traffic while they wait for students to come out of the school. This creates an unsafe situation for other drivers and students trying to get to and from school. Please do not stop in the middle of the road and block traffic. Consider coming a couple minutes later to pick up your children or have them meet you across the street where they have crossed the road with our cross walk patrol.

Mrs. Cowell's Class

Students in Ms. Cowell's class have been using our RLE Writing Continuum to assess their own work and set personal goals to work towards.





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Accessibility Survey

Help us better understand how Central Okanagan Public Schools can improve accessibility for persons with diverse abilities and disabilities.

Your feedback is important and will help guide the development of our district plan.

Follow the link to complete this short survey:



Rutland Community School

Presents

The R.C.S.

Family Valentine's Dance

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

Rutland Elementary School Gymnasium

6:30-8:00 pm

*Great Music

*Great Family Fun

*Fun family craft

*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.

