

# Rutland Elementary

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## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

Another month has come and gone, and we have found ourselves saying goodbye to winter and hello to spring. At this rate, the rest of the school year will fly by! We hope all our staff, students, and families had a lovely spring break and took time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate.

One sign of spring approaching is that in April, our intermediate students will be busy preparing for the Apple Bowl. As you drive by, you will notice them in the fields honing their skills of shot put, racing, discus, and a few others. We wish them the best of luck in the Apple Bowl in May.

On the topic of spring weather, it can change dramatically over the course of the day. Please send your students to school with the appropriate outdoor clothes so that they can enjoy outside recess time, rain or shine.

As we say goodbye to winter, we are sad to say that we are also saying goodbye to Ms. Hallding and Mrs. MacDonald as they go on maternity leave. While we are sad for us, we are very happy for them and their family. In their place, we are welcoming Ms. Sadi for Ms. Hallding and Ms. Kies for Mrs. MacDonald, who will be with us until the end of June.

Mark Watson, Principal    Rochelle Popoff, Vice-Principal

## Dates to know in April:

|         |                                                            |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar. 31 | First day back after spring break                          |
| Apr. 10 | PAC Meeting                                                |
| Apr. 14 | Vaisakhi                                                   |
| Apr. 16 | ELFF - Early Learning for families 430-530                 |
| Apr. 18 | Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED                                |
| Apr. 21 | Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED                              |
| Apr. 22 | <b>Class Photos</b>                                        |
| Apr. 23 | YMCA – Cowell/Wilkison<br>YMCA – Donkin/Ross/<br>Whitehead |
| Apr. 25 | 90's Day<br>Administrative Professionals Day               |
| Apr. 30 | YMCA – Cowell/Wilkison<br>YMCA – Donkin/Ross/<br>Whitehead |

## School Fees

Reminder to parents if you haven't paid your child's school fees, they are \$45 per student. We encourage you to use our online payment system!

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>

## Are You Moving?

To make accurate plans for next year's school organization, **we need your assistance in confirming student enrollment**. If you know that your child will not be attending Rutland Elementary School next year, please let the office know. **Classes are built in the beginning of June, so this information is VERY valuable to us!**

## Parent Satisfaction Survey

During the months of January to April, School District 23 is participating in the Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province.

Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any **time before 11:59 pm May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

### To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
  - District: the name of your child's district
  - School: the name of your child's school
  - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately

## School Calendar

### SCHOOL CALENDAR SURVEY for **2026-2027 and 2027-2028**

Please note that the proposed school calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 are available at <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/news/2026-2028-school-calendar-survey-20250307211801> for your review. Every year, Central Okanagan Public Schools gathers feedback from the school community regarding future school calendars.

This input is important to help make recommendations to the Board of Education in order to finalize the school calendars for **2026-2027 and 2027-2028**.

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/717143949/welcome>

## Early Learning for Families (ELFF)

ELFF is a free program, for parents of 3- to 5-year-old children, designed to improve their success in literacy and to build connections between home and school. When parents are involved in their children's education, their children do better.

If you have a child between the ages of 3 to 5, we welcome you to register for our ELFF event. It will be held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 430-530pm. Join us for snacks, activities, and fun!

Please register by April 4th using this link: <https://forms.gle/shw8CATvYqYA7BNq8>

## 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!

## Grade 5 Basketball

Our school's Grade 5 basketball program has been a tremendous success this year! The kids were thrilled to participate in games against other Rutland schools, showcasing their enthusiasm and love for the sport. Their dedication to practice and improvement was evident in every game, and their teamwork truly shone as they supported each other on and off the court. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and the strong sense of community they've built through basketball.





## CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Draft 2025-2026 School Calendar

| DESIGNATION                                             | SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23<br>Local Calendar<br>2025/2026 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Days in session                                         | 190<br>(3 summer Pro Days)                            |
| Number of days of instruction                           | 183                                                   |
| Number of non-instructional days                        | 7                                                     |
| Schools open                                            | Tuesday, September 2                                  |
| National Day of Truth and Reconciliation                | Tuesday, September 30                                 |
| Administrative Implementation Day                       | Friday, October 10                                    |
| Thanksgiving Day                                        | Monday, October 13                                    |
| Teacher Professional Day                                | Friday, October 24                                    |
| Remembrance Day                                         | Tuesday, November 11                                  |
| Winter vacation period (schools closed)                 | December 22 – January 2                               |
| Statutory holiday (schools closed)                      | Thursday, January 1                                   |
| Schools reopen after Winter vacation                    | Monday, January 5                                     |
| Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day) | Friday, February 13                                   |
| Family Day                                              | Monday, February 16                                   |
| Spring vacation period (schools closed)                 | March 16 – March 27                                   |
| Schools reopen after Spring vacation                    | Monday, March 30                                      |
| Good Friday (schools closed)                            | Friday, April 3                                       |
| Easter Monday (schools closed)                          | Monday, April 6                                       |
| Victoria Day (schools closed)                           | Monday, May 18                                        |
| Administrative Day (students do not attend)             | Friday, June 26                                       |

The Calendar for 2025-2026 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grades 1-6 878 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 313 minutes X 183)

Provides the:

- number and dates of the days in session
- the number and dates of each day of instruction
- vacation periods and the Statutory Holidays
- the dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- the number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group



# *Junior Coyotes* SPRING PROGRAMS



## SPRING 3ON3

Sundays, March 30 - June 22

Grades 1-9 Boys & Girls

## SPRING MICROBALLERS

Sundays, March 30 - June 22

Boys & Girls, Birthdates 2020, 2021, 2022



## MARCH BREAK CAMP

March 25-27

Grades 1-9 Boys & Girls

CONTACT: 250-575-7731

WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA/JUNIORCOYOTES



# Take the Plunge

Come Join our Supportive Diving Community &  
Learn from one of our Incredible Coaches!

1 meter & 3 meter springboard diving  
lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



- Programs for everyone ages 5 and Up
- Lessons held at the H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre & Rutland Family YMCA

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with any questions



# LACROSSE - THE FASTEST GAME ON 2 FEET

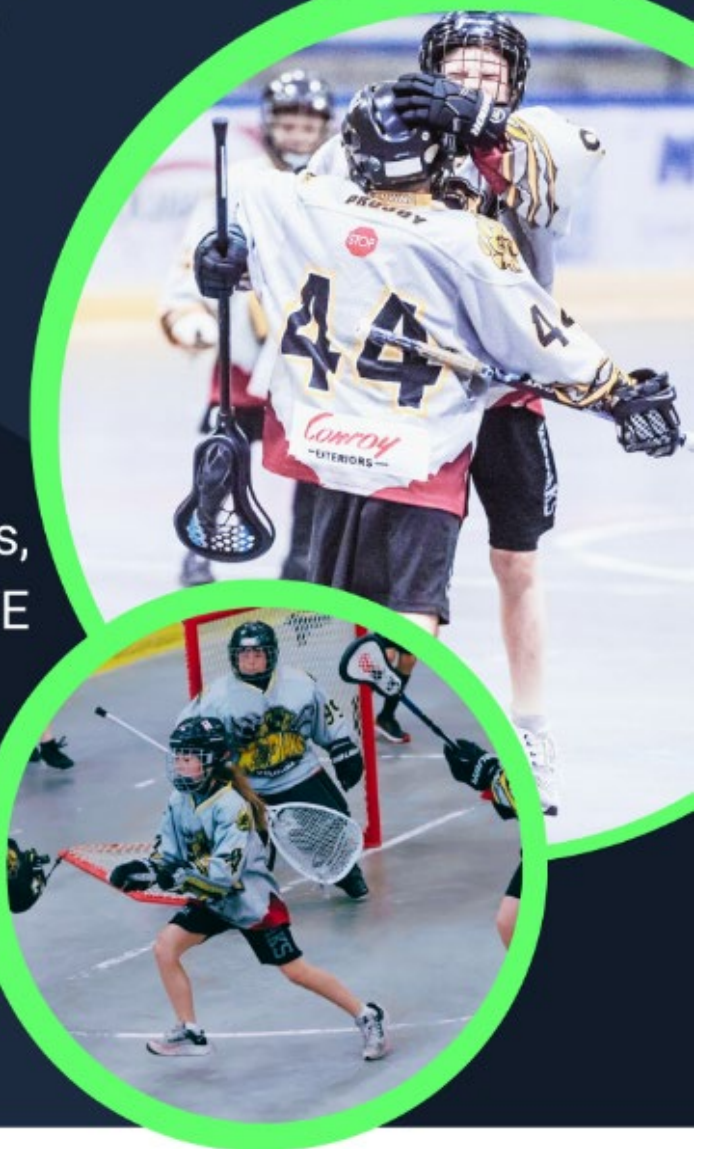
## JOIN THE FUN!

Build skills, make new friends,  
and most importantly, HAVE  
FUN.

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SEASON RUNS APRIL UNTIL JUNE 30

\*UNLESS SELECTED FOR PROVINCIALS



Register at:  
**[kelownalacrosse.ca](http://kelownalacrosse.ca)**

# **CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL HOME ALONE & BABYSITTING COURSES**



**ONLINE & IN-PERSON SESSIONS**

**Home Alone: Ages 9+ yrs | \$53**  
**Babysitter Training: 10.5+ yrs | \$70**

**Register at:**

**[www.babysittingkelowna.com](http://www.babysittingkelowna.com)**

**[kidz4safety@gmail.com](mailto:kidz4safety@gmail.com)**

**or**

**call/text 250-317-2868**



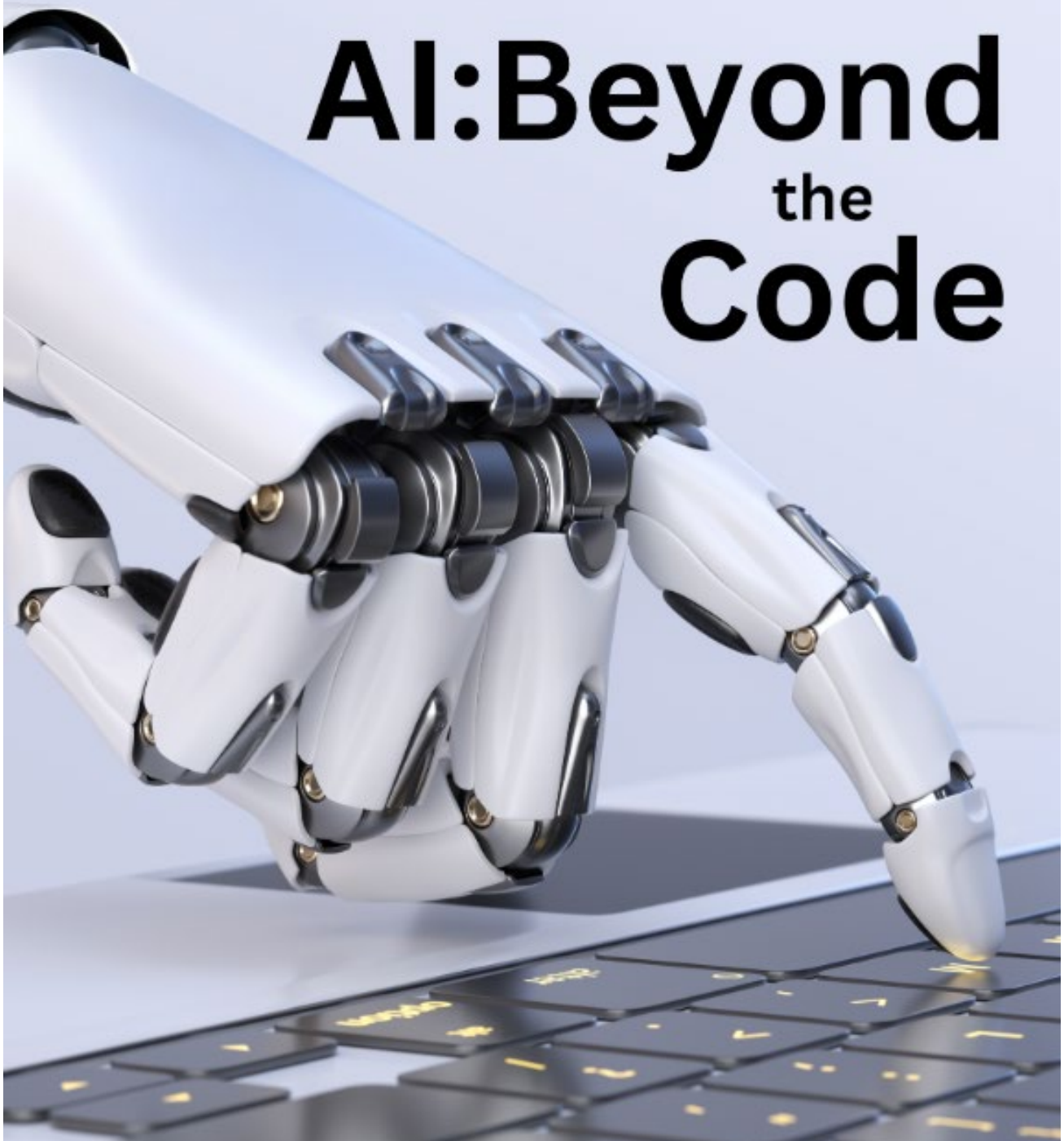
**Ballzee Productions Film Premiere**

March 26th at the UBCO theatre

Scan the QR code for tickets by donation



# AI:Beyond the Code



# **SPEEDCUBING COMPETITION**

Held at Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre



**May 17-18, 2025**



Speedcubing  
**Canada**



Scan to register!

Registration  
opens March 3rd

**60 Competitors**

No need to be  
fast, just need to  
know how to  
solve a cube!