

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

We would like to say a special thanks to our PAC for all the support they provide our school. Particularly those parents who are coming in to organize and run our hot lunch program. All of their hours are volunteered and carved out of busy family lives and schedules. The money raised through the hot lunch program as well as other adventures is used to help support fun activities. Thank you to the PAC for helping support the purchase of 4 new permanent small goal posts for our back field. We are hoping that these will be installed late next Spring!!

With the help of Mrs. Oakes and Ms. Kuzik, the students in the Social Justice committee have created and are encouraging all students to participate in a kindness advent calendar for December. Instead of giving or receiving candy the students will be tracking the acts of kindness they give to others. This is a great way for students to practice and focus on kindness this month.

Thank you to Ms. Rippel and Mr. Parker for their work in organizing the Kelowna Rockets to come in and read with all of our classes. The intermediate students had a wonderful time playing a game of indoor floor hockey at lunch time. Having the students wear their favourite team jerseys only added to the fun and excitement of the day!

A big thank you to Ms. Schilter for all her work in preparing our primary students for our Christmas concert next week. I have been watching the students practicing over the past few weeks and I am looking forward to their 'big' performance next week on Wednesday, Dec 6th at 12:30 in our school gym.

We look forward to continuing our work with your amazing children and are excited about making the upcoming 2018 year a great success. On behalf of all the Rutland Elementary staff and students, we wish all of our RLE families a wonderful Christmas break!

Gord Kirsch, Principal



Dates to know in December:

December 4-15

Food & Warm Clothing Drive

December 5

K-3 Holiday Performance Dress Rehearsal

December 6

K-3 Holiday Performance @ 12:30
Leinemann/Pasitney to
Gymnastics, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

December 7

Reading Bear in Dickson's class,
12:15 – 1:30 pm
PAC & RCS Christmas Party, 6:00 –
7:00 pm

December 8

Reading Bear in Huntley's class,
10 – 11:15 am
Reading Bear in Kruiper's class,
12:30 – 1:30 pm

December 13

Leinemann/Pasitney to
Gymnastics, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

December 14

Report Cards sent home

December 20

Leinemann/Pasitney to
Gymnastics, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

December 22

Pajama Day

December 22

Last day of school before winter
break

December 25 – January 5

Winter Break

January 8

School re-opens after winter
break



Food and Warm Clothing Drive

It is once again time for our annual Food/New and Gently Used Clothing/Toy Drive at Rutland Elementary. We have families in our own community who are without food and who need our help. Please bring in non-perishable food items, clothing or a toy to be put into our collection boxes in the foyer of the school. Some suggestions include (but are not limited to) pasta, baby food, cans of soup, canned fruit and vegetables, clothing or a small toy.

Thank you for giving to our community!



Message from the PAC

Check out the proposed changes to the bylaws on the school website. We will be voting on the changes at our January 15th meeting.

Join us and the Rutland Community School on December 7 from 6 – 7 pm for yummy cookies, hot chocolate, ugly sweater parade and caroling in the gym.

COPAC Parent Conference is on December 9th from 9 – 5. Topics include PAC leadership, Teacher Q&A panel, mindset coach, internet safety, mental health, new curriculum, bylaws & constitutions and drug awareness. This is a free event with free childcare, breakfast and lunch provided. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.ca>.

Cold Weather Reminders

The weather has been getting colder and probably will stay that way for the next few months. Unless the weather is extreme, students are expected to wait outside until the morning bell rings and they are expected to go outside for some fresh air at break and lunch time. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather, warm clothes and gloves for the cold days and boots and rain jackets for the wet days.

If your child has a cold or flu that requires them to stay indoors, they are probably better off staying at home that day. By staying at home they have a better chance to recover faster and reduce the possibility of spreading their illness. There will be rare exceptions, but generally if a child is well enough to come to school, they are well enough to go outside for fresh air.

Winter Break

School will not be in session from Monday, December 25 through to Friday, January 5. We are back on Monday, January 8. Have a wonderful holiday!



Lost and Found

Parents are asked to come into the school and look through our Lost and Found (located in the main foyer on the right hand side). There's lots of hoodies and jackets waiting to be claimed. Items not claimed will be donated to a charity on Friday, December 22.

Parking Lot Safety

Thank you to all the parents who are looking out for the safety of all students by following the NO PARKING/FIRE LANE restrictions when coming to pick up and drop off their children. The visibility of children darting out from the sidewalk is greatly improved when cars are **not** parked along the edges of our parking lot.