

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to all our teachers for doing a great job of honoring Remembrance Day with rich learning activities and discussions. All of that ended in an excellent Remembrance Day ceremony that honored the huge sacrifice that has been paid for the freedom we currently enjoy. We can't say enough about how enjoyable it has been to be able to get back into the gym with all our students for our fun assemblies and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

We recognize that at RLE we have a very diverse community. We celebrated Multicultural Week and had the pleasure of learning about various cultures, foods and traditions that our families celebrate. Thank you to all who participated, organized, and learned alongside us; it was a rich, culturally infused week of learning about one another that will be long remembered.

The excitement and magic of the holidays is upon us (partially thanks to the early snow)! Students are happily sharing holiday plans and family traditions that are on the horizon for them. We will be celebrating the season with a Primary Christmas Concert on December 9th at 12:30. We are also supporting our PAC with a Food Drive for the Kelowna Food Bank during the month of December. As the season of giving and receiving is upon us, we hope to be able to help and support those who may need an extra hand this season.

On behalf of the entire RLE community, we wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to a wonderful beginning to 2023 seeing everyone back, rested, and ready to kick off the New Year on January 3, 2023

Principal, Gord Kirsch

Vice Principal, Jamie McEvoy

Mr. Stacey's Retirement

Elvis is leaving the building! It is with mixed emotions that we announce Mr. Stacey's retirement this December. Mr. Stacey has been a pillar of this school for close to 3 decades. Over the years, Mr. Stacey has worked tirelessly to integrate technology into his lessons making learning that much more interesting for his students. In addition, he has an amazing ability to connect with his students and is always encouraging them to try their best. Mr. Stacey has decided to move to Ucluelet to be able to spend more time with his granddaughter and family. To say he will be leaving a large gaping hole in our staff and community would be an understatement. As friends and colleagues, we will miss him terribly but wish him well in the next stage of his journey!!



Dates to know:

December 7

OGC- Kuzik

OGC- McDonnell

December 8

Report Cards go home

December 9

Primary Christmas Concert @ 12:30

December 12

Rocks and Rings

December 13

Rocks and Rings

December 14

Rocks and Rings

Crazy Hair Day- Winter Version

December 15

Rocks and Rings

Ugly Sweater Day

December 16

PJ day

Last day of class before break

Dec 17 -Jan 2

School closed for winter break

January 3

School back in session

OGC = Okanagan Gymnastics Centre



Winter Break

School will not be in session from Monday, December 20th through to Monday, January 2nd. We are back on Tuesday, January 3rd. Have a wonderful holiday!

Christmas Concert

Students from grades K - 3 including Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Vargo, Ms. Huntley, Ms. Dickson, Ms. M Vecchio, Ms. Kuzik, Ms. McDonnell, Ms. Hilde, Ms. Kate, Ms. Cowell, Ms. Wilkison, and Ms. Oakes will be presenting a winter performance for parents to attend Friday, December 9th, from 12:30-1:15 in the gym. We will be so happy to see you attend. Family members welcome! Ms. Ketesdi's grade 3/4 students will be presenting in the spring performance with the intermediates. Hope you can make it & see you there. Happy Holidays! Please consider bringing a donation for the Kelowna Food Bank if you are able.

Rocks and Rings

We are pleased to have the local curling program, known as Rocks and Rings, return to our school again this year. During the last week of school before holidays all students will participate in a program where they learn about curling. This is a very popular event with our students and is supported once again by our wonderful PAC.

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.

Cold and flu season

One of the most important ways to prevent the spread of cold germs is to wash your hands! Thank you in advance for using the Safe Arrival School Messenger system to advise us if your child will be absent. Using this system saves our clerical staff valuable time. <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Warm Clothing Drive

Thank you to all the generous donations for our Warm Clothing Drive! We managed to fill an entire van full of warm clothing to help support those in need this winter.

Thank you,

Kendra Hallding & Emily McCormick



Art with Janice

The classrooms and halls are showing the talents of art led by Janice. We are so appreciative to have Janice here to help bring out the artistic abilities of our students. From snowmen to snow globes to wherever your imagination can soar, we are thankful to learn and create art with Janice.



Assemblies

Last month we had the pleasure of seeing Dallas Arcand present Cree style hoop dancing, which is a blend of pow-wow and contemporary styles that have been influenced by his elders. He has been dancing for nearly 30 years and shared his talents with us. This month we had a wonderful week of learning all about the over 25 different cultures that are represented at RLE during Multicultural Week. Through national flags, dances, traditional dress, and cultural foods, we learned so much about all that we have in common, what makes us diverse, and ultimately that we are better together. Thank you to all who participated and shared their learning!



Lost & Found and Parking

Our Lost and Found bin and clothing rack is overflowing and items will be cleared out and **items donated on Dec. 15th**. Please feel free to come in a look for your child's belongings in the bin

A friendly reminder to not idle while waiting to pick up students. In addition, please do not stop or park in front of fire hydrants and city bus stop. Thank you to those parents who arrive a couple minutes after the bell at the end of the day to space out traffic congestion around the school.