

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

October has been full of things to be thankful for. There have been several exciting activities each week at Rutland Elementary this month. We are so grateful for all of you who make our school community so amazing. From our students who come to school each day, full of laughter and ready to learn, to our PAC who run delicious hot lunches and other fundraisers, to our families who take an important role in students' learning journey – we appreciate each one of you!

This year, Halloween was another success. Students came to school wearing exciting, spooky costumes. Thank you to everyone for wearing family-friendly costumes, making it a fun day for all who participated. Also, on the same day as Halloween, many students were celebrating Diwali. We loved seeing everyone in their special clothing and learning more about the festival of lights. Our district's theme this year is Together. October 31 was a great example of how we can all come together in celebratory ways even when the paths we take to our celebrations are diverse.

Finally, we are grateful for our staff who come together to create outstanding learning opportunities for each student. We see the hard work and dedication that they put in each day and in the classroom. One exciting event that you may have heard about already is that Floor Hockey has started up again. Thank you to all our staff who are helping with this and Mr. Fitzgerald for leading it!

Mark Watson and Jamie McEvoy

Dates to know in November:

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| 8 | Remembrance Day assembly @ 1030 am |
| 11 | Remembrance Day (No school) |
| 18 | Cultural Performance – Black Dog Quartet |
| 21 | PAC Meeting 7:00 |
| 22 | Harmony Day |
| 29 | Crazy Hair Day |

Remembrance Day

This year, on Friday November 8th at 10:30 am, Rutland Elementary will hold a school-wide Remembrance Day assembly led by our student leaders. It's a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our service members who continue to defend our values and freedoms. Considering current world events, this observance carries even more significance, as we are reminded of the importance of unity, gratitude, and peace.

You can also participate in Remembrance Day by attending local ceremonies, wearing poppies, and observing 2 minutes of silence on November 11. Poppies will be available for all students, and any donations collected will be forwarded to the Canadian Legion. Your participation not only pays tribute to our heroes but also reinforces the importance of remembering their sacrifices in today's world. We invite you to join us in honoring Remembrance Day as we stand together as a community and remember the enduring significance of this day.

Parking

We have had a few reports from parents of students nearly being hit at drop off and darting across the road to get to school. We are asking that you please drop off your child in an area where they do not have to cross the road in between cars etc. We arrange for staff to supervise the crosswalk in the morning and after school. By dropping them off a few minutes earlier or close to the crosswalk students can cross the road safely with supervision. Parents are welcome to complete a 'traffic incident' form which is available from our office, and these are forwarded to the RCMP and or Bylaw enforcement. Alternatively, you can submit a service ticket using this link: <https://www.kelowna.ca/city-services/online-services/services-requests>

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.

Storybook Pumpkin Patch

Our Rutland Elementary Storybook Pumpkin Patch was open for business, and it was obvious that many families spent quality time together creating story characters to add to our patch. It really is one of our favorite activities in our library, so thank you to all the families that participated. We had over 100 pumpkins decorated! The whole school loved coming through the patch and admiring all the hard work!









Lost and Found

This rack and bin hold our lost and found items that have been found on the field and in the hallways. Please feel free to come into the school and look for your child's clothing.

Multi-Cultural Week

Did you know that each year in B.C. the third week in November is proclaimed as Multicultural Week? It's a time to celebrate our multicultural communities and to appreciate the way diversity enriches our lives. At RLE we greatly value inclusion and cultural diversity – something every Roadrunner can be proud of! Please mark November 22nd on your calendars to wear a special dress, sash, hat, or clothing piece from your culture.

Halloween Pictures







Pumpkin Patch Field Trip Photos

