

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

HO! HO! HO! December has arrived in full force with the hustle and bustle of the holiday spirit in the air. Our halls were filled with the smell of pine as PAC distributed the wreaths from their Holiday fundraiser this past week and Ms. Schilter and the crew of students have been working on their Winter themed songs! They are looking forward to sharing some Winter Wonders with you just next week!

We continue to support our learners in their learning journey as teams of educators dig a little deeper into our latest inquiry of creating rich hands on tasks for students. As a school, we are transitioning from focusing on content to providing learning experiences for our students that foster risk-taking, curiosity and discovery by building student agency. We continue to emphasis our core work in developing our students' foundational literacy and numeracy skills. Please click [here](#) for our Learning Plan on our website for more information.

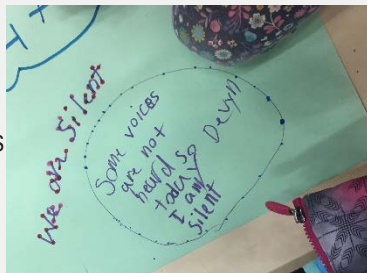
A BIG THANK YOU to two parent volunteers, Todd Sloan and Jeremy Harris for carving out time to be our basketball coaches for our grade 4 and 5 girls and boys! Practices begin this week! Boys are scheduled for Mondays after schools with Mr. Harris and girls are set to practice Tuesday mornings with Mr. Sloan. GO TEAMS GO!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the hard working parent volunteers that help to organize hot lunch! They are an energetic, passionate, and organized group of moms!

Mrs. Oakes led a group of dedicated students in STUDENT VOICE club this month. On November 20th (Universal Children's Day), twenty-two club members made pledges to take a vow of silence in support of WE's 'WE Are Silent' initiative. They silenced their own voices to raise awareness for the billions of children around the world whose voices are not heard.

THANK YOU!

Mr. Kirsch & Mrs. Anjos



Dates to know in December:

December 2-13

Warm Clothing & Food Drive

December 2 - 6

Fencing for Grades 2 - 5

December 6

Aka to Gymnastics, 9:00 – 10:00

December 10

Kindergarten Vision Screening

PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm

December 11

Kindergarten Vision Screening

Dress Rehearsal, 12:15 – 1:30 pm

December 12

K-3 Winter Concert, 12:30 – 1:30

December 13

Report Cards go Home

Aka to Gymnastics, 9:00 – 10:00

December 16

Holiday Sweater Day

December 18

Rocks and Rings

December 19

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December 20

Last day of school before break

Holiday Assembly, time TBC

PJ Day

December 23 – January 5

Winter Break

January 6

School re-opens after 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!



Parking Lot Safety

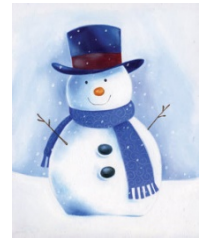
Thank you to all the parents who are looking out for the safety of all students by following the NO PARKING/FIRE LANE restrictions when coming to pick up and drop off their children. The visibility of children darting out from the sidewalk is greatly improved when cars are **not** parked along the edges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

Primary Winter Performance

Students in Mrs. Church, Ms. Suurallik, Mrs. Kruiper, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Vecchio & Mrs. Sahota, Ms. Cowell, Mrs. Wilkison, Ms. Burton, Ms. Dietzel, Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Oakes' classes will be presenting the Primary Winter Music Performance on Thursday, December 12, 2019. The students have been working hard to put on a great show for everyone!

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.

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 left 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 20.



Winter Break

School will not be in session from Monday, December 23 through to Friday, January 3. We are back on Monday, January 6. Have a wonderful holiday!