



Dates to know:

September 2

Early Dismissal @ 11:00

September 3

Full day (Gr. 1-5)- Bring lunch!
Kindergarten Gradual Entry Begins

September 3-9

Gradual Entry for Kindergarten

September 5

Open House for families 1:45
(Students in assembly)

September 9

Half Day for Kindergarten

September 10

First Full Day of Kindergarten- bring lunch and a healthy snack!

September 23

Picture Day (AM)

September 23-24

Learn to Ride Bike Program for Grade 4 Students

September 30

No School- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

October 2

Parent Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal @12:30

October 3

Parent Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal @12:30

Please visit our website regularly! The [calendar](#) is updated almost daily!

Rutland Elementary

Dear Rutland Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! We are so excited to see our students back in the building and to welcome new families to our Rutland Elementary community. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and connection.

This year, our school is focusing on three key priorities that will guide our work and support student success: strengthening core competency in numeracy, fostering literacy across all grade levels, and nurturing a caring and inclusive community where every learner feels supported and valued. These priorities reflect our commitment to helping students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We're also thrilled to welcome several new staff members to our team, Ms. Hayes in Kindergarten, Ms. Cameron as our Inclusion Teacher, Ms. Brown (Ms. Pasitney for the start of the year) and Mr. Draper, Ms. Schewa, Ms. Nisha and Ms. Joyce as CEAs. Each brings unique talents and enthusiasm to our school, and we know they will make a positive impact on our students and community. Please join us in giving them a warm Rutland welcome!

We are thankful to our PAC for their continued work and support. Our PAC executive for the 2025-26 school year is: President Chantel Clark, Vice President(s) Tamara Pals Treasurer(s) Devon and Ashley Murtagh, Secretary Julie Ewbank, Hot Lunch Coordinator Kandace Norori, Member at Large Tia Farrup and COPAC Representative Lisa Schechtel. The first PAC meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 7 pm.

Over the summer, our incredible custodial staff worked tirelessly to prepare the school for the new year. From scrubbing down classrooms and polishing floors to helping new staff move into their spaces, their hard work has made our school shine. In the past two weeks, teachers have been in and out of the building, setting up classrooms and planning engaging learning experiences. Their energy and creativity are already shining through, and we can't wait for students to dive into the exciting activities ahead.

We are energized and ready to begin a new year of learning together. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We encourage you to stay connected through school communications and events—we're all in this together

With gratitude – Mr. M. Watson, Mrs. R Popoff

First Week at a Glance – September 1-5

Monday- 1	Labour Day School Closed
Tuesday- 2	School opens- half day for Gr. 1-5 (Bring a snack) Early dismissal @ 11:00
Wednesday- 3	First full day for Gr. 1-5 (Students need a lunch going forward!) Kindergarten gradual entry begins
Thursday- 4	Kindergarten gradual entry continues
Friday- 5	Open house for families 2:00-2:15

Open House September 5

On Friday, September 5 there will an opportunity for Parents to come to the school starting at 2pm to meet the teacher and visit the classroom, students will be attending an assembly during this time.

School Messenger Safe Arrival/Absence Reporting System

Absences MUST be entered by you, into School Messenger. If you have not already logged in to the system, please use the following link for instructions:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Bell Schedule

08:30 am	School Day Begins
10:55 am	Lunch Hour
11:52 pm	Afternoon session begins
1:12 pm	Afternoon Recess Begins
1:27 pm	Afternoon Recess ends
2:30 pm	School Day ends
2:45 pm	Afternoon Supervision Ends

All students must be off school property by this time.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are \$50 per student. We encourage you to use our online payment system! There is a link on our website, <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>. All school fees are due by October 1.

Dogs at RLE

As adorable and fun as dogs can be, unfortunately all dogs, even on leash, are prohibited from school property by the City of Kelowna bylaw. This also includes tying your dog to the fence and leaving the animal unattended. Owners that violate the bylaw may be fined \$100 by the Regional District of Kelowna. If you are walking to meet your child and you have a dog with you, please plan to meet your child off school property. Thank you to those parents who have been waiting with the four-legged family member just outside the property. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Financial Hardship Clause

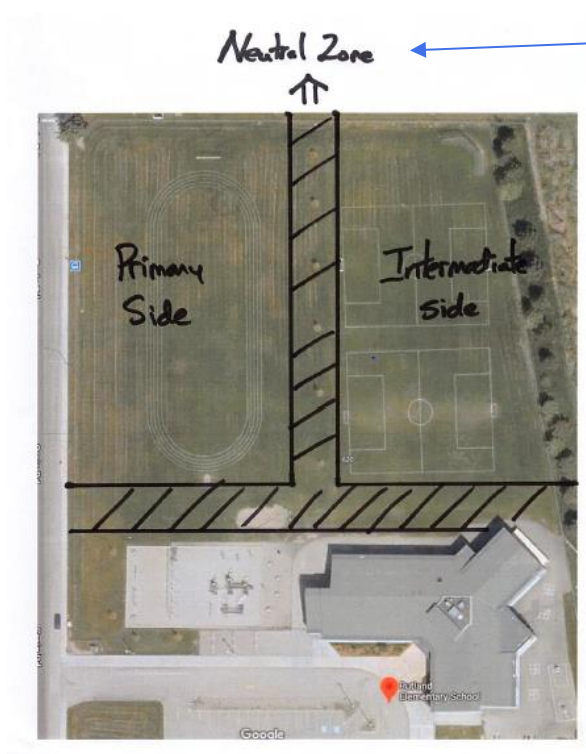
Within Board Policy Regulation 425R – Student Fees (www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations provides "*Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay*". Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

Student Accident Insurance

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, click [here](#).

Zones of Play for Lunch and Recess

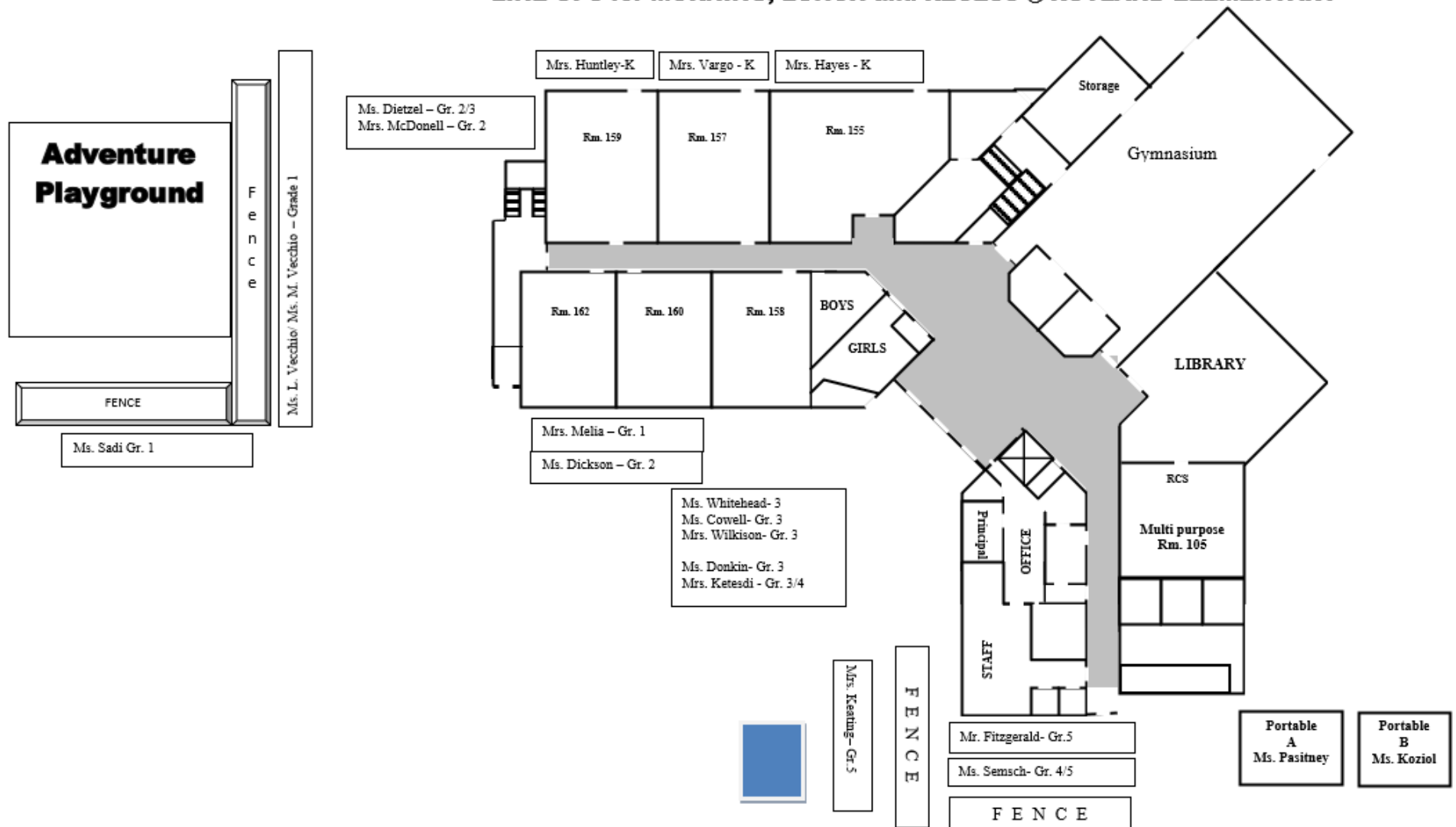


The Neutral zone is where primary and intermediate students can play together.



RLE Line-up Map

LINE UPS for MORNING, LUNCH and RECESS @ RUTLAND ELEMENTARY



**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

kidz4safety@gmail.com

or

call/text 250-317-2868

SMASHBALL

GIRLS & BOYS GR K-5!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER →



IGNITE A LOVE FOR VOLLEYBALL!

Volley Spark is a fun, energetic introduction to volleyball. For those *just learning* the game, or with *no previous experience*, Volley Spark is the perfect place to start!

- **\$75 for 7-Week Program!**
- **Focused on Basic Skills!**
- **Locations in Mission, Rutland & Glenmore!**
- **Fun, Engaging & Encouraging Atmosphere!**

**FREE
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SESSION**



Check out our Website

3x3 Youth Basketball Registration now open



westkhoops.ca

Registration deadline: Sept 15, 2025

Little dunkers
K-Gr. 2

House league
Gr. 3-10

STARTING SOON!



Exciting news for families in Kelowna!

Parkinson Rec is launching a brand-new
Licensed Group Childcare Program this fall!

- ▶ **Play-based learning**
- ▶ **Led by qualified Early Childhood Educators**
- ▶ **Licensed Childcare for ages 3 - 5**
- ▶ **Runs September to June**
No care on Stat Holidays
- ▶ **Available 2 or 3 days a week!**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday / Tuesday & Thursday
- ▶ **9:00am - 1:30pm**
- ▶ **Subsidy available**

For more information or to register,
please contact playandlearnparkinson@gmail.com.

