



Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to share that the school year is off to a smooth and positive start. September was filled with energy, connection, and meaningful learning experiences for our students and staff.

We launched the year with a high-energy assembly featuring a *Minute to Win It* game show-style competition between students and teaching staff. Laughter, teamwork, and friendly rivalry filled the gym as families joined us for our Open House. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it a memorable evening.

This month, our Grade 5 students stepped into leadership roles as Safety Patrollers. After learning from our district's safety instructor in a classroom session, they practiced their skills on the street. These Roadrunners are showing care and responsibility for our school community. Thank you, Safety Patrollers!

During the last week of September, classes engaged in learning and reflection to honor First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples, and to recognize the ongoing effects of residential schools. Our culminating assembly featured a personal land acknowledgement by Indigenous students and a heartfelt story: *Every Child Matters* by Phyllis Jack Webstad. Thank you to all students who wore orange in support of Orange Shirt Day.

The Rutland Roadrunners will host our annual Terry Fox Run on October 9. Students are encouraged to raise funds for cancer research in the coming week. Let's keep Terry's legacy alive and strong!

We are looking forward to welcoming families into our building once again for Parent/Teacher Conferences. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to connect and support your child's learning journey. We're excited for all that lies ahead and grateful for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic school year!

Mark Watson, Principal Rochelle Popoff, Vice-Principal

Dates to know in October:

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| 2 | Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal 12:30pm |
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| 5 | World Teacher Day |
| 9 | Terry Fox Run |
| 10 | Implementation Day
No School |
| 13 | Thanksgiving
No School |
| 17 | Photo Retakes
Kel Flight Museum/Mill Creek Field Trip – Dietzel/Donkin |
| 20 | Diwali
PAC Meeting 7pm |
| 24 | Pro Day - No School |
| 29 | Halloween Dance 6-8pm |
| 31 | Kindergarten Field Trip to Clubhouse Farms |

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 now.

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. Using this system saves our clerical staff valuable time.

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

Allergy Awareness

Children in our care have life-threatening food allergies. For these children, smelling, eating or touching allergy-causing food can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction (also known as anaphylaxis). If not treated, it could lead to collapse and death. Some anaphylactic reactions can occur within seconds or minutes of contact with the allergy-causing food. Other reactions may take an hour or longer to appear. The only way to prevent this type of reaction is to avoid contact with allergy-causing foods.

Rutland Elementary has a school-wide awareness policy on peanuts and tree nuts. Parents are asked to carefully read product labels prior to sending any foods to school to ensure they do not contain peanuts and/or nuts within the ingredients list. Teachers may send home a letter outlining the specific nature of the allergy in your child's classroom. Also, please remind your children not to share their lunches.

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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th was marked as a statutory holiday - **the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

For many years, this day has been commemorated as Orange Shirt Day, based on [the story of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad](#), who as a child, had her new favorite orange shirt stripped from her on her first day of attending residential school.

This new national holiday brings people together in the spirit of reconciliation to honor residential school survivors and their families.

Photos

Learn to Ride Bike Program





Orange Shirt Day









SEPT. 27 - OCT. 3, 2025

GoByBike Week for SCHOOLS

Ride to Win a Class Pizza Party!

GoByBikeBC 
BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

FREE REGISTRATION:
GOBYBIKEBC.CA



**REGISTER AND
ENTER TO WIN
GREAT PRIZES!**



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COLUMBIA**

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Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care



Join Us

NOURISH

**FOR PARENTS WITH
SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN,
FRIDAYS AT 12:30PM**

A Weekly Parent Connection Group.
Raising school-aged kids can be amazing
— and sometimes overwhelming. Nourish
is here to support you.

Join us for a weekly gathering where
parents of school-aged children come
together to share, connect, and grow. This
is a warm, welcoming space for
conversation, support, and practical ideas
for parenting in today's world.

Starting September 12th



The Strong Roots Centre
Childhood Connections



*To register, please send us
an email*

katier@childhoodconnections.ca



● ***Meet other
parents***

● ***Have
meaningful
conversation***

● ***Receive support
and give support***

Take the Plunge

Learn to Dive with KSDC



1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



Ages 5 and Up

Lessons held at the H2O Adventure +
Fitness Centre and the Rutland Family
YMCA

Email ksdc.general@gmail.com
with any questions

OKANAGAN COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FALL PROGRAMS

FALL 3V3

BOYS & GIRLS; GRADES 1-9

SEPTEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 22/23

FALL MICROBALLERS

BOYS & GIRLS; AGES 3-5 YEARS

SEPTEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 22

FALL 5V5

GR 6-8 BOYS, GR 9-12 BOYS & GR 9-12 GIRLS

SEPTEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 10



SEE TIMES, LOCATIONS AND INFO HERE

WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA

2025/26 HOME SCHEDULE



 OCT 17 5:00pm 7:00pm OCT 18 11:00am 1:00pm	 NOV 14 6:00pm 8:00pm NOV 15 1:00pm 3:00pm	 NOV 21 6:00pm 8:00pm NOV 22 1:00pm 3:00pm	 JAN 09 6:00pm 8:00pm JAN 10 1:00pm 3:00pm	 JAN 23 6:00pm 8:00pm JAN 24 1:00pm 3:00pm	 FEB 13 6:00pm 8:00pm FEB 14 1:00pm 3:00pm
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***practice English
1:1 reading support!***

***FALL 2025 SESSION:
OCT 2 - NOV 27***

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

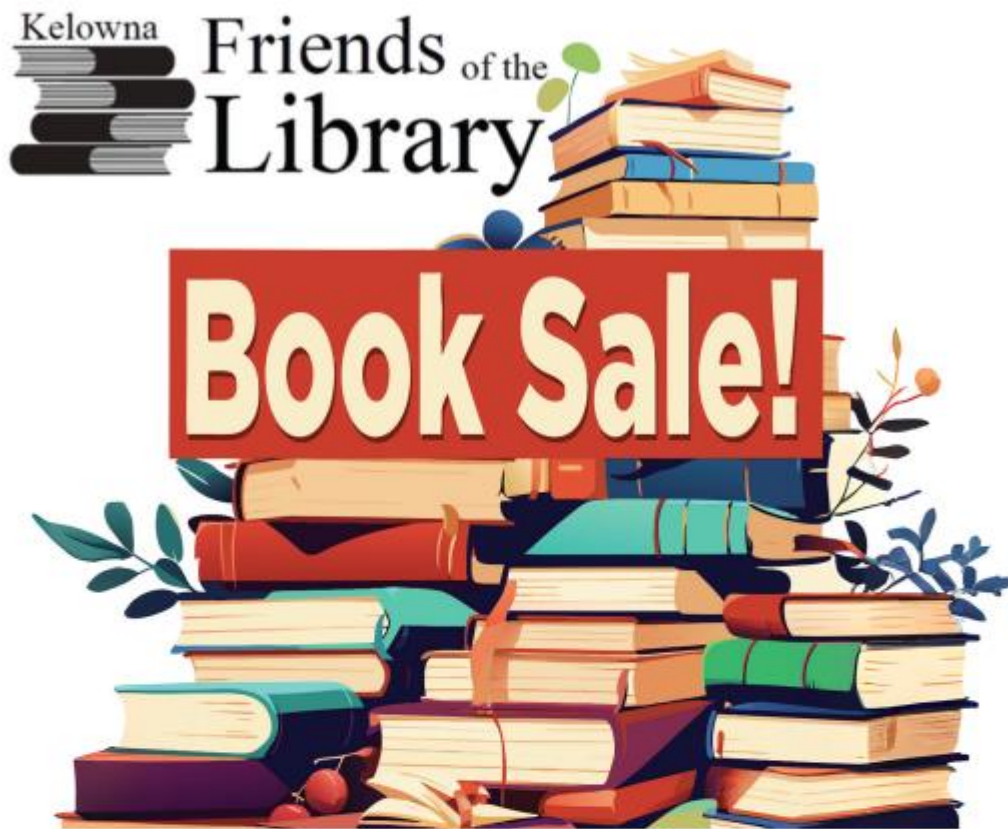
Tuesdays: Rutland Library
Wednesdays: Downtown
Kelowna Library
Thursdays: ORL Vernon Branch

5:30-6:30pm

Register: info@niteo.org

SCAN ME





35th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE
SUPPORTING ALL BRANCHES OF OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday	October 15	2:00pm to 8pm
Thursday	October 16	9:30am to 8pm
Friday	October 17	9:30am to 8pm
Saturday	October 18	9:30am to 2pm

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Church Parking: New One-Way System
Enter: West Alley (by Church) Exit: East Alley (by Hall)

Kelowna Friends of the Library acknowledge the support of
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Register Today!

Big White Ski Club BLAZERS:

- 10 week program
- Starting early January, choose Saturdays or Sundays
- An introduction to ski racing
- For skiers aged 6-11 (*not a learn to ski program*)



*payment plans available



www.bigwhiteskiclub.com/registernow



Community Games Day



OCTOBER 4, 2025



11 AM-3 PM



**PIONEER GARDENS, WATERFRONT PARK
1200 WATER STREET, KELOWNA**



Join us for a family-friendly event
to support environmental education for all!

HOW IT WORKS



REGISTER ONLINE—SOLO/TEAM

Free if you register prior to the event



FUNDRAISE

Ask friends & family to sponsor you



WIN BIG

The more you raise, the more chances
to win prizes like lego, wine tours + more!



AT THE EVENT



Fun games & challenge stations



EcoWarrior obstacle course



Local music & tasty food



Swag bags + more prizes!



Register now & start fundraising!

www.ecocooks.org/community-games-day