



Dates to know:

September 3

Early Dismissal @ 11:00

September 4

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

September 4-9

Gradual Entry for Kindergarten

September 6

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

September 10

Half Day for Kindergarten

September 11

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

September 23

Picture Day (AM)

September 30

No School- National Day of Truth
and Reconciliation

October 3

Parent Teacher Conferences Early
Dismissal @12:30

October 4

Parent Teacher Conferences Early
Dismissal @12:30

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

Rutland Elementary

620 Webster Rd, Kelowna, BC, 250-870-5126, www.rle.sd23.bc.ca

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! Our School District theme for the year is "TOGETHERNESS". We are excited for the year ahead and the opportunity to learn together with our families!

There are several new adult faces at Rutland this year including myself. As a short introduction I have been in Kelowna schools as an administrator since 2009. Prior to that, I started my career in the Revelstoke District as a teacher and counselor. I live in the Rutland area and my youngest daughter still attends Rutland Secondary. I am fiercely "Rutland Proud". I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with your children as Principal at Rutland Elementary and I look forward to meeting you all. In addition to myself being new, I would like to welcome new teaching staff: Kendra Hallding, Tara Melia, Hayley Ross, Alyssa Koziol, Sylvia Keating, Sarah Scott, and Tina Adams.

We are thankful to our PAC for their continued work and support. Our PAC executive for the 2024-25 school year is: President Tamara Pals, Vice President(s) Chantel Clark and Kora Holt, Treasurer(s) Jason Elder and Carly Cook, Hot Lunch Coordinator Marie Collins, and COPAC Representative Lisa Schechtel.

Our custodial staff has been working hard over the summer scrubbing down, polishing floors, and helping new staff move into classrooms. During the past two weeks teachers have been in and out of the building setting up their classrooms and planning great learning activities for our students! We are excited and ready to start a new year of learning!

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school!

With gratitude – Mr. M. Watson, Mrs. J McEvoy

First Week at a Glance - September 2-6

Monday- 2	Labour Day School Closed
Tuesday- 3	School opens- half day for Gr. 1-5 (Bring a snack) Early dismissal @ 11:00
Wednesday- 4	First full day for Gr. 1-5 (Students need a lunch going forward!) Kindergarten gradual entry begins
Thursday- 5	Kindergarten gradual entry continues
Friday- 6	Open house assembly for families at 1:50

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	1:32 pm	Staggered afternoon Recess
09:55 am	Staggered morning Recess	1:47 pm	Afternoon Recess Ends
10:10 am	Morning Recess Ends	2:30 pm	School Day ends
11:15 am	Lunch Hour	2:45 pm	Afternoon Supervision Ends
12:12 pm	Afternoon session begins	All students must be off school property by this time.	

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are \$45 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

