



Rutland Elementary

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! Our thoughts are with those in our community who have friends and relatives that have been displaced or lost homes to the series of wildfires that have found their way into our Okanagan communities.

We are very excited about our Gaga Ball Pit that was installed on the very last day of school in June. Due to the popularity of this new addition of play equipment we will be taking time to teach students how to play the game and there will also be a schedule to ensure all the grades get equal access to this new fun game throughout each week's outside play times. The installation of the Gaga Ball Pit would not be possible without the huge support of our School's PAC!!!! THANK YOU!

Our custodial staff has been working hard over the summer scrubbing down and polishing floors. 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 would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new staff members: Mr. Fitzgerald- Gr. 5, Ms. Donkin – Grade 3/4, Ms. Hallding - Grade K/1, Mrs. Gerber – Job Share Grade 2, Ms. Ross – Grade 4/5, Mrs. Olijnyk – ELL and Prep

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

With gratitude –

Mr. Kirsch and Mrs. McEvoy

Dates to know:

September 5

Early Dismissal @ 11:15

September 6

Full day (Gr. 1-5)- Bring lunch!

September 7-11

Gradual Entry for Kindergarten

September 12

Half Day for Kindergarten

September 13

First Full Day of Kindergarten- bring lunch!

September 19

Picture Day

September 28-29

Parent Teacher Conferences
Early dismissal @ 12:30

October 2

No School- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

October 3

Performance- Earth Rangers

October 6

No School Administrative Day

First Week at a Glance- September 4-8

Mon- 4	School Closed
Tues- 5	School opens- half day for Gr. 1-5 (Bring a snack) Early dismissal @ 11:15
Weds- 6	First full day for Gr. 1-5 (Students need a lunch going forward!) Kindergarten gradual entry begins
Thurs- 7	
Fri- 8	Open house assembly for families at 1:45

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#/=>

Revised Bell Schedule

08:30 am	School Day Begins	1:33 pm	Staggered afternoon Recess
09:55 am	Staggered morning Recess	1:48 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
12:13 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

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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 @ RUGLAND ELEMENTARY

