January 2024 Newsletter

Rutland Elementary

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Dates to know in January:

January 8

Welcome Back!

January 11

January 17

Grade 3 swimming:

Cowel/Wilkison 12:15-2:15

Grade 3 swimming:

Donkin/Dietzel/Ketesdi 10-12

January 26

Gymnastics-Dietzel 8:55

Cultural Performance 8:45

Donkin/Dietzel/Ketesdi 10-12

Cowel/Wilkison 12:15-2:15

Parent Conferences- Early



PAC meeting

Donkin/Dietzel/Ketesdi 10-12

January 19

Gymnastics-Dietzel 8:55

January 24

Cowel/Wilkison 12:15-2:15

Twin/Triplet Day

Gymnastics-Donkin 9:55

January 31

Grade 3 swimming:

Feb 1-2

dismissal 12:30



Principal's Message:

Happy New Year! We hope the holidays were filled with great moments and memories along with some rest. We are excited for the adventures ahead and welcome your children back to school. We

look forward to all that will be happening over the next few weeks.

One of the exciting things at RLE, is that we are welcoming some new faces. Mrs. Semsch is returning from her maternity leave and stepping back into her Grade 4/5 classroom. Ms. Ross has found a new home at Quigley elementary school. Mrs. Beeger has started her maternity leave and we are lucky to have Miss Bulach join us for the remainder of the year to fill Mrs. Beeger's vacancy.

Unfortunately, we had scheduled Rocks and Rings to come again this year, but they were unable to fill the position with an instructor so the program was cancelled. We will try to reschedule in the coming months.

Our Primary Winter Concert was a huge success! Thank you to Ms. Schilter for all of her hard work putting together the show. And of course, to our students who really enjoy show casing their learning and talents for their audience.

We wish you the best for the New Year and we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with your children

Gord Kirsch, Principal

Jamie McEvoy, vice Principal

Winter Reminders

Parents, please discuss these with your child(ren):

- 1. The "no snowball" rule is in effect. While throwing snow seems like a perfectly natural activity, the potential exists for injury to others. We continue to remind students that throwing and kicking snow may lead to consequences.
- 2. Students should be dressed warmly so they can fully participate in the fresh outdoors. It is a good idea to send along some extra clothing during the wet/slushy season.
- 3. Sledding Hill: Students may only 'slide' if they go one at a time, wear snow pants and do not stand up or go headfirst when sliding.

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Student Tardiness

Students should be arriving before the 8:30 am bell so that they are able to line up outside with their classes. When students are late to school, this creates a great deal of disruption in the hallways and the classrooms. We are asking parents to make this a priority in the New Year.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will take the same format as the fall. Stay tuned for more detailed information as we get closer to the date (Feb 1 and 2)!!

Traffic Safety

There have been several complaints regarding 'near misses' of children walking out in between cars crossing Webster and Craig Road. A few reminders:

- 1. Use the cross walk!
- 2. Don't walk in between cars in the staff parking lot.
- 3. Don't cross the road especially in between cars.

Thank you to all the parents for making safe drop off choices for their children.

Class Share

Students from Ms. Hilde's grade 2/3 classroom are engaged in dynamic problem solving using vertical thinking surfaces, which fosters creativity and boosts collective efficacy. In these pictures, the students are teaming up to represent the number 25 in as many ways as possible and this is just the warm up!





Intramurals

A huge shout out to Mr. Fitzgerald for all his hard work organizing and supervising floor hockey for the last 6 weeks! The floor hockey games have been hugely popular with the students and staff.





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