

# Rutland Elementary

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## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

As the days being to grow longer, we at RLE are gearing up for a busy month. Among a few of the special days in February are Harmony Day, Pink Shirt Day and Valentine's Day. Students are eagerly looking forward to Valentine's Day. Look for more information from your child's classroom teacher about this very fun day! Two other important dates in February are Harmony Day and Pink Shirt Day. Harmony Day is on February 15. Much like multi-cultural week, this day recognizes that citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world. Harmony Day provides a yearly opportunity for our community to celebrate our culturally diverse society and commit ourselves to mutual respect. Pink Shirt Day is on February 22, and on this day, students are encouraged to wear pink to take a stand against bullying.

On Thursday, February 2, and Friday, February 3, we will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences. Dismissal will be **12:30** both days. Please book a time with your child(ren)'s teacher to talk about your child(ren)'s progress so far this term. Conferences will be held in person, over Zoom, or by phone call. Instructions on how to register are on our website under Documents and Publications. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Principal, Gord Kirsch and Vice Principal, Jamie McEvoy



## Dates to know in February:

### January 30

Registration for 2022-2023 school year opens at 7:00 am (New registration only)

### February 1

Human rights and Black history month

### February 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm

Pack a snack and lunch

### February 3

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm

Pack a snack and lunch

### February 8

Gymnastics- Hallding and Stringer

### February 9

PAC Meeting

Valentine's Family Dance @6:30

### February 10

Skating- Oakes and Ketesdi  
Movie Night

### February 15

Harmony Day

### February 17

Pro-D Day- NO SCHOOL

### February 20

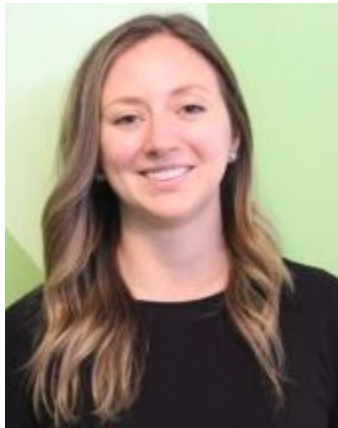
Family Day – NO SCHOOL

### February 22

Pink Shirt Day

Soft plastic drop off day  
Gymnastics Hallding and Stringer

## New Staff Introduction:



Welcome Ms. Hallding our new Grade 5 teacher!

After working as an Early Childhood Educator and teaching preschool for 8 years, Ms. Hallding chose to go back to school to pursue her love for teaching by completing the Bachelor of Education program at UBCO. SD23 is the district that she attended as a child, and she is excited to now be an educator in that same district.

Ms. Hallding grew up here in the Okanagan and loves everything it has to offer. In the winters, she finds herself frequenting Big White to snowboard and snowshoe with family or friends. In the summer she is always camping and eager to explore new places.

Ms. Hallding says that she is incredibly lucky to be part of the RLE community and working alongside all the amazing and supportive staff and students.



We are excited to welcome Miss. Hayley Ross to RLE! She will be completing the year with our grade 4/5 class as Mrs. Semsch snuggles with her new baby at home. Miss Ross moved to Kelowna from the lower mainland and is loving all that the Okanagan has to offer.

When not teaching, Miss. Ross loves to spend time outdoors. She enjoys surfing, wakeboarding, hiking, and snowboarding. She has a beautiful dog who is still on the coast, named Bella, who she adores and visits as much as she can. She is a fan of gymnastics, track and field, and sushi.

Welcome Miss Ross!

## Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, February 2 and Friday, February 3

There will be an early dismissal at 12:30 pm on both Thursday and Friday to accommodate afternoon and evening appointments. Online appointment booking is available until Wednesday, February 1 at 9 am. Students will still have their regular eating time so **please still send your child with their snack and lunch.**

## Grade 5 Basketball

A huge thank you to Coach Jeremy Harris who has volunteered to coach girls basketball this year! A thank you to Ms. Rivard and Ms. Ross for coaching the grade 5 boys as well!

## Kindergarten and New Student Registration

**Online applications open on Monday, January 30 at 7:00 am.** Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by **Friday, March 17, 2022.**

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency
  - a. Combination BC Driver's License **and** Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
  - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows: **or**,
  - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows.
3. Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation
  - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
  - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
  - British Columbia registration of an automobile.
  - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
  - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

## Traffic Woes & Parking Lot Safety

We have been asked by both the residents of the cul-de-sac adjacent to the school as well as bylaw enforcement to send out a reminder about parking. Please do not block driveways, park in the middle of the cul-de-sac or block stop signs. Sometimes coming a few minutes earlier or later for drop off/pick up can help ease the traffic congestion as does parking part way down the block.

## Calendar Proposal

Please click [here](#) to find the 2023/2024 school calendar.