

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

After chatting with a few parents over the past week the consensus is that the school year has gone by very quickly!! If you agree, then my prediction is that the next two months are going to continue to reinforce that this year is passing by at breakneck speed. We are busy here with not only day to day activities, but also working on planning and organizing things for September start up. This is the time of year when we are completing our post and fill process for teachers and also building classes for next year. There is a little note on the back of this newsletter regarding parent requests. The students are continuing to work hard and have fun in amongst our COVID routines and we are eager and hopeful for a regular return to school in September. Presently, it is great to see students engaging in regular spring time activities such as walking to our community garden, and experiencing signs of spring first hand in a growing garden. A huge thank you to our PAC for buying additional P.E. equipment for our students. Having the equipment outside this year has been particularly hard on it so it is a huge help!!! Thank you!

Gord Kirsch, Principal Jamie McEvoy, Vice-Principal



Dates to know in May

- May 3-9 Mental Health Week
- May 4 Wear green for mental health day
- May 5 Class Photos
- May 12 Grade 5 Zoom with RMS 12:00-12:50
- May 18 RMS: Grade 5 Parent info meeting at 6:30-7:30 via Zoom
- May 20 PAC Meeting
- May 24 Victoria Day- **School Closed**
- May 27 Last day for request forms



Class Placement Requests for 2021-2022

The staff puts a lot of thought and time into building balanced classrooms. This process takes several weeks and starts at the end of May. Every year, we have a small number of parents wishing to make placement requests for their children and we ask that those requests come before we start the process of creating classes. We do recommend that you have a conversation with your child's current classroom teacher prior to making a request. If you decide to make a request, we ask you to use the Request Form available on our school website (or [click here](#)) and submit the form electronically to rle@sd23.bc.ca or **to the office** in person prior to **May 27th**. This form allows us to ensure that we are keeping track of the requests. Once received, we will send you a confirmation e-mail. Due to the complexity of creating balanced classrooms, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we try our best to accommodate as many requests as possible.

2021-2022 School Calendar

Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days August 30 - September 1)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 7
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 11
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Thursday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 18
Family Day	Monday, February 21
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 21 – Friday, April 1
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 4
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 15
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 18
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30

Going to middle school next year?

The RMS team is busy preparing for our next school year. We are excited to be welcoming a new crop of grade 5 students into our school. After Spring Break the transition process will kick into high gear. Here are a few key things to remember:

- All RMS Grade 5 feeder school students will automatically be enrolled at Rutland Middle School for their grade 6 year. There is no need to do an online application.
- On **Tuesday, May 18**, RMS will be hosting a Grade 5 Student and Parent Information Meeting from 6:30 – 7:30 pm via Zoom. Please bring your questions to this event, and the Zoom Room number will be shared nearer the time.
- In May, staff from RMS will connect with your children at their current school to help them begin the transition to Grade 6. Again, this will most likely be via Zoom.

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- Beginning in April, the RMS support team will liaise with Grade 5 teachers in order to learn about each child so that we can set them up for success in Grade 6.
- On **Wednesday, August 25**, our WEB team will host a Grade 6 Orientation Day from 9:00 -11:30 am. More information about the orientation will be available in the spring.

Storybook walk

This month we participated in our first schoolyard StoryWalk! The StoryWalk combined the pleasure of reading and the joys and benefits of taking a walk outdoors. This self-directed learning opportunity consisted of a deconstructed children's book. Each page of the book was laminated and mounted separately in our playground. The students walked from one page to the next to read the story. These interactive trails build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both children and adults.

The book that was up at our school was *Snail Crossing* by Corey Tabor "A determined snail, a plump cabbage, a truly epic journey...In a book as cheerful and charming as snail himself, Corey Tabor tells a winning tale of a slow but steady snail whose determination and kindness bring him the best reward of all: friendship". Thank you to the Okanagan Regional Library for this great experience!



Are You Moving?

In order to make accurate plans for next year's school organization, we need your assistance in confirming student enrollment for September. If you know that your child will not be attending Rutland Elementary School next year, please let the office know.

Dogs on school grounds

A friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. If you would like to wait with your dog, please wait on the sidewalk. As always, students' safety is our top priority. Thank you for your help with this!