

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome! My name is Jamie McEvoy, and I am excited to join Rutland Elementary as your new Vice-Principal. I have recently moved with my family from Calgary where I was a Vice-Principal. I had heard that School District 23 is a lead district in the Province of B.C., and I knew that I wanted to make this my professional and personal home. My husband, four year-old son, and I have already begun to love our time in Kelowna exploring the community and enjoying the outdoors.

On my first day, as I visited classrooms, I was impressed with the strong sense of pride in the community here. It was apparent that the students really enjoy their classrooms and are happy. Students throughout the school shared what they felt the best part of RLE is, and while the answers were varied, there were common threads. First, the people -students talked about their teachers, support staff and of course their friends. Second, students shared their favorite parts of learning, whether it be reading, writing, math, gym, or art.

It is very clear that there are many wonderful things about Rutland Elementary. The dedication the teaching staff has is also phenomenal. As I walked through classrooms, I observed the highest quality of instruction and learning activities taking place. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and getting to know you. Feel free to please come up and introduce yourself when you see me outside.



Dates to know in January:

January 4

Welcome Back!

Jan 21

PAC Meeting via ZOOM

February 3 & 4

Parent-Teacher Conferences,
Early dismissal

February 12

Pro-D Day – No School

February 15

Family Day- No School

February 17

Harmony Day

February 18

PAC Meeting

March 11

Report Cards go home

Safety Precautions: Covid 19

Thank you to the parents and staff who have helped support our health and safety procedures during the Fall. A quick reminder of a few key points:

1. Students will continue to play in their cohorts during recess and lunch times.
2. Parents are asked to not wait in line beside their child. If your child does need that last minute hug or would like to wait with you until their class goes in, please have them wait with you away from their cohort of classmates.
3. Parents needing to come into the school to drop off items are asked to wear a mask and go directly to the office.
4. If your younger child is arriving late and needs to be walked to class we will have a staff member walk them. You are welcome to walk them to the office to ensure they get inside the building safely!
5. As always, if your child is sick please have them stay home from school.

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: Once winter kicks in we will be opening up the little sledding hill behind the school. Students may only 'slide' if they go one at a time, wear snow pants and do not stand up or go head first when sliding.



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 this New Year.

PAC

We have a wonderful group of parents on our school PAC. I would really encourage parents to participate in the RLE PAC meetings as this is a great way to find out what is happening around the school and provide input on upcoming events. First PAC meeting of the year will be on **January 21st**.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Conferences: Conferences will take the same format as the fall. Stay tuned for more detailed information as we get closer to the date!! February 3rd and 4th- Early dismissal.

Harmony Day

Central Okanagan School District will be celebrating its 14th annual HARMONY DAY on February 17th, 2021. This year our themes are COURAGE, ANTI-RACISM and EQUITY. We have designed a shirt and mask to celebrate the word courage in 30 languages that are spoken in our district including English, Okanagan and French.

You will receive an email through the SCHOOL CASH ONLINE program with the instructions on how to order these items. If you do not get notifications from SCHOOL CASH ONLINE then you can go login to your account and see the new item for purchase. <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

If you are interested in purchasing, all orders need to be completed by this Friday, January 8th at 4:00pm.