

# Rutland Elementary

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## Principal's Message:

Welcome to a 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 have lots going on over the next few weeks to keep us busy!

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we had members of our Parent Community, Senior Admin, Teachers, one of our Trustees as well as some students come join us for a meeting to celebrate all the great learning of our staff and students. The meeting included a tour of several classrooms as well as a conversation with the students where they shared what makes their learning important to them and their next steps in their learning journey.

Our Third Annual Rutland Forum will be at RSS on **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 pm**. At this event, all the schools in the Rutland Zone will be setting up booths or 'learning stations' to showcase some of the learning happening at each of our schools. Hope to see you there!

Parent Tour is back by popular demand! On January 30 at 9:30 am parents can sign up to participate in a tour through some of our classrooms to see a snapshot of some of the cool learning taking place in our classrooms. As last year, it will be a guided tour with a follow up conversation to take place at the end of the tour. We received very positive feedback from the parents who joined us last year! The students are excited to share their learning with you!! A link to the sign up will be on our web page later this week...there will be limited spots!!

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will take place on **February 6 and 7**. Our school days will be shortened to accommodate this schedule with an early dismissal at 12:30 pm. Online appointment bookings will be available on Thursday, January 17.

Congratulations to Mrs. Oakes and the students from Student Voice Club for organizing the Warm Clothing and Food Drive in December! We appreciate everyone's donations.

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   Jessica Anjos, Vice-Principal



## Dates to know in January:

### January 6

Welcome Back!

Boys basketball practice, 7:30 am

### January 7

Girls' basketball practice, 7:30 am

### January 10

Stringer to Gymnastics, 9 – 10 am

Stacey to Gymnastics, 10 – 11 am

### January 14

Indigenous Winter Gathering,

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm in the library

### January 17

Stringer to Gymnastics, 9 – 10 am

Stacey to Gymnastics, 10 – 11 am

### January 23

Parents' Night Out PAC Fundraiser

### January 24

Stringer to Gymnastics, 9 – 10 am

Stacey to Gymnastics, 10 – 11 am

### January 30

Parent Tour, 9:30 am

### January 31

Hot Dog Day

Family Active Night, 6:30 – 8:30

### February 6 & 7

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

## Winter Reminders

Parents please discuss these matters 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 which may ultimately lead to a suspension.
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.



### Grade 4/5 Boys Basketball

The boys will now practice on Mondays, 7:30 – 8:25 am.

## Student Tardiness

Students should be arriving before the 8:25 am warning 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.

## Rocks and Rings

Our students were lucky to have the opportunity to learn to curl again this year!



## Fencing

Our grade 2 – 5 students had the wonderful opportunity to learn Fencing! Our instructor was very impressed with all of our students and the students seemed to have a great time.







# Winter Performance 2019

