

# Rutland Elementary

620 Webster Rd, Kelowna, BC, 250-870-5126, [www.rle.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.rle.sd23.bc.ca)

---

## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

As the days being to grow longer, we at RLE are gearing up for a busy month. February is always a busy month with lots going on around the school and this year is no exception. We have a lot of new clubs and opportunities for the students at RLE that started in January and that will continue till March including Basketball, Board Games Club, Chess Club, Dance Club, Lego club and Crochet/Knit Club. A BIG Thank you goes out to all the RLE Staff that makes this possible as students are actively participating in new and exciting experiences.

Among a few of the special days in February are 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! Pink Shirt Day is on February 26, and on this day, students are encouraged to wear pink to take a stand against bullying.

On Thursday, February 6, and Friday, February 7, 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. 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, Mark Watson and Vice Principal, Rochelle Popoff



## Dates to know in February:

### Feb 3

Registration online for 2025/2026 school year opens at 7:00 am (New registration only)

### February 6

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm  
Pack a snack and lunch

### February 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 12:30 pm  
Pack a snack and lunch

### February 13

PAC Event: Winter Dance 6-8pm

### February 14

Pro-D Day - NO SCHOOL

### February 17

Family Day - NO SCHOOL

### February 20

PAC meeting 7 pm

### February 26

Pink Shirt Day

### February 27

Heritage Museum/OK Library – Melia/Vecchio

### February 28

Ice Skating – Rutland Arena – McDonnell/Whitehead  
Jersey Day  
Ramadan Begins

## Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7

There will be an early dismissal at 12:30 pm on both Thursday and Friday to accommodate afternoon and evening appointments. **Please still send your child with their snack and lunch.** Online appointment booking is available until Wednesday, February 5th at 9 am  
<https://rle.schoolappointments.com>

## Kindergarten and New Student Registration

**Online applications open on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 am.** Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor in 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 14, 2025.**

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

Recently, there has been an increase in drivers stopping in the middle of the road blocking traffic while they wait for students to come out of the school. This creates an unsafe situation for other drivers and students trying to get to and from school. Please do not stop in the middle of the road and block traffic. Consider coming a couple minutes later to pick up your children or have them meet you across the street where they have crossed the road with our cross-walk patrol.

## Twin/Triplet Day Photos



## Story Workshop

The amazing teachers at RLE have dived into the Story Workshop process with their students. Story Workshop supports literacy in young students through four major pillars— Sharing stories, immersion in the arts, time for playing and a focus on meaning-making. After the interactive experiences the students move on to the writing process and they are full of their own thoughts, ideas, memories and stories. Students explore character, setting and plot through interactive worlds which are curated in front of them. Thank you to all the teachers that shared such amazing photos.



## Winter Gathering

On January 24th, we had the pleasure of sending our grade 3 Indigenous students to the Primary Winter Gathering. This special event focused on cultural learning to help students understand their Indigenous identity and build connections with Elders, teachers, and community members. Students participated in local protocols, listened to stories like "How Food was Given" by Anona Kampe and "How Coyote Got His Name" by Elder Randy, and learned about community, honoring the land, and resilience. They also explored land acknowledgments, reciprocity, and Elder care.

We were honored to receive traditional gifts and knowledge from Birch Creek, who shared their drumming, and as well as from community Elders Grandma Rose and Bonnie Coble. Grade 12 Indigenous Leadership students mentored the younger participants, and students from the s̓əns̓is̓yustən House of Learning performed the Okanagan song.

We hope this event helped our students feel a stronger sense of self, pride in their heritage, and a deeper connection to the syilx land.





**[Follow @sd23news on Instagram!](#)**

Please take a moment to follow [@sd23news](#) on Instagram (and the same on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) if you haven't yet!)



KELOWNA &  
WEST KELOWNA

# MINOR BASKETBALL

**SIGN UP  
TODAY**  
on the KMBA  
website

**For Boys &  
Girls K-GR10**

**APR - JUN 2025**

**UNIFORMS  
INCLUDED**

**WEEKDAY GAMES &  
PRACTICES**

Dedicated GR 4/5/6 Girls only Div for West Kelowna & Kelowna Team.

Sign up today at  [kelownaminorbasketball.com](http://kelownaminorbasketball.com)

Find more info on the West Kelowna Minor Basketball Facebook page.



# COME TRY FASTBALL!



## LEARN FASTBALL SKILLS IN THIS FUN FOCUSED CLINIC

- Geared towards participants new to fastball
- For players born in 2012-2019
- February 1st and 2nd
- Registration is free!

**Spots are limited.  
Register today!**



[www.kelownafastball.ca](http://www.kelownafastball.ca)

KELOWNA  
NORDIC

# FAMILY DAY EVENT

17 FEBRUARY, 2025

***SKI AND SNOWSHOE***

***DRINKS - COOKIES - ACTIVITIES***

MORE INFO AT [KELOWNANORDIC.COM](http://KELOWNANORDIC.COM)





**SPRING NFL FLAG  
IS RETURNING TO KELOWNA  
ARE YOU READY**

🌟 Exciting News! 🌟

NFL FLAG is returning to Kelowna Minor Football Association for Spring 2025! 🏈🌟

KMFA has been a cornerstone for the Okanagan's football future, providing top-tier development for young athletes.

From Little Tykes (5-7) to U10-U16, our NFL Flag programs are designed to give every player an unforgettable experience! 🙌

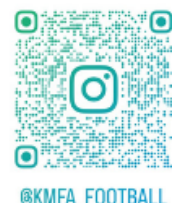
This is the opportunity your young athlete has been waiting for! 🌟 Whether they're new to football or ready to take their skills to the next level, KMFA is the place to be.

📅 Registration is now open!

👉 Stay tuned and sign up by visiting our Instagram, Facebook, or head over to [kmfa.ca](http://kmfa.ca) for all the details!

Let's make this Spring unforgettable! 🌟

#KMFA #NFLFlag #OkanaganFootball #FutureChampions  
#FootballFamily #KelownaSports





# **RUTLAND YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

## **OUTDOOR SEASON REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**



**[WWW.RUTLANDYOUTHSOCCER.CA](http://WWW.RUTLANDYOUTHSOCCER.CA)**