

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

It finally feels like Spring!! The fields have been lined and the intermediate staff and students are busy practicing their Track and Field skills! Thank you to Mr. Stacey for taking the lead on organizing this year's track practices! Thank you also to Ms. Burton and Ms. Swanson for organizing and leading the Cross Country Running club which also helps the students prepare for some of the running track events. The Track Meet is on Wednesday, May 9th and is a little earlier than past years but this gives us plenty of time to prepare for the district finals held in the beginning of June. With warm weather, bikes, scooters and skate boards are dusted off and our wheels are in motion! On May 1st, Dave Gibson, our District Traffic Safety Officer, prepared a course for our students in grades 2 through 4 to practice their road skills for safe travelling. It is with much gratitude to our parent volunteers, grade 5 helpers, and Mrs. Ingram's RSS Leadership students who helped our students navigate the course! Mrs. MacRitchie, our librarian has opened the library into a Learning Commons space on Wednesday afternoons for learners from all grades to pop into the library to delve deeper into a learning task of their choosing.

Over the past couple of weeks we have welcomed both teachers and administrators from surrounding schools and senior district staff to come and see the Math stations being held in Ms.

Dietzel, Ms. Burton and Ms.

Leinemann's classrooms. Our guests from other school have been intrigued on what an innovative approach these teachers are using to teach and reinforce math concepts in their classrooms!



Gord Kirsch, Principal Jessica Anjos, Vice-Principal



Dates to know in May:

Friday, May 4

Oakes to Gymnastics, 9:15 – 10:15

Tuesday, May 8

Richards to Gymnastics, 8:55 – 10:35

Wednesday, May 9

Beeper Bowl

Gr 3's swimming 11:40 – 1:20 pm

ELFF Night, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Friday, May 11

Oakes to Gymnastics, 9:15 – 10:15

Monday, May 14

Grade 5's at Gardom Lake

Cultural Performance, Mark Kroos

– Guitar, 8:45 – 9:45 am

PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 15

Grade 5's at Gardom Lake

Richards to Gymnastics, 8:55 – 10:35

Wednesday, May 16

First Nations Pres to Grade 1's

Swanson & Whitehead to

Museum, 9:00 – 11:15 am

Gr 3's swimming 11:40 – 1:20 pm

Friday, May 18

Oakes to Gymnastics, 9:15 – 10:15

Fun Friday Fundraiser for

JoeAnna's House

Monday, May 21

Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, May 23

Fire Safety for Gr K – 3, 8:45 – 9:45

Dietzel to gymnastics, 1:00 – 2:00

Wednesday, May 30

Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00

Dietzel to gymnastics, 1:00 – 2:00

Thursday, May 31

PAC Fun Fair, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

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.



PAC Fun Fair

Thursday, May 31, 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Come for dinner at 5:00 pm. Join us for a variety of fun activities, glitter tattoos, bouncy castle, Little Travelers Safety Village, cupcake decorating, and more. Watch for info coming home soon about tickets. Come out for a fun family event and support your PAC.

Beeper Bowl – Help Needed

Wednesday, May 9 is our Beeper Bowl where all intermediate students will be going to the Apple Bowl to take part, with Bankhead Elementary, in a day of non-competitive Track and Field events. Parents are needed to help make this day a success! If you can lend a hand, please RSVP to Mr. Doug Stacey as soon as possible so that all details can be arranged.

Spring Weather



April Showers bring May flowers – please make sure your child is dressed for the wet spring weather. Students are expected to go outside during recess and lunch, even if it is raining. It's a great idea to send an extra set of clothes for your child in case they do get wet while playing outside. As well as sunscreen and a hat for the hot days!

Dress Code

With summer fast approaching, we would like to remind the students that appropriate school attire is required. No beach wear, halter tops, mid-drift tops (no belly buttons showing) and no spaghetti strap tops. This dress code is a district expectation and one which needs to be adhered to for all grades. We are also strongly suggesting that the use of flip-flops be carefully considered. We see far too many accidents with students tripping in the halls, on stairs or while outside trying to run and skip while wearing sandals with so little support.

2018-2019 Class Placement Requests

As discussed in our February PAC meeting, 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 use the Request Form available in our office and on our school website and submit the form into the office prior to May 25th.

Walk/Bike to School Week

Rutland Roadrunners are you ready to be a Rutland Road-walkers, or bikers, or scooterers/skateboarders or rollerbladers during the Bike and Walk to School Week of May 28 - June 1? Bike and Walk to School Week also includes people powered travel - which beats the price of gas at present. The purpose of the week is to encourage students and their families in the early years to travel to and from school via a 'no fuel' mode of transportation. The week is a perfect opportunity to be active, as well as a friend to the environment. Before bringing your bike to school, make sure to learn how to use your bike lock. Remember to be safe on the roads, and wear your helmet!