

Rutland Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. We may be in the doldrums of winter, yet the mood here at RLE still remains positive. We were lucky enough to receive an Excellence Through the Arts grant which has allowed us to bring in a local artist. Janice Keirstead is a watercolour artist who has been working with all of our students teaching them age appropriate painting techniques. We were thrilled to have Janice in during the end of January and beginning of February.

Students are eagerly looking forward to Valentine's Day. Unfortunately, due to current provincial health guidelines students will not be able to bring in food items to share with their classmates. Look for more information from your child's classroom teacher about this very fun day!

On Wednesday, February 3, and Thursday, February 4, we will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please book a time with your child(ren)'s teacher to talk about your child(ren)'s progress so far this term. Due to Covid, conferences will once again be offered over Zoom, or by phone call. Instructions on how to register are on our website under Documents and Publications

Two other important dates in February are Harmony Day and Pink Shirt Day. Harmony Day is on February 17. This day recognizes that citizens of Central Okanagan come from all over the world. Harmony Day provides a yearly opportunity for our community to celebrate our culturally diverse society and commit ourselves to mutual respect. Pink Shirt Day is on February 24, and on this day students are encouraged to wear pink to take a stand against bullying.

Principal, Gord Kirsch and

Vice Principal, Jamie McEvoy



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Dates to know in February:

February 1

Registration for 2021-22 school year opens at 7:00 am

February 3

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

February 4

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

February 12

Pro-D Day- NO SCHOOL

February 15

Family Day – NO SCHOOL

February 17

Harmony Day

February 18

PAC Meeting

February 24

Pink Shirt Day



Students learning about watercolour with Janice.

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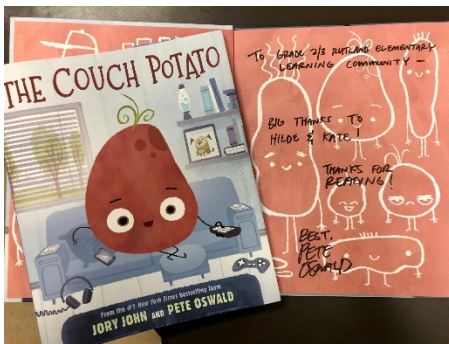
There will be an early dismissal at 12:30 pm on both of Wednesday and Thursday to accommodate afternoon and evening appointments. Online appointment booking is available until Monday, February 1 at 10:00 pm.

Traffic Woes & Parking Lot Safety

We have been asked by both the residents of the cul-de-sac adjacent to the school as well as bylaw enforcement to send out a reminder about parking. Please do not block driveways, park in the middle of the cul-de-sac or block stop signs. Sometimes coming a few minutes earlier or later for drop off/pick up can help ease the traffic congestion as does parking part way down the block.

Ms. Hilde and Kate's Learning Community- Couch Potato

Rutland Elementary students are participating in a Story Workshop. Students created their characters with plasticine and had to write their stories. Students really enjoyed the books "The Bad Seed" and "The Good Egg" by Jory John and Pete Oswald. They read these stories, and then they created! As the students did such an amazing job, their creations were sent to the illustrator of these books. To their surprise, they received a reply saying he would be sending a signed copy of the newest book "The Couch Potato" along with finger puppets. Shown are photos of the students with their puppets, their creations, and the signed copy of the book from Pete Oswald.



Long Term Facilities Plan Consultation

The District has moved to the next phase in the Long Term Facilities Plan Consultation, which is to develop a plan to address the following issues facing the Rutland Family of Schools:

- [Issue #1: Middle School Capacity and Facility Life Cycle and Function](#)
- [Issue #2: Rutland Secondary School Capacity](#)
- [Issue #3: Black Mountain Elementary Capacity](#)

We hope you can attend the upcoming virtual townhall where the District will have a short presentation on the considerations to address these issues and will have an opportunity for public questions.

Rutland Family of Schools – February 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom:

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/64139118675>

Calendar Proposal

Please [click here](#) to find a parent letter and draft of the proposed 2021-2022 school calendar. The letter outlines a proposed school calendar and asks for parent input by **Friday, February 19, 2021**. The resulting input will be forwarded to the Board of Education for consideration in the decision of establishing the 2021/2022 school year.

Art with Janice

