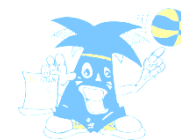


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March 2017

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Hello parents and guardians,

March is always an exciting month at Rutland Middle School, as we near warmer weather (and for me, the fly fishing season). The winter months are always tricky at a middle school because our students tend to need to go outside, run, and get energy burned off, and it's a pretty long haul for them not having an easy outlet during breaks and lunch. When the melts come and the grass gets green, we tend to move back to a more normal routine. And really, once Spring Break comes and goes, June approaches very quickly.

We do have a couple important dates coming up over March – please take a moment to look below. I'd like to highlight our report cards going home on Friday, March 17. Teachers will be contacting home regarding any students who may need some extra assistance or time to complete coursework by the end of February. Like always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or achievement in Term 2 (or just in general), please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers at the school by phone or by email to set up an appointment at any time. Also, it may not be on the date list below at this point in time, but we have a few teachers starting to look at planning a Spring Dance/activities afternoon that will likely happen on March 15th. Information will be posted on the website and shared with the students regarding the plans when they come together shortly.

I would like to put a solid plug in for our wonderful Parent Advisory Council at RMS. We consistently have between fifteen and twenty parents/guardians attend our monthly meetings; amongst them, they volunteer time to providing students and families a hot lunch program, run individual fundraisers, and use the money raised to put back into the school for each and every student. Over the years, they have purchased equipment (3D printers, plasma cutters, sound systems), have provided funding for programs (skating and swimming, as well as year-end celebrations), and have put money toward outdoor equipment and our swing set. All of which benefits our students. Please check out their upcoming fundraisers, and if you are interested in hot lunch, please check our website for upcoming order sessions. If you are interested in volunteering with the PAC, it is much appreciated and we are always looking for hot lunch volunteers. Please contact our hot lunch PAC organizers at rms.hotlunches@gmail.com if you can help.

Have a wonderful Spring!

Mr. Jim Laird
Principal

Yearbook News:

Wanted: Grade 8 students' baby pictures. Please email your child's baby picture to Mrs. Gagliano at agnes.gagliano@sd23.bc.ca yearbooks are now on sale for \$35. **Pre-order your copy today.**

Important Dates for March

March 1 – Kernal popcorn for sale 2.00/bag cafeteria
March 3 – End of term 2
March 3 - Drop in badminton 3:20-4:30 pm
March 7 – Deadline for ordering from Bowman Greenhouses
March 10 - Drop in badminton 3:20-4:30 pm
March 15 - Kernal popcorn for sale 2.00/bag cafeteria
March 17 – Term 2 Report Cards go home
March 20 - 31 Spring Break

Recycling Program

Ms. Hansen's classes have taken over the recycling of containers with deposits. They have raised almost \$300. The students also made presentations to mentorship classes on how to be better at recycling. They entered into a contest and are in fourth place for bottles/cans returned. Now you can help at home! Take your bottles/cans and return them to the 680 Dease Road recycling depot in Rutland. Before you approach the cash register, let them know you want to donate the amount to RMS. Please make sure to get a receipt and drop it off at the office so that it can go towards the contest! Students at the school will have a voice on how to spend the money to make the most positive impact at the school. Stay tuned for a bottle drive at the school when the weather is warmer!

RMS Athletics - I wanted to give a big thanks to all the coaches and volunteers that helped with the grade 8 basketball season this winter. Rob Law was our boys coach of many years and has done a wonderful job coaching, organizing and giving kids the opportunity to play the sport of basketball! Rob has decided to focus his energy with his own boys and their baseball and unfortunately will not be back coaching at RMS. We want to thank Rob for all his time and commitment to the kids at RMS and we will miss his coaching, energy and enthusiasm. A big thanks to Alex Allardyce(RSS, SMS grad) and Miss. Bokor (teacher candidate) for coaching our girls through another season of basketball 8!

Grade 6/7 basketball is underway and we have many community coaches in charge! Shout out to Grant Wiebe, Panneet Buttar(RSS, RMS grad), Pat Aylard, Jeff Bligh and Kevin Yamoaka. Grade 8 girls volleyball is being coached by Miss Mullins and Miss. Graham(teacher candidate) Good luck in your season!

With Spring approaching fast students can look forward to playing on our golf team (Mr. Laird), Track and Field (Mrs. Nicholls) or field hockey (Mrs. Groetchen) or badminton with Mr. Grant.

Cheers

Pat Allardyce, Director of Athletics