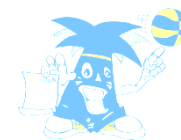


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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

October 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy October to all of the RMS community - parents, guardians, students, and staff. It's hard to believe that we are one month into this year. There are many different people and groups to thank for our fantastic start up. Each one has made an impact to making our school the wonderful place it is: to our staff and students, thank you for all your hard work; to our parents and guardians, thank you for all your support and volunteer time; to our coaches, thank you for providing our students with such amazing opportunities to explore their passion; and a special thank you to Mr. Dallas Gray of K96.3 FM (CKKO) for the funding support toward the purchase of new musical instruments for our Music program at RMS. It's through the generous support of our greater school community that helps us to deeply engage our students.

To those new to the school community, our school goal this year is: **To increase student engagement, socially, conventionally, and intellectually. Student engagement is defined as students having an emotional investment in what they are doing socially by participating meaningfully in school life, conventionally by fulfilling the requirements for academic success and intellectually by having the desire and motivation to learn, ultimately leading to community connections and life-long learning.** Teachers are working collaboratively with Rob Aviani (VP), myself, and the District Instructional Leadership Team to really push our practice to creating the most engaging tasks and school learning environment that we can for our students. On Implementation day (October 9, non-instructional) we will be continuing this work, and will be exploring elements of the new BC Curriculum to weave into our pedagogy. For anyone curious about the new BC Curriculum (starts in K-9 in September 2016) please take some time to explore the government's website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/> This will be a focus for our professional learning at RMS, and for any parents/guardians who would like more information, Rob and I will be presenting at PAC meetings on an ongoing basis.

Please note, **our second parent-teacher conference date on October 22nd has been cancelled** due to a scheduling error. Please check our website, or listen to our phone callout for further information regarding parent-teacher conferences. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Jim Laird, Principal

PAC Meeting

Monday, October 19 - 7:00 pm

Retakes of School Pictures

Picture day is Thursday, October 15, remember to bring the signed retake form to hand to the photographer.

Transportation

If you require bussing to RMS for the 2015/2016 school year, please register on the web site www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation. If you are new to the area or have any questions please contact 250-870-5151.

Important Dates for October

October 2 – Gr. 6 immunizations
October 9 – Implementation Day – No School
October 15 – Photo retakes 9:00-12:00 pm (retake form must be presented to photographer at time of retakes)
October 21 – Early Dismissal 1:00 pm
Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:00 pm
WE Day Rogers Arena, Vancouver
October 23 - Professional Development Day – No School

Student Fees

Each student must pay the \$30.00 activity fee by September 30th. All students will receive a fee statement. Parents are asked to sign up at <https://CentralOkanagan.schoolcashonline.com> in order to make online payment either by credit card or echeck. You may also bring a cheque to the office and a receipt will be issued. If you are unable to pay the \$30.00 please contact the office to discuss a payment plan.

Library

The Library is up and running! Come on in and check out the October genre – horror and suspense. A new contest is starting this monthly, 'Who is Who in the Reading World?' Come in and see if you can tell what each teacher's favorite book is. Talk to Mrs. Nicholls or Mrs. Banka for details!

WE Day

On October 20th, students and teachers will be travelling to Vancouver to attend WE Day on Wednesday, October 21st, at Rogers Arena. We are just in the process of finalizing the list of who will be attending. We will report back on our trip in the November newsletter.

Athletics at Rutland Middle School are in full swing with grade 6/7 girls volleyball, field hockey, grade 6/7/8 rugby, and cross-country running. I want to thank Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Farquhar, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Allardyce, Mr. Mcilmoyle Dr. Jackson (RSS) Mrs. Siegmann and Mrs. Groetchen for volunteering their time. Basketball for grade 8 starts up at the end of November, and for grade 6/7 end of January. We will keep you posted. If you are interested in coaching or assisting in any way please contact Mr. Allardyce or Mrs. Siegmann at 765-2988.

Mr. Allardyce/Mrs. Siegmann

WEB

The WEB team has been hard at work doing their best to offer a helping hand to those students in need as well as plan for a spirit week in November with our spirit assembly and jersey day on the 19th.

For more information please check out the following link:

<http://sportsday.cbc.ca/event/626914-RMS%20Sport%20Day>

Big White After School Program 2016

Students may register on line at

<http://www.bigwhite.com/ski-school/ski-camps-special-programs/after-school-program>

All students that register before December 15, 2015 will receive the Early Bird Price.

2015-2016 Schedule
Thursday, January 7/14/21
Thursday, February 25/March 3/10