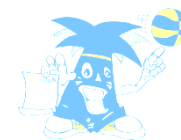


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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

March 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is so very nice to see, hear, and smell that Spring is in the air. It seemed like it was only yesterday that we were heading into break in December, and now the March break is already creeping up on us. With the warm weather, we are moving into scooter and skateboard season. Parents and guardians, please take a few minutes to chat with your children about proper safety when out on the roadways, or while out biking, scootering, or skateboarding in the community; besides there being a mandatory helmet bylaw in Kelowna, we really want our students to be healthy and safe, and wearing protective headwear is an important step to ensuring this. We really appreciate your support in echoing this message.

It's also the time of year for Spring sports, and at the time of writing this we are in need of volunteer coaches, as well as volunteers for helping out with our hot lunch program. If you are interested in seeing which Spring sports could use additional help, please contact the school and speak with our Athletic Directors, Pat Allardyce or Whitney Siegmann. If you are interested in volunteering with our hot lunch program, please email our Hot Lunch organizers at: rms.hotlunches@gmail.com. We really value our community involvement in our school, and would love to have you on board.

Parents and guardians, please also be reminded that report cards will be coming home on Friday, April 1st. Our term ends before Spring Break, and our students and teachers have been working hard to get evidence collected for all learning outcomes. Please contact your child's teachers at the school if you have any questions or concerns about how your child is doing this term. Also, we will be having parent-teacher conferences, by appointment, on April 6th. If you would like to meet with your child's teachers, please reach out to them to arrange a time. There will be a parent/guardian information night in April 19th to discuss next year's timetable and structure. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars.

Have a safe and restful Spring Break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, March 29, after Easter Monday.

PAC Meeting

NO MEETING IN MARCH

April 18
7:00 pm

Yearbook News

Yearbooks are on sale for \$30 each. (Hardcover, 80 pages)

Grade 8's, please submit your baby photos by Wednesday, March 9th.

Yearbook cover contest entries also due by March 9th. (Front and back covers needed.)

If you love drawing and/ or enjoy writing poetry, you can submit your creations by Wednesday, April 5th.

Please submit all photos and entries to Mrs. Gagliano either in person to Rm. 29 or by e-mail to agnes.gagliano@sd23.bc.ca

Keep your RMS memories alive, purchase your yearbook today!

Important Dates

March 9 – Spring Dance/Clubs 1:55-3:09 pm

March 14 /25- Spring Break

March 28 – Easter Monday

March 29 – School reopens (Tuesday)

April 1 – Report cards home

April 6 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – by appointment, in classrooms, 1:30-3:30 pm

April 6 – Early dismissal at 1:00 pm

April 19 – Parent/Guardian information night

Library - March's genre is Fantasy!!! Travel to the stars or galaxies far away! Grab a fantasy novel and get caught up in middle earth or on a realm yet to be discovered! Escape into another world and enjoy! This month's author is -D J MacHale - renowned Fantasy writer! His Pendragon series will keep you coming back for more...all 11 of them! Be whisked away to worlds unknown, and adventures that will pump up your adrenaline! And may the luck of the Irish be with you.

'For the Love of Animals' is an enrichment class that explored the impact humans are having on this Earth and the animals that inhabit it. Through many guest speakers from TRACS, Pets and People, BARK, and K's Kritters, and various field trips to Parrot Island, Hoofprint Barnyard and the SPCA, the students have had the opportunity to see what organizations are doing in our community to help defend the rights of animals and to help and rescue animals in need. It only takes one person to make a difference and to light a candle in the dark for all to see!



Congrats to the RMS Grade 7 boys who are the Christian School invitational Champions, beating out OKM in the finals!

Athletics

We are currently completing the winter season with grade 6/7 girls and boys basketball, and grade 8 boys and girls volleyball. We want to thank our parent coaches/volunteers: Grant Wiebe, Jeff Bligh, Kevin Yamaoka, Jeremy Harris, Alex Allardyce, and Quinn Allardyce. As well, a special thank-you to our teacher coaches and sponsors: Kara Ross, Lauren Abney, Amy Saran, Tanya Groetchen, Jen Starling. Our teams will be entering into playoffs later this month.

After spring break our spring sports will be starting up including grade 6 rugby, grade 6/7 field hockey, junior golf, grade 6/7/8 track and field, and possibly a badminton team. If you are interested in coaching or assisting in any way please contact Mr. Allardyce or Mrs. Siegmann at 765-2988.

PAC BOWMAN GREENHOUSES FUNDRAISER – PAC is excited to offer you our first school-wide fundraiser to help us raise funds for our school. We have teamed up with Bowman Greenhouses in Winfield to offer you an amazing set of hanging baskets and plants to make your house the best looking on the block this spring.

The order forms were sent home February 22 along with a page showing pictures of the items for sale. Also if you are interested in seeing them in color go to their website at www.bowmangreenhouses.com and click on the Voodoo for the RMS fundraiser. The order forms are due back at the school by Monday, March 7. The order will be ready to pick up on Mother's Day weekend. The order forms along with a cheque can be handed into the office at RMS. If you have any questions please contact Chris Tayler at machryme@shaw.ca.



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Springbreak Activities



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