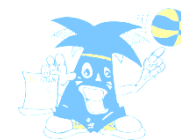


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January 2016

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

It feels good to be back to school after a restful holiday break. Hopefully each RMS family had a relaxing time away; a chance to refresh, to get ready for Winter, and more importantly, the last six months of school. We are looking forward to a new Enrichment cycle (starting on January 6th) and to our teacher candidates from UBC-Okanagan joining us at the end of the month. To refresh everyone's memory (from the November newsletter), our teacher candidates are: Lauren Abney, working with Janelle Makowetski; Kara Ross, working with Tanya Groetchen; and Amy Saran, working with Pat Allardyce. Under the supervision of their mentor teachers, our teacher candidates will be teaching and getting involved with extracurricular activities. They are a wonderful group of young teachers, and we look forward to including them in our school community. For further information regarding their arrival, please refer back to the November newsletter on our website, or please contact me, Jim Laird, at the school at any time.

I wanted to again remind parents/guardians that February 9th has been added as a District-wide non-instructional day to support the Ministry of Education's plan to implement and adopt the redesigned curriculum. There will be no school in session, District-wide, that day. There is another non-instructional day on May 24th to continue this very important work, so please mark it on your calendars. If any parents/guardians are interested in exploring what the curriculum redesign is all about, please check the Ministry of Education's web page: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/> for more information.

Lastly, for parents/guardians of Grade 7 students, our Grade 7 Science Fair is taking place on Thursday, January 21st from 1:20pm-2:45pm. You are cordially invited to come for the presentations, and to celebrate our students' learning with us.

Have a wonderful month!

Library - It's a brand new year and everyone should make a resolution to READ a good book!!! Come on up to the library and sign out an intriguing science fiction book, this month's genre. Or, check out the author of the month – Anthony Horowitz, writer of teenage spy thrillers!!!!

PAC Meeting

**Monday, January 18
7:00-8:00 pm**

Important Dates

January 4 – School in session 8:55 am

January 21 – Gr. 7 Science Fair – 1:00-3:00 pm

January 29 – Term 2 ends

February 8 – Family Day – no school

February 9 – Additional Non Instruction Day (see our website for details)
No school on the 9th.

February 17 – Harmony Day

February 19 – Professional Day for teachers – no school

March 14 /25- Spring Break

March 28 – Easter Monday

Grade 7 Science Fair

We are looking for people willing to be a judge for our upcoming science fair. Science knowledge is not a prerequisite! It is roughly from 1:00 to 3:00 on Wednesday, January 21. If you are interested, please email Ms. Makowetski at janelle.makowetski@sd23.bc.ca

[Big White After School Program 2016](#)

Students may register on line for this non-School-District activity 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

[Proposed School Calendar 2016-2017](#)

Click on the link below to view the proposed school calendar for next year. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the district prior to February 24.



Proposed School Calendar 2016-2017.pdf