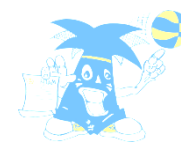




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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

April 2016

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Happy April everyone! As we return from Spring Break, we are all hopeful that each and every student and his/her family had a restful, re-energizing, and relaxing two weeks off. Now comes the final dash toward the end of the year, toward celebration, the transition of students to RSS, and the welcoming of new students from our feeder schools. Teachers and staff are hard at work in this final term to foster student understanding, and to help bring a positive close to a fantastic school year. As always, I strongly encourage any parents/guardians to continue contacting your child's teachers, and to maintain the close home-school relationships; we know that this is often a major factor in improving student achievement and success, especially at this time of year.

As with the change in weather, we have new Spring sports that have begun. We are excited to continue to offer many great sporting activities for students. And as always, I wish to thank the volunteers that dedicate the time and effort to supporting our students and their activities.

We have some special events on the horizon this month. On Tuesday, April 19th from 6:30-7:30pm, Mr. Aviani and I would like to welcome any parents/guardians and their Grade 5 child to come to an informational presentation about what next year will look like at RMS. We plan to chat for roughly 45 minutes, and then organize some tours of the school for those interested. All are welcome! Also, on Friday, April 29, RSS will be hosting all RMS and SMS grade 6 and 7 students to hear Houston Kraft. Houston Kraft is a professional speaker, leadership consultant, and kindness advocate who speaks to middle schools, high schools, colleges, and businesses across North America. He has spoken to nearly a half a million people in the US and Canada at nearly 400 events and counting. He believes in enabling young people to make real, practical, sustainable change in their communities. (<http://www.houstonkraft.com/>). Our students will be walking over to RSS at approximately 9:15 am that day. We will be returning at approximately 10:45 am.

Have a wonderful April, and we look forward to another outstanding month at RMS!

PAC Meeting

April 18
7:00 pm

Yearbook News

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

If you love drawing and/ or enjoy writing poetry, you can submit your creations by Tuesday, April 5th. Keep your RMS memories alive, purchase your yearbook today!

Applications for WEB leaders will be going out soon. Ask your current Grade 7s if they are interested in welcoming the new 6s into the school in the fall of 2016. Meeting will be announced over the school intercom soon.

Important Dates

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 7 – Cultural Performance – Rainbow Dance Theatre
April 13 – Milk Run 11:30 -12:30 pm
April 18 – PAC meeting 7:00 pm
April 19 – **Grade 5** Parent & Student info Night 6:30 pm
April 19 – **Grade 6 and 7** Parent Night 7:30 pm
April 27 – Spirit Crew Enrichment to Evangel Church for Houston Craft event (9:40-10:40 am)
April 29 – All grade 6 & 7 student to RSS for Houston Kraft Event
April 29 – RMS and SMS Gr. 7 Leadership Groups to meet with Houston Kraft for workshop in RMS Auditorium (11:00-12:00 pm)
May 30-June 5 – Bike to school and work week

[Library](#) - April showers bring May flowers! On those cold rainy April days pick up a good book and read! Check out the new spring genre in the library for a tantalizing book. Or, take a look at the author of the month – Anne Brashares, and read a tale of girlfriends enjoying their summers together! Make sure to get your overdue library books back to the library!

[Athletics](#)

Spring is in the air and new and great opportunities are there for kids to participate in new sports and meet new people! Track and Field, grade 6 co-ed rugby, open gym time, field hockey and golf! It is not too late to join so grab a friend and come on out. The athletic department would like to thank all the volunteers who are heading up teams.

Golf- Mr. Laird & Mr. Denman

T and F- Mrs. Nicholls, Mr. Maltais, Mrs. Parker, Ms. Harris

Field Hockey- Ms. Siegmann

Rugby - Mr. James Harris (community coach)

Open gym - Ms. Saran (student teacher)

Dear SD23 Parents/Guardians,

District Career Life Programs together with OKM PAC are excited to share a FREE PARENT EVENT for parents of middle and secondary students.

PARENTS AS CAREER COACHES

May 12, 2016

Hollywood Rd. Education Services

6:00pm-9:00pm

Refreshments served

Registration Required...CLICK HERE... <https://ereg.sd23.bc.ca>

Parents are the single greatest influence on their child's education and career decisions....this program equips parents to better support their children in making informed and successful education and career choices.

This evening session helps parents understand the critical role they play in assisting their child to recognize their interests & unique talents. The sessions also explore what employers consider to be critical skills, qualities, and attitudes required in today's and tomorrow's labour market.

When your children are getting ready to transition from high school to post-secondary or into the workforce, this program will help you and your child use career planning tools and explore opportunities that suit your child's interests and skills.

We look forward to seeing you there – if you have any questions you can contact either

Patti.Ostrikoff@sd23.bc.ca OR Fiona Sherwood.fionasherwood@shaw.ca

WEB - This month, students are invited to apply to be a member of our RMS WEB Leaders program!

WEB Leaders are 8th graders who are committed to being good role models for younger students and who have been successful at RMS. WEB Leaders' communication skills, leadership potential, responsibility, and personality have helped them succeed in the middle school environment, and the lessons they have learned should be shared to help others succeed. WEB leaders have a tremendous influence on our new students and you have the opportunity to learn many valuable leadership skills in the process. Plus, it will be fun!! Applications are available from mentorship teachers and in the office and are due into Mrs. Hanson or Harris by April 20th. WEB training will take place in May.