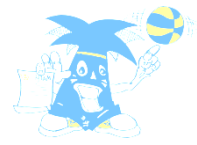


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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

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June 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

I cannot believe it's already June. This has been a year of change and transition, and it has been wonderful. With all the new aspects to life at Rutland Middle School since the grade configuration change, other than the physical building itself, nearly everything has changed to create the environment that's best for our young adolescent learners in Rutland. Thank you for all your ongoing support with this important work. To celebrate a great event from this past week along this same vein, our 'Voodoos Unveiled' open house became a real engaging, hands on experience with our students and community to display student projects, and the learning happening in our classrooms. I was extremely proud of our whole school community – students, teachers, staff, and parents/guardians – for making the night really something special. We look forward to continuing this journey alongside our parent/guardian community next year, and beyond.

As the year winds up, and as we all sprint toward the finish, please be in contact with your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns. The closer we work and collaborate together to support your child, the better job we can all do.

And to finish the newsletter, I would just like to recognize everyone (and there is no way I could attempt to name them all) who has given time and energy to our school over the past ten months: coaches, volunteers, teachers, staff, parents, guardians, etc. It's because of all of you that we have the school we do, and I cannot thank you enough.

Have a wonderful June, and I hope everyone prepares for a well-deserved, safe and relaxing summer!

PAC Meeting

No meeting in June

Library - The RMS library will officially close June 15th. Please make sure to return all of your library materials at this time. Thank you.

MOVING OVER THE SUMMER? Please advise the school if you or someone you know will be moving over the summer. Whether it is out of town or down the road the school would appreciate a call so that we can adjust our records. Contact our office at 250 765 2988.

Important Dates

June 1 – Voodoos Unveiled Showcase – 6:30 -7:30 pm
June 10 - SMS and RMS track and field fun day!
June 13 – Gr. 7's to Atlantis Waterpark (pay on line as soon as possible so we can get an accurate number going so busses can be reserved)
June 17 – Gr. 6's to Atlantis Waterpark
Gr. 7's Bear Creek Provincial Park
Gr 8's Gyro Beach
June 21 – Last day of regular classes
June 22 -24 – Presentation of Learning (students come on their assigned day only)
June 27-28 - Completion days
June 29 – 8:55-10:20 am – report cards go home
June 30 – Admin Day

New phone number for RMS as of September 1/2016
250 870-5109

Presentations of Learning (POL's)

The teaching and learning at Rutland Middle School provides students with opportunities to demonstrate the School District 23 Attributes of a Learner. At Rutland Middle School, each student works towards becoming a Learner, Thinker, Innovator, Collaborator, and Contributor. Our work in supporting these Attributes is consistent with the direction of BC's Redesigned Curriculum. This curriculum encourages the personalization of each child's learning with a focus on making real-life connections based on a student's passions and interests.

In Mentorship class, students have been learning about the Attributes of a Learner. All year, students have been collecting evidence from all of their classes of how they are working towards becoming Learners, Thinkers, Innovators, Collaborators, and Contributors. On June 22, 23, and 24, Rutland Middle School will host our annual Presentation of Learning days. During one of these days, students have the opportunity to demonstrate to an audience how they have met the requirements of the School District 23 Attributes of a Learner. Presentations of Learning create a purposeful way for students to talk with adults about their learning and offers parents (or community members) a direct and active role in their educational experience. Students have been working on their presentations for several weeks and have chosen a variety of ways to demonstrate these attributes.

Each Mentorship class will be split into 3 separate groups and assigned one of the presentation days and times. The presence of a family member or friend is a crucial part of the process. That person's role is to:

Listen and encourage student during POL
Ask questions or make comments regarding the POL
Celebrate your child