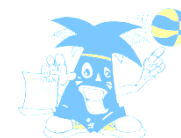


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December 2015

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Happy December to all in the RMS community! It is shaping up to be a great month, as we march onward toward the Winter Break. We are hopeful that all of our students and their families have a safe and relaxing break when the time comes.

I apologize for having the newsletter out later than normal. There is a lot of exciting things going on: new Enrichment selections to timetable, report cards to prepare to go home, fun activities and events to plan, and a new year to prepare for. Our students have been doing great work on contributing to the school and to the community in Mentorship classes; as well, our student-led food drive is looking to be a huge success as it is every year. I'm proud of all of our students and teachers for the work that they do during the Winter season to brighten up dreary days, and to make the Rutland community a better place.

As a staff, we've been working on unpacking the newly redesigned BC curriculum over the last few months. Rob Aviani and I are proud of all the hours and hard work our staff has already put into this professionally learning. To support the Ministry of Education's plan to implement the redesigned curriculum, our School District's Board of Education has recently announced two non-instructional days occurring in the new year (February 9th and May 24th) for the entire district to prepare teachers for the implementation of this new curriculum. Schools will be closed on those two days to facilitate this process, so please take note. For further information, please check our website, and we will be communicating out to inform parents more as those days approach. For anyone interested in additional information regarding the redesigned curriculum, please visit the government's website at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>. Rob and I will be leading some work with our PAC in the near future around this curriculum redesign, so if you are interested in attending, please do.

Lastly, with the Winter months upon us, parents and guardians, please ensure that your children are properly dressed for the season. It was quite cold last week, and we want to ensure that all of our students are well insulated against the cold when they're outside on break or at lunch. Have a great Winter Break!

PAC Meeting

Monday, December 14 - 7:00 pm

Important Dates for December

December 16 – Dance/clubs in the afternoon

December 17 – Report cards go home

December 18 – Breakfast for students

December 21-January 3 – Winter Break

January 4 – Regular school day

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