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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

February 2018

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Hello parents and guardians,

Thanks for all your ongoing support as this year has so quickly moved along. We have many amazing things happening at school, and we are so appreciative of our parents and guardians who make a difference and support this ongoing work. I am hopeful that many of you are able to come out (or were able to come out) to the Rutland Family of Schools Inquiry and Innovation of Learning Community Event at RSS from 6:00-7:30pm on Tuesday, January 30th. This is a great opportunity for families and our greater community to hear from teachers and students about all the learning happening in all of our Rutland buildings: the high school, both middle schools, and all elementary schools. I want to share a thank you to all of the teachers and students from RMS who took time out of their evening to come and represent Rutland Middle so well.

We have an upcoming parent-guardian-teacher conference coming up on Thursday, February 8th from 1:30-3:00pm. These conferences are not in the gymnasium, as were our previous conferences in October – teachers will be contacting parents and guardians, and will be setting up appointments during that time for families they need to see at this point in the year. As a parent or guardian, if you wish to contact your child's teacher(s) to set up an appointment, please do so by email or by phone. Teachers tend to be quite busy during these times, and will do their best to meet with any parents or guardians who drop in. Also, I always remind parents and guardians to never wait until conference dates to sit down with your child's teachers; teachers are happy to meet with parents or guardians at any point in the year, so please never hesitate to reach out. Please take note that students will be dismissed at 1:00pm that day, and we ask that they remain off of other schools' properties and head home once dismissed.

We had a slight change in the assignment of one of our student teachers, Ms. Danika Heinrichs. Originally, we had her teamed up in Grade 7 with Mrs. Hayhurst, but due to an unforeseen health-related issue, we have needed to reassign Ms. Heinrichs to Grade 6, teaming up with Mrs. Harris. I know many of Mrs. Hayhurst's students were looking forward to working with Ms. Heinrichs, and I want to thank Mrs. Harris for the flexibility so we could keep Ms. Heinrichs at RMS this year.

Have a great February!

Mr. Laird

Important Dates for February/March 2018

February 08 - Early dismissal 1:00 pm
February 08 - Parent/Guardian/Teacher conferences 1:30-3:00 PM
February 12 - Family Day (no school)
February 21 - Harmony Day
February 23 - Teacher Pro-D Day (no school)
February 28 – Pink Shirt Day

March 01 – Term 2 ends
March 15 – Term 2 report card goes home
March 16 – Last day of school before spring break
March 19 - 30 Spring break
March 30 – Good Friday
April 03 – Easter Monday – no school

[Library](#) - Come on up and check out the February contest! Book Title Bingo! See Mrs. Nicholls and Mrs. Wiebe for more details. Author of the month is Meg Cabot! Grab a mushy romance and get lost in the month of love! Of course the genre this month is ROMANCE! Your library ❤️ you!

[Yearbook](#)

Please send in a picture of your child as a baby for our "Name the baby" pages. You can either e-mail the picture to agnes.gagliano@sd23.bc.ca or upload a picture on the HJeShare app / code: RutlandMiddle2018

[School Fees/Enrichment Fees/Sports Fees](#) – If you have not yet paid your school fee of \$30.00, which was due by November 1, please do so as soon as possible.

Please check with your child as to whether or not there is a fee involved with their enrichment course. If your child is taking **Pound Fitness** there is a 20.00 fee for this course to cover the cost of an outside instructor. If your child is taking the **Babysitting Certification** course there is a \$35.00 fee. If your child is taking the **Beginners Sewing and Quilting** there is a \$20.00 cost to cover all materials and supplies for the projects. They will be making a zippered pouch, quilted mug rug and quilted patchwork pillows. If your child is in **grade 8** and taking **Outdoor Ed** for Enrichment the fee is \$40.00 for bussing/entrance fees and facilitator fees.

Grade 6/7 Girls Basketball	\$40.00
Grade 6/7 Boys Basketball	\$40.00
Grade 8 Boys Basketball	\$70.00
Grade 8 Girls Volleyball	\$50.00

All of the above fees are online or can be paid by cash or cheque at the office. If for any reason you are unable to pay please contact the office