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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

February 2019

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 our ongoing work. I am hopeful that many of you were able to come out to the Rutland Family of Schools Learning Evening at RSS on Thursday, January 31st (6:00-7:30pm). This was a great opportunity for families and our greater community to hear from teachers and students about learning that is 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 7th from 1:30-3:00pm. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm, and as always, we ask that students do not visit other school properties on their way home. These conferences will not be held 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 without a previous appointment. Also, I always remind parents and guardians to not 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.

And lastly, I would like to thank those parents/guardians who reached out to me via phone, email, or in person to wish me well in my new assignment starting on March 15. This has been a great community to work alongside for the past six years, and your thoughts are much appreciated. The district will likely be announcing the incoming principal near the end of February, so stay tuned!

Have a great February!

Mr. Laird

Important Dates for February/March 2019

February 7 – Parent/Guardian/Teacher conferences by appointment only
February 7 – Early dismissal 1:00 pm
February 18 – Family Day – no school
February 19 – PAC meeting
February 20 – Harmony Day
February 22 – PRO-D day – no school
March 18-29 – Spring Break
April 1 – School reopens after spring break

[Yearbook](#) - Gr. 8 baby pictures wanted for yearbook. Please e-mail Mrs. Gagliano @ agnes.gagliano@sd23.bc.ca by March 1st. Yearbooks are on sale for \$35 and are available for purchase through schoolcashonline.

[Library](#) - Love is in the air! The library genre rack is full of sweet stories that will make you smile. Books like Summer State of Mind and Sleepaway Girls by Jen Calonita, about those unforgettable summer crushes. Meg Cabot, who you may remember is the genius behind the Princess Diaries series, is the author of the month. Students are busy reading books for Literacy Circles and Battle of the Books. Check out the library page on the RMS website to see what is new and happening this month!

[Spring Camp](#)

Hello Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to announce that the School of Engineering at UBC's Okanagan Campus has partnered with Geering Up to host our first ever Spring Break Maker Camps at the Kelowna Downtown Library!

Our Maker camps focus on design, technology, engineering, and hands-on activities to learn about how engineering improves our world. Campers will learn about the Engineering Design Cycle, go on excursions in the local art and technology district (of downtown Kelowna), meet industry mentors, use their imagination to find creative solutions to design challenges, coding, and more!

Camps will run both weeks of spring break as regular 5-day camps (Mon-Fri 9:30 am - 3:30 pm).

For full descriptions and the link to register please see this website: <https://engineering.ok.ubc.ca/programs-admissions/outreach-programs-2/>

If you have any questions at all don't hesitate to email us at kelowna@geeringup.ca or give us a call at 250-807-8890.

Kind regards,

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