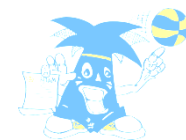




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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

February 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy February everyone!

As much as I would wish that it quits snowing, I suppose it really is more of a "winter wonderland" outside than it has been in previous Februaries. To help us out at school during break and lunchtime, please ensure that your children have the proper outside clothing for snow. We realize that some students may not feel that it's cool to wear season-appropriate jackets and other gear, but it really can be quite cold outside for them otherwise. And lastly on the weather topic, I really wish to recognize our teachers and support staff who have been volunteering time and effort to plan school spirit events and field trips. It's that time of year when it's grey, dreary, and slushy, and our staff has been really working to brighten up these days for our students. It can make all the difference as we trudge through the snow into Spring.

Now that we're into February, Rob and I are starting to plan for next school year's incoming students from grade 5, remaining students in grade 6 and 7, and the grade 8 students that will be transitioning to Rutland Senior. Please check out our website frequently, check newsletters that come home, and please listen to those Rutland Middle synervoice phone calls. We will be announcing parent information nights where we will be discussing what next year will look like for our students (hint: it will be nearly identical to this year), and we will be sharing other school information. These will be coming up over the next six weeks (dates TBA), and we would love to have our parent/guardian community involved with that process.

As always, please stay in frequent contact with your child's teachers. We know that one of the most powerful indicators of student success is having a strong, two-way relationship between school and home. We encourage teachers to contact home as much as possible, and would like to encourage parents to do the same regarding school. The better we all proactively work together, the better our students/children will do.

Jim Laird, Principal

Library - Where does the time go! Already the month of love – February! Check out the author of the month, Meg Cabot, who writes stories of love and hope! Happy tales for everyone to read. This month's genre is two-fold: Romance & Science Fiction, a little bit of something for everyone and a crucial part of the February Library Contest! Be sure to get all the details up in the library!

PAC Meeting

Monday, February 15
7:00-8:00 pm

Spirit Week – February 1-5

Monday - jersey/team day
Tuesday - 80's/neon/crazy hair day
Wednesday- character/theme day
Thursday - twin day
Friday - PJ and stuffie day

Important Dates

February 1-5 – Spirit week
February 8 - Family Day – no school
February 9 - Additional Non Instruction Day (see our website for details) No school on the 9th.
February 17 – Harmony Day
February 18 – Grade 8's to Big White for tubing
February 19 – Professional Day for teachers – no school
February 24 – Pink Shirt Day (Anti Bullying)
March 14 /25- Spring Break
March 28 – Easter Monday
March 29 – School reopens (Tuesday)

Proposed School Calendar 2016-2017

Click on the link below to view the proposed school calendar for next year. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the district prior to February 24.



Proposed School Calendar 2016-2017.pdf

Outdoor Ed - Go ahead, get outside!

In Outdoor Ed. enrichment this term we are all about getting out of the school. We have many fun field trips planned, geared at getting students active and involving them in different forms of physical activity. We are curling at the Winfield Curling Club, rock climbing at the Crux, snowshoeing, bowling and hiking. Keep fit and have fun!

If you have signed up for Outdoor Ed don't forget to pay your \$40.00 as soon as possible.

Scorgie & Starling

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