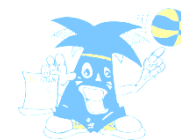


VOODOO VOICE



Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

May 2017

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Hello parents and guardians,

May always catches me by surprise each year; we're flying along, Spring Break comes and goes, and before we know it, it's May and the end of the year is on the horizon. I want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of Rutland Middle, and the support of your children. As we head toward June, there will be many different events to celebrate the year, to prepare for next year, and to celebrate each individual child's learning journey – our Presentations of Learning (PoL). Please touch base with your child's Mentorship teacher (calls have been going out over the last few days) to book a time that works for your schedules to be part of this special celebration of learning. Students are encouraged to be metacognitive ("thinking about their thinking") to reflect where they are at in relation to the SD23 Attributes of a Learner, as well as giving them an important avenue to celebrate their individual achievements. For the past two years, we've had over 97% of students have family members present, and our goal is always 100%. Please note that if the two designated PoL days do not work for your schedules, teachers have other times allocated to flexibly schedule for you on alternative days. Hopefully this year, we can reach the elusive 100% involvement from our community that we strive for.

As May is here, and we have only one PAC meeting left, I would like to personally thank each and every parent and guardian who participated, volunteered, and helped with our PAC this year. I empathize as well as anyone how busy peoples' schedules are, and I am always humbled and appreciative of the high level of commitment that is shown for our school, and our students and teachers, each year. For those of you who are moving on to RSS with your children, we will miss you, for those who are staying, I look forward to continuing our journey next year together, and for those who are considering joining the PAC next year, it's a wonderful, helpful, learning community, and we look forward to you joining our ranks.

Moving into the final two months, please be in contact with your child's teachers – email is the most convenient way for most people at school. We know that the more frequent the contact between school and home is, the better chance that children are more successful.

Have a happy and healthy May!

Jim Laird, Principal

Important Dates for May

May 1-7 - GET LOUD for mental health week in BC. Please check out the link below

http://toolkit.mentalhealthweek.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SCHOOLTOOLKIT_FINAL_REVISED-April-19-2017.pdf

May 05 - Drop-in Badminton 3:15-4:30

May 12 - Yearbook sales over

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May 15 - PAC Meeting 7:00 pm

May 19 - Victoria Day – No School

May 26 - Drop-in Badminton 3:15-4:30

Yearbook News:

Last week to purchase a year book.

\$35.00

Sales will be finished as of May 5

Library- Can't believe it's May! Time to start cleaning out the closet and underneath beds looking for library books! Don't wait until it's too late and end up scrambling in June! Reminder library is open in the morning, break and lunch time to work on your POLs. Make sure you have a note from your teacher! Heading down the pathway to summer!

Recycling Program

Ms. Hansen's classes did a bottle drive for the school. They raised almost \$500 and got the school in second place in the Return it to School Contest, winning the school \$750. A big thanks to everyone who came out and helped with the event.

Chelan Hansen

Caught Being Kind at RMS is an initiative where students / teachers can nominate other students in the building who have done a random act of kindness (without being asked). You can fill out a slip in the library, nominating the student and acknowledging their act of kindness. Draws will be made weekly on Monday mornings for the next 3 weeks. The winner for last week, was a grade 7 student who was caught picking up garbage and placing it in a trash can. Other acts of kindness witnessed include: holding the door open for someone, helping pick up dropped items, and helping someone carry their books. Great start RMS! I challenge our Voodoo community to keep their attention on noticing the small acts of kindness that help brighten up someone's day.

Athletics Spring is here and RMS Athletics has several teams running currently. Track and field, field hockey, golf and badminton club. We are also offering modern dance after school with Miss Graham. I want to thank all the coaches for their time and effort: Nancy Nicholls, Jeanne Parker, Clint Maltais, Carley Boker, Whitney Siegmann, Brooke Manchester, Sienna Schmitke(RSS student), Jim Laird-Principal, Chris Denman (Community) Corey Grant and Camille Gross. We look forward to seeing all the athletes, parents and coaches at the year-end athletic banquet June 15 at RMS.

MOVING OUT-OF-TOWN OR TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL?

Please let us know if you are moving out of town or relocating in Kelowna or if you know of a family who is. The earlier we know the more accurate our numbers are for September. Please email rmsoffice@sd23.ads or call 250 870 5109. We appreciate your help.

May & June 2017

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR 2017-2018

No seats have been reserved for the 2017 – 2018 bussing service. Please follow the steps below to apply to use the school bus service.

All parents are required to apply for bussing each year. Please use the link below to apply for bussing:

<https://transportation.sd23.bc.ca/>

Payment will not be required at this time, you will be sent a payment link once a seat has been assigned.

In cases of financial hardship, application for subsidy can be made through your school Principal, once you receive a seat confirmation.

NOTE: Early registration and payment of at least the 1st installment of the Student Transportation charge by June 30th will result in a discount of at least \$30 per child.

All confirmed riders, who have arranged for the \$280.00 Student Transportation Charge and received their electronic bus pass with their stop information, should still refer to the Transportation Website after August 30th, for up to date route information, as stop information can change once a pass has been issued.

Please note that seats for courtesy riders may not be confirmed until August 1st.

Students must be registered riders with bus passes to ride a school bus.

For more information about school bus transportation, please visit our website at

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Pages/default.aspx>



SEPTEMBER 2017
SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR 2017-2018

Parents, guardians, and students are reminded that students must be registered riders with bus passes in order to ride the school bus. Friends and clients of afterschool care are not eligible for school bus service at any time during the year unless they are registered riders. Alternate forms of transportation need to be arranged for after school social plans and daycare arrangements. In cases of financial hardship, application for subsidy shall be through your school Principal. This is a good time to review the safety rules for bus riders. These rules are posted on the transportation website at:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Safety/Pages/default.aspx>

Due to the volume of applications for courtesy rides, it may not be possible to contact each applicant individually. If you have not had a courtesy application confirmed by October 15th, it may mean that there are no additional seats available. However, if you believe that there is space still available on a school bus passing through your neighbourhood, please contact Transportation at (250) 870-5151. Phone lines are open between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Please note that courtesy seats are subject to cancellation at a week's notice should seats be needed for additional eligible riders.

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