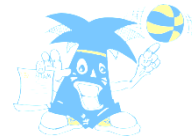


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Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

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June 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello parents and guardians,

June has finally crept up on us! It has been an outstanding year at Rutland Middle, and there are many people to thank. Firstly, I'd like to thank all of our students for doing their best each day; this school is a special place because of the responsible, thoughtful students that we get to work alongside. We will miss our Grade 8s who are heading next door, or off to other schools or districts, and wish them all the best. For new and returning students, we look forward to next year. Secondly, I'd like to thank our staff; I cannot think of a more caring and hard-working staff who do their best to meet the needs of students each day. We are lucky to have the teaching and support staff that we have at RMS. Thirdly, I'd like to thank our parents and guardians. Your ongoing support through PAC, through Presentations of Learning, through open house nights, and other events, as well as supporting and advocating for your children has made a huge difference!

There are some important events coming up on the RMS calendar (please see below). I wanted to put in one last plug for encouraging parents and guardians to attend our Presentations of Learning on June 23 and June 26. Your child's Mentorship teachers have likely already been in contact with you to set up presentation times; your being part of the audience is what makes our day so amazing, and hopefully each student can have at least one family member attend for them. It is a truly special time for students and families, and each year the bar gets raised higher and higher. If you are unable to attend for your child's presentation, we encourage a family member (ie. grandmother, uncle, etc.) to attend in your stead. Having a real-life audience of peers, teachers, and individuals who care is so important to making your child's Presentation of Learning the great experience it is.

Lastly, I wanted to touch base regarding next year. If you would like to contact Rob or myself in the office to speak about your child's placement, we should have teaching teams and student schedules mostly complete by the middle of June. Please send us an email, give us a phone call, or drop in to see us, and we will be happy to do our best to accommodate requests that are in your child's best interests. We would much rather have conversations in June than try to make changes a month into the school year (which is very disruptive to your child's educational experience), so please do not hesitate to reach out.

Have a wonderful June, and a safe and relaxing summer holiday break when it arrives!

Jim Laird
Principal

Important Dates for June

June 07 - Voodoos Unveiled – 6:30-7:30 pm
June 14 - Athletics Banquet 5:00-7:00 pm RSVP only
June 19 - Piche/Ferguson/McIlmoyle/Flinsky classes to Atlantis Water Park Bus leaves 9:10 am
June 20 - Makowetski/Hansen Gr 7s to Atlantis Water Park – Bus leaves RMS at 9:00 am
June 21 - Gr. 8 yearend trip to Gyro Park – Bus leaves at 9:05 am
June 21 - Gr. 7 yearend trip to Bear Creek Park – Bus leaves RMS at 9:05 am
June 21 - Gr. 6 yearend trip to Atlantis Waterpark – Bus leaves RMS at 9:05 am
June 22 - End of Term 3 – last day of classes
June 23, 26 – POL days
June 27 & 28 – POL completion days
June 29 - 8:55-9:55 am - report cards go home
June 30 - Administration Day

Library- As the end of the school year comes closer, the time has come to bring back the books or textbooks that have been hiding in your locker or under your bed. If you are unsure whether you have any overdue books, you can come into the library and check your account with Mrs. Nicholls or Mrs. Wiebe. If you do not bring your books back by that last week of school, a bill for those books will accompany your report card home – nobody wants that! Also, remember the library is open in the morning and at lunch to work on your POL'S if you bring a note from your teacher.

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 is 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 neighborhood, 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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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.