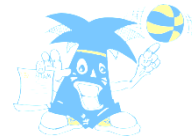


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September 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome parents, guardians, and students to the new school year! For those of you returning, welcome back, and for those of you who are new to the Rutland Middle community, let me be the first to welcome each of you! The staff is looking forward to another outstanding year serving such a wonderful community, working with our thoughtful, kind, and creative students. As with any year start up, we strongly encourage parents/guardians to connect frequently with your child's classroom teachers – please do not wait for our open house BBQ or parent/guardian interview night to make contact. We know that students are more successful when parents and guardians are involved with our teachers as early as possible, working together as a team to support student learning and achievement.

We have a few new teaching staff this year. Last year was a year of staff transition all around the District as new opportunities opened up at schools; smaller class sizes also resulted in more classes being opened, which added to the numbers of vacancies that schools were staffing to fill. At Grade 6, we'd like to welcome Kim Dennis to our school. At Grade 7, we'd like to welcome Mike Wolthuizen, Carla Parker, Danielle Sorenson, Andrew Butterworth, and Tracy Hayhurst. At Grade 8 we'd like to welcome Daryl Cadman, Janine Collinson, and Renae Graham. In the Exploratories, we'd like to welcome Rudi Kronhardt (Music/Band), Chantal Luthin (Foods), and Sean Duteil (Art). And finally, in non-enrolling positions, we'd like to welcome Nicola Hopfner as our new LAT. We are looking forward to having these dynamic, energetic new teachers on staff; they will all bring so much to our school.

This year, our teachers will be continuing their work on creating engaging, personalized lessons to deepen the learning and understanding of our students, as well as making some structural changes to create dynamic, flexible learning environments in their classrooms. A team of our teachers are working as part of a District network on this important work. All of our teachers strive to create meaningful relationships, so that school is a safe, welcoming place of learning. We want your children happy, healthy, learning, and loving coming to school. If there is ever anything we can do to help, please contact your child's teachers and they will work alongside you to do the best job they can for your child.

I believe this year will be our best one yet! I look forward to getting to know you and your children, and look forward to the next ten months.

Mr. Jim Laird

Important Dates for September/October

September 4 - Labor Day – No school

September 5 - School opens - dismissal is 11:50 am. Busses will be running to take bus students home

September 18 – School Photo Day

September 20 – Terry Fox Run 10:05-11:05 am

September 27 – Term 1 Enrichment begins

September 28 - Early Dismissal – 1:00 pm

Meet & Greet BBQ – 4:00-6:00 pm

September 29 - School Fees are due – please pay the 30.00 online or by cash/cheque at the office

October 06 – Implementation Day – No School.

October 9 – Thanksgiving Day – No School

October 19- Early dismissal 1:00 pm

Parent Conferences 5-7:00 pm

October 20 – PRO-D Day – No School

October 23 – School Photo Retake Day

[Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance](#)

For your convenience, we've made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc (iA Financial Group).

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For complete plan details, please visit kidsplus.ca.

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[Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair](#)

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna

This trade show style of event brings together about 65 nonprofits organizations recruiting volunteers with people like you who are looking for a place to volunteer. It is a time to have face-to-face conversations about causes, services, and opportunities. There are lots choices about where to get involved and how to make the greatest impact.

[School Start Up Supplement – Province of B.C.](#)

A school start-up supplement is provided to recipients of income assistance, disability assistance and hardship assistance to assist with extra costs associated with a dependent child's schooling. For more information please go to the following website.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/general-supplements-and-programs/school-start-up-supplement>