
South Rutland Elementary School



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2013-2014

Family Calendar & Handbook



This calendar/handbook is our school's gift to your family.

It is filled with info about South Rutland Elementary.

We hope you will hang it up and keep it handy!

We'll send home our school's Rocket Fuel newsletter to your family each Monday (or on Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday). It will include a "week @ a glance" calendar & more!

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Hi, I'm Rocky! I'm the South Rutland Rockets' mascot!



School Day

LUNCH/RECESS MAY BE DIFFERENT ON "SPECIAL DAYS" — WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE "ROCKET FUEL" SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school Office is open from 8:00 am—3:15 pm daily.

Please call and leave a voicemail message by 8:45 am if your child will be absent or late.

Outside Supervision begins	8:15 am
Warning Bell	8:25 am
K-Gr. 6 Classes start	8:30 am
Morning Classes end	11:00 am
Lunch Break	11:00—11:57 am
Warning Bell	11:54 am
K-Gr. 6 Classes resume	11:57 am
Recess	1:30-1:45 pm
All Classes Dismissed	2:30 pm
Outside Supervision ends	2:45 pm



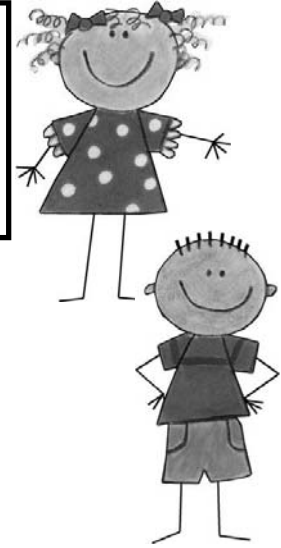
To help ensure our students' safety, staff members supervise on the school yard during play times before/after school, at lunch and recess breaks.

Your child may also be involved in extra-curricular activities sponsored by staff, such as sports teams, our licensed out-of-school care program or student volunteer opportunities. All of these activities are supervised by staff.



South Rutland Elementary School

3...2...1... Blast Off!



Welcome back! As the 2013-2014 school year starts, about 35 dedicated staff members have prepared to work with about 225 new and returning students in 10 classes. South Rutland Elementary School is a "family-friendly" learning place! We are looking forward to learning with (and teaching) your children!

Strong support from our families and community has always made South Rutland Elementary School a great school (did you know that South Rutland first opened its school doors back in 1967? That's 46 years ago!)! We sincerely appreciate & wholeheartedly encourage each family's involvement in our regular school day programs & we invite you to join us for special events and extra-curricular activities during the year.

We believe that our school shares a responsibility with parents/guardians & community to help your children to become happy and productive citizens. Staff are committed to guiding students to develop "21st Century" skills along with the knowledge and attitudes that will enable them to become self-reliant in our changing world. Staff work hard to provide a safe and healthy learning environment in which the social, creative, physical, emotional and academic needs of all students are met in a variety of ways.

Ultimately, our school's mission statement (on the right—>) provides the foundation for our school's everyday operation. Encouraging excellence takes coordinated effort and commitment. Students, parents and staff can learn together and help one another along the way. Cooperation and respect are important when working, learning and playing together. We will hope that our quality school programs will help your child to develop: solid skills and a positive attitude leading to academic excellence; confidence and self-esteem; creative thinking and problem-solving skills, self-reliance and confidence.

Student leaders, our RAP Team (Rocket Advisory Partners), developed the idea of "Rocket P.O.W.E.R.". We show Rocket POWER with:



- ★ **PRIDE**- we are proud to be known as "the home of the Rockets"...
- ★ **OWNSHIP**- we have the right to learn and we take this responsibility seriously...
- ★ **WORK ETHIC**- we work hard and do our best at work and play times...
- ★ **ENTHUSIASM**- we're a provincially recognized "Spirit School"...
- ★ **RESPECT**- we take care of ourselves, each other & this place (our environment).

Visit our school often—family involvement can lead to student excellence!

At South Rutland Elementary School, we are dedicated to the ideal that all children can learn.

We offer a safe & healthy learning environment.

We will:

- engage our learners & inspire excellence;
- support intellectual, social, emotional & physical development;
- develop creativity;
- nurture self-esteem & resiliency;
- and promote responsible citizenship.



Cathie Mutter ~ Principal

South Rutland Elementary School Staff ~ 2013—2014

Primary Teaching Staff:

Mrs. Carrie Hebert– Rm 8
Mrs. Janina Hughes– Rm 3
Miss Nicole Robertson– Rm 4
Mrs. Kym Jennejohn– Rm 6
Mrs. Susan Brown– Rm 7
Ms Suzan Miles– Rm 2

Intermediate Teaching Staff:

Mr. Dave Johnson– Rm 11
Mrs. Kathy Heffernan– Rm 16
Mr. Derek Worrall– Rm 12
Ms Tara Dionne– Rm 15

Principal:

Mrs. Cathie Mutter
Mr. Dave Johnson– Principal Designate
(if Mrs. Mutter is away)

Clerical Staff:

Ms Wendy Kennedy– Administrative Secretary
Mrs. Betty Osborne– Library Assistant

Aboriginal Support Staff:

Aboriginal Student Advocate–
Mrs. Jen Jefferies

Certified Education Assistants:

Ms Tracy Aviss
Mrs. Monique Cornett
Mrs. Laurie Horning
*Other CEAs may be added during the year

Support Staff & Itinerant Student Support Services Staff

Mrs. Lara Bischoff– Part-Time Teacher-Librarian (T/Th)
Mrs. Enzo DeLaurentiis– Prep Relief Teacher– Gym (T/Th)
Mrs. Heather Hendricks– Prep Relief Teacher– Music (M-Th)
Mrs. Traci Stafford– Learning Assistance Teacher (M-Th)
Mrs. Holly Dingwall– School Counsellor
Mrs. Mary-Louise Minkus– Speech-Language Pathologist
Mrs. Brandi Makus– Resource Teacher
Ms Barbara Bishop– Educational Psychologist

Custodial Staff:

Mr. Gord Daugherty/Mr. James Bohn– Head Custodian
Mrs. Elaine Poitras– Day Custodian (shared with Pearson Rd. Elementary)
Mrs. Paula Meade– Afternoon Custodian (3-11 pm)

Student Supervisors:

Ms Sandy Sarka
Mrs. Barb Senger
Mr. John Dreher
Mrs. Tanya Haidar

StrongStart Centre:

Mrs. Denise Paley

Public Health Nurse:

Ms Tammy Saunders

After-School Club Program (a partnership with Rutland Boys & Girls Club)

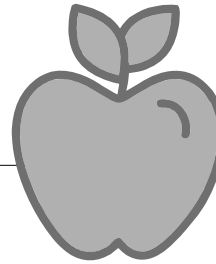
Mr. Joshua Crossthwaite– Program Coordinator
Mrs. Mefatije Rusha– Program Supervisor @ SRE
Staff to be assigned in September 2013

Staff may be added
during the school year and
assignments can change
due to school enrolment.

Our school is projected
to have about 225 students
in 10 classes in 2013/2014.



September 2013



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Things To Do

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LABOUR DAY— STATUTORY HOLIDAY	3 * PAC Welcome Back B'k'fast @ 8 AM * K WEL-	4 K Mini-Sessions	5 ORIENTATION STATIONS K Mini-Sessions	6 No K Clas- ses *8:40 am- Rocket POWER Assembly	7
8	9 K Mini-Sessions	10 K Mini-Sessions PAC MTG @ 6:30 pm	11 1st FULL DAY OF Kindergarten	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 TERRY FOX NAT'L SCHOOL RUN/ ASSEMBLY	27 PHOTO DAY	28
				Parent-Teacher Conferences		
29	30 INFINITUS CULTURAL PERFORMANCE @ 8:45 AM			NOTE: *HOUSE GAMES begin Gr. 4-6		



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Emergency Info



Attendance Alert

250-765-7785

Regular attendance & on time arrival are important for every student's success. If your child is absent/late, please call the school to let us know by 8:45 am. We have after hours "voicemail" so you can leave a message at any time-



day or night. We'll call you only if your child's whereabouts is "unknown" at attendance time.

NOTE: TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK, WE MUST HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT NUMBERS ON RECORD.

~School Emergencies~

What happens if there is an emergency at school?

Parents **MUST** ensure that current phone numbers are provided to the school office. An emergency contact must also be listed- someone the school can contact if we cannot reach parents/guardian(s) at home/work.

In case of a serious accident (head injury), illness or head lice parents are contacted. If your child is ill or head lice are discovered, we prefer to make arrangements for your child to go home. We have a Medical Room in case isolation is needed. If a serious injury/emergency occurs at school, we will make every effort to contact the family. If emergency treatment for a serious injury is needed and a parent or emergency contact cannot be reached, the student will be transported by ambulance to the hospital if needed (there may be a fee for the ambulance trip).

In the event of a fire, earthquake, bomb threat or other school evacuation, we will leave the building and may be directed to a nearby shelter. School District officials and emergency personnel will be contacted to assist in making decisions related to students' safety. Parents/guardians will be contacted if a decision is made to send children home early.

Medication at School

Parents **MUST** complete a special form if your child needs staff help to take any medication (prescription or non-prescription) at school.

All approved medication should be stored, for safety reasons, at the school Office in the labeled prescription bottle. Students who self-administer an inhaler for asthma or an epi-pen must have a medical planning form in place at the office.

~Public Health Nurse~

Is there a school nurse at South Rutland Elementary?

A public health nurse from the Rutland Public Health Centre of the Interior Health Authority is assigned to our school and will come to the school if called. The regular involvement of the health unit at school includes student immunization clinics and reviewing records of students with severe medical conditions (chronic illness or life-threatening allergies). Please ensure that the school is aware of any medical conditions affecting your child.

~Head Lice~

What happens if my child has head lice?

Head lice are a problem from time to time at all schools. If head lice are discovered in a classroom at this school, parents/guardians of the affected student are called by office staff so the child can be taken home for treatment. A letter is also sent home to families of other students in the class. This letter does not contain the name of the student with head lice.

After appropriate treatment to remove all lice and nits, the student may return to school. If needed, the student is invited to come to the Office to have their hair rechecked before returning to class. Advice regarding prevention and treatment of head lice is available from the Rutland Public Health Centre, your doctor or pharmacist. Info from Interior Health is also included on the back of the head lice notification letter that the school sends home.

We're "Nut Aware"

We have a few students with severe allergies at our school. We ask that everyone arrive at school with hands that are washed. We know we cannot guarantee a "nut free" school, but, we ask for your help to make our school safer for everyone. Emergency plans are in place in classrooms where there are students with severe allergies.



October 2013



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Dates TBA: *We Day *Rugby Jamboree		1	2	3 Bus Evacuation Training- Gr. 1 & 3 (PM)	4	5 WORLD TEACHER DAY
6	7	8 PAC MTG @ 6:30 PM	9	10 NED SHOW- 1:30-2:15 pm	11 ADMIN Implementation DAY	12
13	14 THANKSGIVING STATUTORY HOLIDAY	15	16	17 BC SHAKEOUT DRILL @ 10:17	18	19
20	21	22	23 ROCKET POWER ASSEMBLY @ 12:15 PM	24	25 NON- Instructional DAY	26
27	28	29 PHOTO RETAKE DAY	30	31 BUDDY HALLOWE'EN (costumes/ parade, buddy class activities)		



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Meaningful Parent Involvement

Our school and students benefit from meaningful parent involvement. Besides keeping an 'open door' for parents/guardians of students at our school, we continue to look at new ways to involve students' families in supporting learning.

Please contact us if you have an idea or a question or you wish to become a school volunteer.

Our school's Office is open from 7:45 am– 3:15 pm daily. We also have after hours "voice mail" for your messages (250-765-7785) so you can call at any time and leave a message.

All parents/guardians are invited to attend monthly PAC meetings (Parent Advisory Council). Getting involved can increase your child(ren)'s school success!



Parent Power

How can parents help out at school?

Parents are an important part of our school community. You can get involved in school in the following ways:

- ★ Help in your child's classroom
- ★ Read school newsletters & other notices
- ★ Help out with class field trips
- ★ Serve snacks every other week for the BC Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program
- ★ Help the PAC with school fundraisers
- ★ Attend PAC meetings and share your ideas
- ★ Take on an executive role with the PAC
- ★ Attend school concerts & other activities
- ★ Offer to help with special events at school
- ★ Take advantage of opportunities to learn how parents can help your child to learn new skills (such as IEP meetings, parent workshops or parent-teacher conferences)
- ★ Become a classroom reading volunteer
- ★ Help get things ready on PAC Lunch days

PARENT POWER = STUDENT SUCCESS!

2013/2013

PAC Executive

President:
Heather Johnson

Vice-President:
Pat Rambold

Secretary:
Allison Scuffi

Treasurer:
Sofia Simeonidis

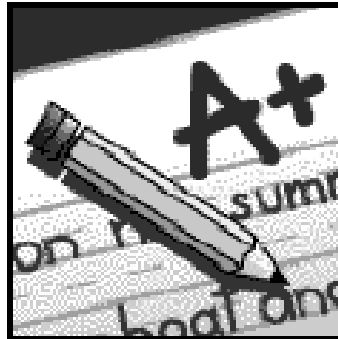
COPAC Rep:
Vivian Evans

Fundraising:
To Be Assigned (Sept 2013)

School Planning Council

This team will advise the principal & assist in preparing the annual School Planning Council report. Parent SPC Reps:

Vivian Evans
Heather Johnson
Allison Scuffi



**We need
your support!**

JOIN THE SRE EMAIL LIST!

Visit the school website to sign up. You'll get an email about the school news-letter & other info!



SRE Mail List

Email:

First Name:

Last Name:

Grade(s): Kindergarten
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6

You may select multiple grades

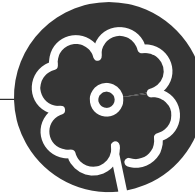
Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is the official voice of parents at our school. At South Rutland, this group usually meets on the second Tuesday of every month to share information about PAC plans, learn about school programs, gather ideas from parents and get input about special PAC projects. These meetings are casual, friendly and OPEN TO ALL PARENTS. Our PAC elects an executive and the SPC (School Planning Council) in May of each year. The School Planning Council provides input & advice to the principal to make decisions, shape school goals and report to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education. Parent involvement can make a huge difference to our students & school success!

Become a Volunteer!

Some parents want to help out in classrooms or get involved in other ways at school. Parent volunteers are often needed! You may be asked to help with fundraising, school or class activities, field trips or other special events. If you plan to help students in class or on field trips, Criminal Record Review forms must be completed. The process is free—forms are available & processed through our school office. Picture identification is needed. Field trip drivers must also complete a Vehicle Declaration form.

November 2013



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NOTE: *VOLLEYBALL HOUSE GAMES begin for Gr. 4-6					1	2
3 Daylight Savings Time ENDS (turn clocks back)	4	5	6	7	8 PEACE ASSEMBLY @ 10 AM	9
10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY- STATUTORY HOLIDAY	12 PAC MTG @ 6:30 PM	13	14	15 FAMILY ACTIVE NIGHT- 6:30-8:30 pm	16
17	18	19	20 ROCKET POWER ASSEMBLY @ 12:15 PM	21	22 SPIRIT DAY	23
24	25	26	27 EXPRESSION- CULTURAL PERFORMANCE @ 10 AM	28	29 Report Card Day * Intermediate Awards Assembly @ 8:40 am	30



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Recognition Program



Our Code of Conduct focuses on "Rocket P.O.W.E.R.":

- **P– Pride**
- **O– Ownership**
- **W– Work Ethic**
- **E– Enthusiasm**
- **R– Respect**

On the playground, students can earn "Rocket Raffle" tickets for playing in a socially responsible way. These tickets are entered in a monthly draw! Students can also earn "Rocket Raffle" tickets for their efforts in class... working hard in the classroom. All of the tickets are entered into a weekly draw and students can earn a small prize.

Special presentations are also made at the end of each term to deserving Intermediate students (Gr. 4-6) who have shown consistently outstanding work and/or effort. An Intermediate Awards Assembly is held to recognize excellence in academic achievement, work ethic, school service (citizenship is also recognized in June). Parents are invited to attend these assemblies.

Dress Code

★ We request that students wear clothing that is clean & suitable for school. Clothing items or temporary tattoos featuring violent or offensive pictures/words or promoting alcohol/drug use or disrespect are inappropriate for a positive elementary school environment.

★ Beach wear (spaghetti straps, bathing suits, bare midriff/back, muscle shirts) and bare feet are not considered appropriate. In all cases, undergarments must not be showing. Wearing 'flip-flops' is not permitted in gym class and may be dangerous for outdoor play. Running shoes are preferred.

★ In snowy or rainy weather, students should come dressed to play in outside conditions.

★ Hats/hoods are not to be worn indoors.

★ Nose rings & dangling earrings must not be worn in gym classes.

★ Make-up must not be worn by students at our school.

Code of Conduct

Students have the **RIGHT** to expect:

- Fair and respectful treatment at school;
- Opportunities to learn and succeed;
- That personal property is safe from theft or harm.

Students have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

- Give your best effort at all times;
- Treat other students, staff & property with respect;
- Behave well.

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Parents/guardians have the **RIGHT** to expect that:

- their children will be safe from physical and emotional harm;
- their children will learn in a positive atmosphere.

Parents/guardians have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

- Ensure that their children are adequately fed, clothed, rested and emotionally ready to learn;
- Make sure that their children are at school regularly and on time;
- Teach socially accepted values to their children (eg. honesty, empathy, respect, responsibility, fairness) and encourage a positive work ethic.

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Staff at our school have the **RIGHT** to expect:

- Respect, courtesy & consistent effort from students;
- Support from parents/guardians as it relates to their children's learning and success at school;
- That school and personal property is safe from theft or damage.

Staff at our school have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

- Treat students & their families with fairness and respect;
- Provide the best learning situation for our students;
- Be a positive role model for students.



December 2013



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1	2	3	4	5 PAC Family Dance	6	7
8	9	10	11 DRESS REHEARSAL- PM	12 SCHOOL CONCERT @ 6:30 PM	13	14
15	16 DAILY CAROLLING 8:30-9 AM	17	18	19 NEIGHBOUR- HOOD CAROLLING @ 6:30 PM	20 SCHOOL- WIDE MOVIE: PM	21 WINTER BREAK BEGINS
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 BOXING DAY	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				Date TBA: *Volleyball Tournament



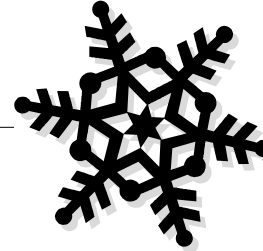
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School-Wide Expectations

Setting "The Three Rs"	Entry/Exit & Hallways	School Yard	Washrooms	Eating Time	Assemblies & Performances
★ Respect Yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Move quietly ✓ Keep hands at your sides and walk in a line when moving in the hallway as a class or group ✓ Spend time in class—do not waste learning time in the hallways ✓ Enter through the appropriate door when the entry bell rings (check location with your teacher) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Walk your bike/scooter on the school yard ✓ Carry your skateboard/ remove rollerblades on the school yard ✓ Parking lot is out of bounds at all playtimes ✓ Report strangers on the school yard to supervising staff ✓ Use all equipment safely—slide down, ✓ Adult permission needed to leave the school grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use the appropriate Primary/Intermediate washrooms ✓ Use washrooms properly --return to the classroom or playground promptly ✓ Flush the toilet ✓ Wash your hands for 15 seconds using soap and water so germs are not spread ✓ Avoid taking food into the washroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bring healthy foods to eat at snack and lunch times ✓ Stay seated during eating times ✓ Wash your hands before and after eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Come to all assemblies and performances prepared to learn and enjoy ✓ Show you are ready- "Give 5!" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -sit down quickly -hands in your lap -eyes on speaker -ears listening -mouth closed ✓ Stay focused on the presenter/performance
★ Respect Others & Their Property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Keep your hands to yourself ✓ Quiet mouth/feet (others are working) ✓ Be aware of personal space—do not crowd or push others ✓ Avoid touching hallway displays ✓ Please hold the door for others if you are first in line ✓ Make sure the door is closed after the last person enters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use classroom playground equipment with care—return at the end of play time ✓ No dangerous play (throwing rocks/snow) ✓ Play safely and keep hands off others ✓ Play tag on the grass, not the Adventure Playground ✓ Play fairly— take turns, follow game rules ✓ You can only break what you make (eg. snowforts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Give others their privacy and space when in the washroom ✓ Do not touch lights ✓ Use an "inside" voice— avoid making loud noises ✓ No vandalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be aware of others in your class with severe food allergies and cooperate with requests to avoid bringing "high risk" foods ✓ Use an "inside" voice and good manners when eating ✓ Follow directions from Student Supervisors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Show appropriate audience participation throughout the assembly, concert or performance ✓ Show appreciation with applause ✓ Do not distract others from listening/learning ✓ Stand to ask questions in a clear, strong voice
★ Respect Your Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Walk on the right hand side of the hallway ✓ Keep your locker clean and well organized ✓ Make sure your locker door is closed before you leave it ✓ Do not leave food in your locker overnight ✓ Wipe your feet on entrance mats at hallway doors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Respect school neighbours' property ✓ Use garbage cans for you trash ✓ Care for our school trees ✓ No vandalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Avoid wasting water, soap and paper ✓ Tell staff about washroom emergencies ✓ Place paper towels in the garbage can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean off your desk and throw away trash when you are finished eating ✓ Recycle drink containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Avoid injury or marking the gym floor—wear appropriate shoes ✓ Bring nothing in hands or pockets that could hurt you or others or damage the floor

These expectations are being revised in 2013-2014 to reflect the new "Rocket P.O.W.E.R." idea that students developed.

January 2014



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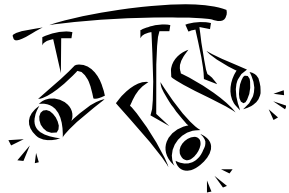
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NOTE: *FLOOR HOCKEY HOUSE GAMES for Gr. 4-6	*Gr. 6 Basketball Team begins		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
5 WINTER BREAK ENDS	6 CLASSES RESUME	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	PAC MTG @ 6:30 PM	15 ROCKET POWER ASSEMBLY @ 12:15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 SPIRIT DAY	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
				Celebration of Learning Conferences 10 am- Recess, 12:30 pm-Dismissal		



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~Cultural, Co-Curricular & Extra-Curricular Programs~



Why is my child charged a "Cultural Fee?"

Students attend Performance 23 concerts in our gym throughout the school year. All Kindergarten-Grade 6 students attend these Cultural Performances. New families who arrive later during the school year are also asked to pay this fee (pro-rated) at registration. The payment of this fee entitles your child to see professional entertainers selected by a School District committee of staff and parents. The performances include professional live theatre, musicians and other talented groups and individuals. Families must pay a \$10 Cultural Fee each September—these are due by September 30th.

What kind of extra-curricular and special curricular programs are offered at this school?

Extra-curricular programs have traditionally been offered at our school. Sponsorship of these programs is provided by staff who volunteer their time during the hours before and after school or at lunch break. Activities vary from year to year and may include:



- ★ team sports such as rugby, volleyball & basketball for Intermediate students
 - ★ lunch time activities including various clubs (Jump Club, floor hockey) and volunteer or leadership activities
 - ★ access to the Library before school every day
- Information about these activities is included in the school newsletter.



South Rutland Elementary School is also able to offer a variety of curricular programs that extend students' learning. These include activities such as:



- ★ Family Life Program (Grade 4-6)
- ★ Field trips to various destinations that have been generously funded by our PAC/parents
- ★ classroom presentations by a variety of guest speakers from the community

~Field Trips~

Does the school offer field trips?

Each year, curricular field trips are organized by teaching staff. These trips extend learning within the curriculum. In the past, field trips have included various local destinations and there may be a small charge to families. A "Field Trip Parent Permission" form must be completed/signed by a parent/guardian before a student is permitted to go on any field trip. Parent helpers are sometimes needed to help supervise on a field trip. If parents would like to volunteer, Criminal Record Review forms must be completed at the school office before the trip. Forms are available at the Office.



~School Fees~

How much are school fees in elementary school?



We strongly encourage parents to buy school supplies through our School District's warehouse. HUGE savings can be passed on to families because the School District is able to make bulk purchases for much less than retail prices. One payment in September will provide your child with all their needed school supplies for the year including exercise books, crayons, glue, paper, pencils, erasers, felt pens, report covers and much more!

Supplies Fee for Kindergarten — Grade 6...	\$30.00
Cultural Fee for Kindergarten — Grade 6 ...	\$10.00
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TOTAL.....	\$40.00

February 2014

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Things To Do

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTE: *FLOOR HOCKEY HOUSE GAMES	*Gr. 6 Basketball Team continues					1
2	3	4	5	6 100th DAY OF SCHOOL (Gr. 1-6)	7	8
9	10 BC FAMILY DAY- STATUTORY HOLIDAY	11 PAC MTG @ 6:30 PM	12 ROCKET POWER ASSEMBLY @ 12:15 PM	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	17 100th DAY OF SCHOOL (K)	18	19 FIGURA THEATRE CULTURAL PERFORMANCE @ 10 AM	20	21 NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	22
23 HARMONY WEEK @ SRE	24	25	26 PINK SHIRT DAY (Anti-bullying)	27	28 SRE HARMONY DAY *Ethnic FEAST *ASSEMBLY	



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Lunch & Recess Breaks

~Supervision~

Who watches the students on the playground?

Staff supervise students on the playground & in the school building from **8:15 am** until **2:45 pm** each day. Parents are asked to send their children to school to match supervision time during the school day. "Student Supervisors" are hired to monitor students at lunch break:

Play Time.....11:00 am — 11:30/11:35 am

Eating Time11:30 am — 11:57 pm

Teaching staff also supervise before school and at recess. Mrs. Mutter, the principal, is on supervision every day after-school. Supervising staff members can be easily located because they wear bright yellow or orange "High Visibility" vests.

School-sponsored activities before and after school are also supervised by staff or authorized adults such as parent coaches (sports team practices/ games, special events, clubs, Computer Lab, After-School Child Care, etc.). Please arrange your child's school arrival & departure to fit the scheduled supervision schedule or your child's special activities and events.

~Lunch Break~

All Kindergarten—Grade 6 students may stay at school for lunch break (11—11:57 am). Families may also make arrangements for a child to go home to eat. Please let your child's teacher know which arrangement is needed. If your child does not normally go home for lunch and you wish to change the plan, please send a note/contact your child's teacher and ask your child to check out and back in at the school Office.

Student Supervisors are with the students during the lunch break to provide assistance and encourage safe play and good manners.

Students usually bring lunch from home. A daily Brown Bag Lunch Program is offered to select students from families in financial need. The Brown Bag Lunch program is funded by a District CommunityLINK grant from the Ministry of Education. Info about this program is sent home by request to families of children who may need support. If your family would like information about the Brown Bag Lunch Program, please contact Mrs. Mutter, school principal.

~"In" Days~

What happens at lunch & recess if it is extremely rainy or cold outside?

Students play outdoors almost every day. Please make sure your child is dressed for outdoor play no matter what the weather is like. The children usually play outdoors at lunch break (11-11:35/35 am) and each afternoon for a 15 minute recess break (1:30-1:45 pm). A hat and sunscreen are good ideas on sunny days!

In severe weather conditions (torrential rain or extremely cold weather where the temperature is lower than -20° Celsius), an 'in day' may be declared and children will remain indoors during lunch or recess play times. 'In days' are rare—children like to play outside!

In winter weather, we ask that all children wear boots to school. Gloves/mittens, hats/hoods and a warm winter coat are also musts. 'Snowpants' are optional, but, if your child is planning to slide or kneel in the snow we ask that they wear them (a change of clothes is also a good idea). In rainy weather, your child should come to school prepared for the weather. A hat/hood, coat, boots and umbrella are highly recommended.



March 2014



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NOTE: *Education Week (Date TBA)	*Family Book Exchange- March 11-13					1
2	3 BEGIN collecting books for Family Book EXCHANGE	4	5	6	7	8
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	10 PARENT POWER BREAKFAST @ 8 am	11 PAC MTG @ 6:30 PM	12	13 REPORT CARD DAY *Intermediate Awards Assembly @ 8:40 am	14 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT	15 SPRING BREAK STARTS
16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 SPRING BREAK ENDS	31 CLASSES RESUME					



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~Student Support Programs~

The classroom teacher has the main responsibility for teaching your child(ren). Extra support is also available for students with special learning needs. Our Learning Assistance Teacher, Mrs. Stafford, other school-based and district support staff are available to help teachers to plan programs for children who have special needs or who do not meet grade-level expectations. The LAT Room is located in the West hall next to the Library.

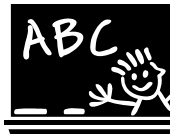
The Learning Assistance Teacher is available to support students' learning by consulting with the teacher, providing materials, working with a group of children in-class, completing a detailed assessment of the student's abilities or working with students individually/in a small group away from the classroom setting.

A Certified Education Assistant (CEA) may also be assigned to help qualifying students in some classrooms. Parents are welcome to drop-in to the LAT Room to ask questions or seek advice from Mrs. Stafford. Meetings with her may be arranged (Monday-Thursday) by calling the school Office. Parents are also invited to contact our School Counsellor, Mrs. Dingwall, if your child's school progress is affected by serious behaviour or emotional concerns. Mrs. Dingwall has a flexible schedule and makes herself available to our school as needed.

The Learning Assistance Teacher, Principal, Resource Teacher, School Psychologist, Aboriginal Student Advocate and School Counsellor conduct weekly School-Based Team meetings. A School-Based Team may also include the teacher &/or parent of a child with special learning/behaviour needs to discuss support or progress. The School-Based Team may also invite other people to attend such as:

- ★ Speech/Language Pathologist
- ★ Certified Education Assistant (CEA)
- ★ Representatives from the Ministry for Children & Family Development or another community agency
- ★ your child's doctor/pediatrician

Parents of a student who requires extra learning or behavioural support are very important partners in planning a program to meet that child's special needs. An "Individualized Education Plan" or "Learning Plan" or "Behaviour Support Plan" may be needed. Copies of this document are circulated to team members & included with the student's report card.



~Library Program~

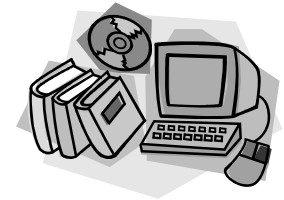
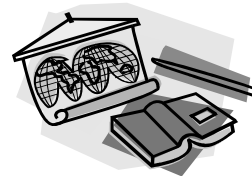
Library Hours will be established in the fall each year and added to the school newsletter and website.

**READING
Every child...
Every parent...
EVERY day...
15 minutes! You can help
your child succeed
in school & life!**

At South Rutland Elementary School, Library programs support learning in all curriculum areas. The main goal of the Library program is to help students to become informed readers, writers & life-long learners. Together, teachers & the Teacher-Librarian may cooperatively plan units of study that blend the skills needed to locate information with those needed to prepare a presentation or research report.

Mrs. Bischoff—our Teacher-Librarian, & our Library Assistant—Mrs. Osborne, work together to enable students, their families and staff to access the school's well-stocked library collection. Over 15,000 titles are available to suit different learning styles and recreational reading interests.

Books can usually be exchanged each morning or during the school day. Scheduled book exchanges are in place for all classes. The Library also has a few computers that can access the internet and enable students to search for book titles or other information. The Library may also organize special events and activities such as the home reading incentive programs and author visits.



Is the school library open to family members?

Students should be signing-out library books on a regular basis. Parents may also wish to sign-out library books to read to your child. Show your child that reading is fun! Our Library also has a growing collection of parenting books & how to support your child's learning near the Library's computers.

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		1	2	3	4 GYMNASTICS EQUIPMENT SET-UP	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY- STATUTORY HOLIDAY	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 EASTER MONDAY- STATUTORY HOLIDAY	22	23 SECRETARY'S DAY	24	25 GYMNASTICS ENDS	26
27	28	29	30 ROCKET POWER ASSEMBLY @ 12:15 PM			



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Home & School Communication

~Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy~

In order to protect our students and their families, private information is never released to the public regarding any of our students (this includes phone requests from those who say they are parents requesting information). Full names of students are not printed in our newsletter or other notices.

Parents are asked to sign a FOIPOP form at registration to indicate your preferences about permission to use your child's photo or publish your child's name in our school newsletter/local newspaper or provide your family's phone number to the PAC (Parent Advisory Council).

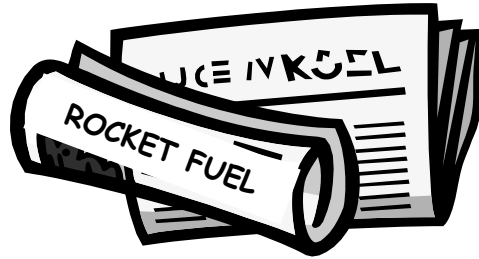
Student information is stored on the Office computer and is accessible to staff only. BCeSIS records are updated on an ongoing basis—if contact information changes, please notify the school Office.

~School Newsletter~

Our one-page school newsletter, Rocket Fuel, is published every week. The newsletter is posted on the school's website every Monday (unless there's a holiday). We hope that you will take the time to give it a 'quick read'. Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! Parents who join the SRE Email List (at the bottom of the our website's homepage) will receive an email reminder and a link to the newsletter.

If you prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please let us know and it will be sent home with a "family courier"—usually the youngest or only child attending our school.

Rocket Fuel, the school newsletter, includes a weekly calendar. You are invited to put the newsletter on your fridge to keep it handy.



Other school publications include:

- ★ this Family Calendar & Handbook
- ★ "Newsflash" notices—used to share urgent reminders/emergency info

Classroom teachers may also publish their own newsletters. Check with your child's teacher for their publication schedule.

~School Website~

The school's website is online at:

<http://www.sre.sd23.bc.ca>

The website is updated regularly and includes on-line copies of our newsletter, a monthly calendar, PAC news and much, much more! We encourage you to check it often!



Our school website also invites you to become an "SRE Email List" subscriber to receive special notices. Click on the link on our home page to sign up. Make sure to update your subscriber info by

updating the grade your child is registered in every year.

~Reporting Schedule~

Information about students' progress is shared at five times during the school year. Conferences and report cards are designed for this purpose. Exact dates for conferences are also included in the annual school calendar and reminders are provided in newsletters during the year.

The schedule for 2013/2014 is:

- ★ "Early Input" Conferences— Sept 26th & 27th (for Kindergarten-Grade 6)
- ★ 1st Term Report Cards— November 29th
- ★ "Celebration of Learning" Conferences— January 30th & 31st
- ★ 2nd Term Report Cards— March 13th
- ★ 3rd Term Report Cards— June 26th

Please Note:

- ★ Students in Kindergarten—Grade 6 are dismissed early at 12:30 pm on all conference days.
- ★ Please send a hearty snack with your child on that day because there is no lunch break scheduled on these days.
- ★ Recess will be scheduled from 10-10:15 am on conference days.
- ★ Call your child's teacher at any time if you have questions about their program or progress.



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				1	2	3
4	5 Intermediate Track & Field Program begins	6 TEACHER/ STAFF APPRECIATION DAY	7 ELFF NIGHT #1	8	9	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12	13 PAC MEETING @ 6:30 PM	14 ELFF NIGHT #2	15	16	17
18	19 VICTORIA DAY- STATUTORY HOLIDAY	20 PUPPETRY WORKSHOP WITH ROGER DELAIRE (details to follow)	21	22	23 PRIMARY PLAY DAY	24
25	26	27	28 ROCKET POWER ASSEMBLY @ 12:15 PM	29	30 Intermediate Track & Field Program ends	31




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School Programs

-Elementary Curriculum-

Our curriculum is provided by the provincial Ministry of Education. Provincial curriculum is built around:

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- I. Intellectual Development (skills, knowledge)
 - II. Human and Social Development (self-worth, tolerance, respect)
 - III. Career Development (effective work habits, flexibility in dealing with change)

The school accepts major responsibility for helping students with intellectual development, however, the steady support of the family is needed. Helping students to achieve success in human, social and career development is a responsibility that the school shares equally with the family. After completing elementary school, we are confident that students who leave South Rutland Elementary School will be eager learners with a strong foundation of basic skills.

What subjects are taught in elementary school?

Teachers plan learning experiences in Primary and Intermediate classrooms based on curriculum guidelines that are prescribed by the Ministry of Education. Information is available online at:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/>

The curriculum is outlined in Integrated Resource Packages (IRPs) and include:

- * English Language Arts
- * Physical Education
- * Health & Career Education
- * Fine Arts (Music, Art, Drama))
- * Core French (Grades 5 and 6 only)
- * Mathematics
- * Social Studies
- * Science

These subjects are taught in all public elementary schools. Teachers' planning/teaching must focus on the prescribed learning outcomes for each grade level—how these are taught and evaluated is at the teacher's discretion.

Will the teacher share classroom plans with parents?



A curriculum overview will be sent home to parents/guardians with 1st, 2nd & 3rd term report cards (a copy of classroom curriculum plans may be requested from the teacher at any time during the term). The way in which the curriculum is taught is at the discretion of the teacher. For further information about classroom curriculum plans, contact your child's teacher, the school principal or the Ministry of Education website:

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/>

"Homework"

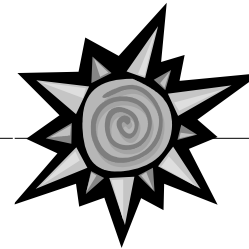
Remember... homework is your Gr. 4—6 child's responsibility, but parents can contribute! Homework for Primary students is usually daily home reading. Grade 4-6 children can be required to do homework up to 30 minutes per day. Parents of all students can help by:

- ★ reading to or with your child on a daily basis to improve their skills (15-20 minutes a day)
- ★ making a quiet space & regular time for homework or studying
- ★ writing in your child's agenda calendar to communicate with the teacher
- ★ making sure your child is well-rested (have a regular bedtime routine, growing children need about 10-12 hrs. of sleep)
- ★ helping your children to 'fuel up' for a productive school day by providing a nutritious breakfast, healthy lunch and snack foods (and encourage them to drink water to keep their brains hydrated!)

Please contact your child's teacher at any time if you have questions about your child's program or progress.



June 2014



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 FINAL PAC MEETING @ 6:30 PM	11 DISTRICT APPLE BOWL EVENT (Tentative)	12	13	14
15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19	20	21 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY
22	23	24	25 ROCKET PRIDE DAY & CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY- Awards @ 8:40, slideshow after	26 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS *Waterslides *REPORT CARD DAY	27 ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (Staff in attendance)	28 SUMMER BREAK BEGINS
29	30	Summer Hours @ SRE for Mrs. Mutter & Ms Kennedy this week			Dates TBA: *PAC YEAR END EVENT	*School APPLE BOWL T & F Meet

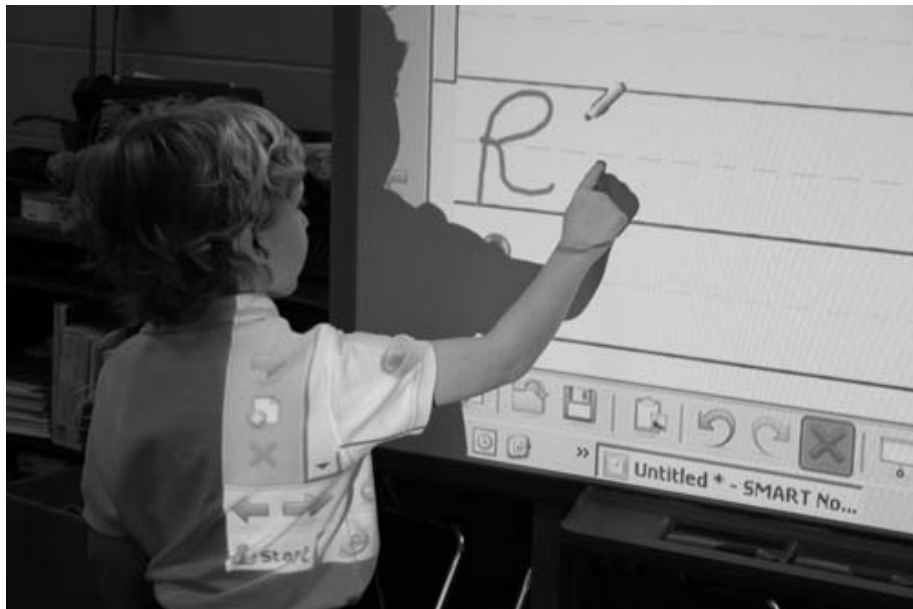
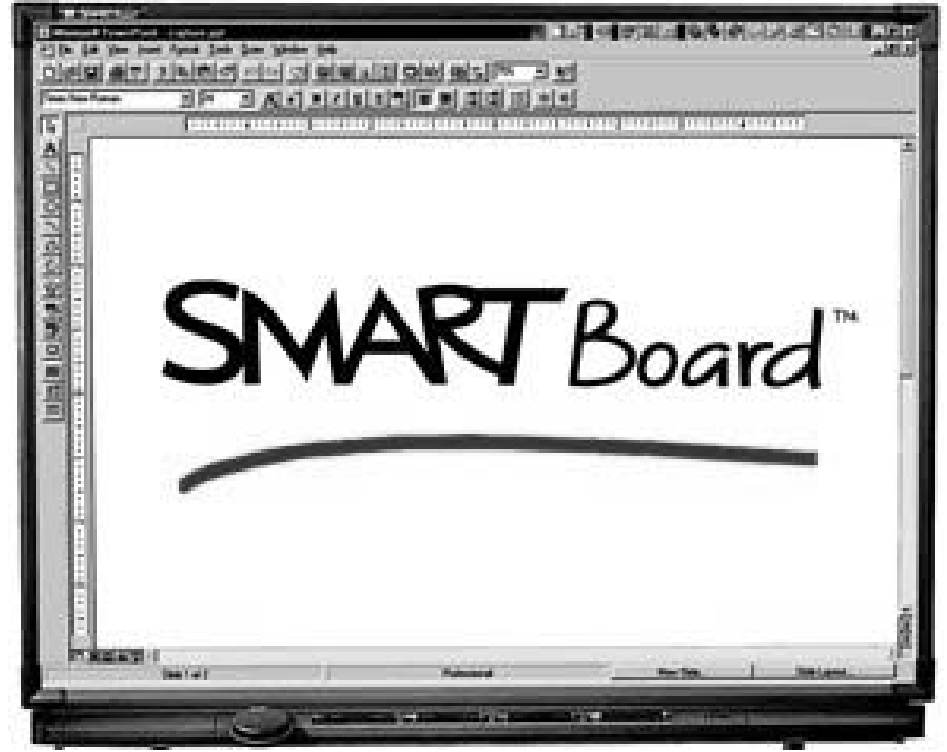


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What's a SMARTboard?

In the Spring of 2010, our school became the first of a number of elementary schools to install SMARTboards throughout our whole school.

Thanks to funding from our generous Parent Advisory Council and support from the School District, we were able to add SMARTboards to all Grade 1-6 classrooms, one Kindergarten classroom, our Music Room, our Learning Assistance Room, Staff Room and Library. We hope to expand "SMART technology" by adding accessories to this great learning tool. Teachers use the new equipment to enhance learning experiences for our "21st Century learners".

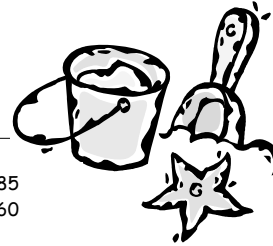


Interactive whiteboards (SMARTboards) affect learning in several ways including:

- ⇒ raising the level of student engagement in a classroom;
- ⇒ motivating students and promoting enthusiasm for learning;
- ⇒ supporting many different learning styles;
- ⇒ use in a variety of learning environments, including those catering to students with learning impairments
- ⇒ higher levels of student attendance.

In addition to the observed positive impacts on student learning, research shows that designing lessons around interactive whiteboards helps educators streamline their preparation. Teachers become more efficient in their presentation of information and technology integration and increase their productivity overall.

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		1 CANADA DAY STATUTORY HOLIDAY	2 Summer Hours @ SRE for Mrs. Mutter & Ms Kennedy this week	3	4	5 SRE OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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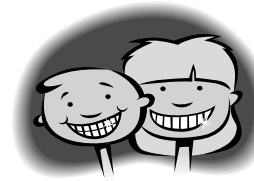
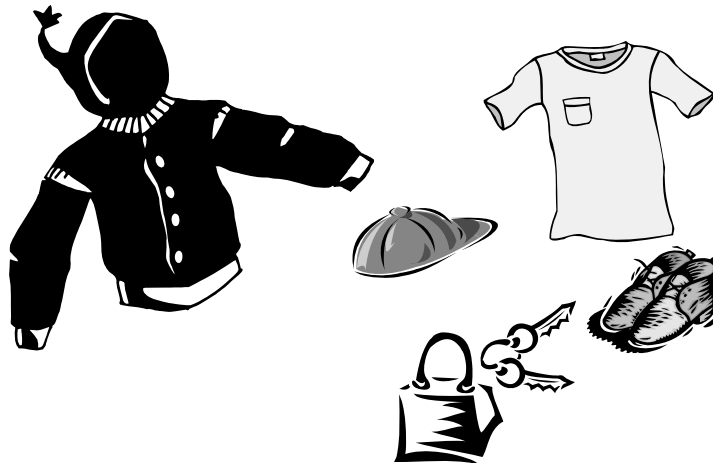
Stipits

~Lost and Found~

Lost and Found items are collected in two large boxes and a rack near the school Office. Students and their families are encouraged to look through these items and claim them at any time.

Small items (coins, keys, small toys, eyeglasses,) are displayed on the window ledge in the Office—please ask our secretary if you spot an item belonging to you.

Unclaimed articles are donated to a local charity at the end of each school year.



~School Photos~

Early in the school year, individual student photos will be taken by a professional photographer from LifeTouch Photography. Photo package costs vary slightly from year to year. Retakes, if needed, are also taken in the fall. All photo packages are delivered in time for Christmas gift giving. Dates for 'Student Photo Day' and 'Retake Day' are included in this calendar with a reminder added in the school newsletter.

As part of our arrangement with the photographer, all students receive a free class photo. Class group photographs are taken in the spring. You will be notified about 'Class Picture Day' in the school newsletter.

Throughout the school year, we also take photos and video at special school events. These photos may become part of the year end slide show, hallway displays, office photo frame &/or school publications.

~School Concerts & Assemblies~

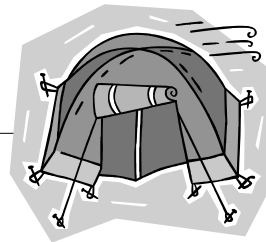
We arrange monthly assemblies throughout the school year. The "Rocket P.O.W.E.R." assemblies focus on developing students' social responsibility skills.

At our school, we also take pride in showcasing the work of our talented students throughout the school year. An evening concert has traditionally been presented before Winter Break. School groups and classes may also host special presentations. Families will be notified about concerts, assemblies and presentations in the school newsletter, Rocket Fuel.

Cultural Performances are scheduled by the School District throughout the year. A fee is paid by students to attend. These events are open to parents & preschoolers, too. See this calendar for dates.



August 2014



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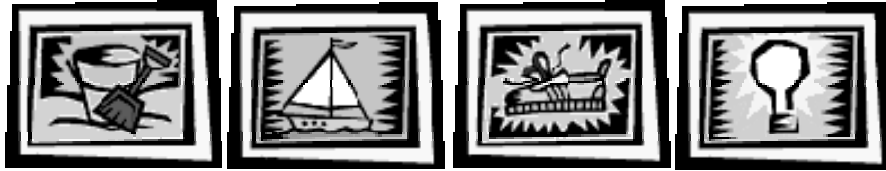
Things To Do

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 BC DAY- STATUTORY HOLIDAY	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 SUMMER BREAK ENDS	September 1st LABOUR DAY STATUTORY HOLIDAY	September 2nd CLASSES RESUME				



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Take A Break!



~Summer Break Adventures~

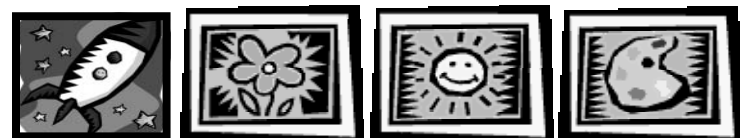
It's summertime... school is out... and many families are at their wit's end about how to fill two months of their children's free time. Images of summertime are usually cast in a light of hot, lazy, relaxing days by our lake, but the reality for most working families is the struggle to balance adult work schedules with providing safe activities for children. This dilemma often results in hectic, stress-filled days comparable to those routine days during the school year.

While summer camps are an option for some, the cost of day and overnight camps can be too expensive for families' budgets. Structured activities are beneficial, but parents and caregivers should also keep in mind the advantages of unstructured time for children.

So what do we do to keep young children busy, yet also allow them to enjoy the summer months? Whether your child is a pre-schooler or school-age, a wealth of opportunities for fun, educational and even relaxing activities are possible. Here are some tips that may be useful for families and caregivers:

- ★ **Visit the library**—The newly relocated Rutland branch of the Kelowna Public Library in Plaza 33 is close by and usually offers a great, free summer reading program! Library cards are free and enable your family to access thousands of books! Children and adults can participate in activities that may include reading aloud, storytelling, rhyme time and songs. School-aged children and preschoolers can also enjoy puppet shows, arts & crafts activities, book discussions and presentations by the children themselves. The downtown Kelowna library also offers training courses for children in using different software or educational programs.
- ★ **Visit our school website**—Check out the weblinks for some techno-fun!

- ★ **Discover geography**—What makes a place special? What are the physical characteristics of our neighbourhood? Take children for a walk around our area and look at what makes it unique. Point out how it is similar to other places you have been & how it is different. Visit Ben Lee Waterpark, City Park near Okanagan Lake or local parks like Chichester Pond off of Fitzpatrick Road. Take along a picnic and spend time exploring. Walk the "Greenway" or visit the EECO Centre at Mission Creek Regional Park! Read stories about distant places or sing songs to teach geography, for example "Home on the Range". Make a wish list of places you would like to visit with your child. Look them up on a map and plan a trip there--real or pretend.
- ★ **View and create collections**—Go to a local museum to view "hands-on" exhibits or suggest that your children start a "collection" and build their own museum. They can collect natural materials, such as acorns and leaves from a local park or special stones from the beach.
- ★ **Nature is best**—Older children can learn about weather by using a map or the internet to look up the temperature of cities around the world and discovering how hot each gets in the summer. Watch cloud formations and imagine. Do the shapes look like horses, ducks or other animals? At night, children can collect crickets in jars, or depending on their age, camp out in a tent in the back yard. Create a treasure map for children to find hidden treats in the yard. Read about our provincial bird (Steller's Jay) or flower (Dogwood), and if possible, bicycle ride to a nearby park to find them.
- ★ **Use community resources**—Watch for special events, such as free outdoor music festivals or concerts. Our community hosts concerts in local parks--pack a picnic dinner and enjoy time with your family. People are resources too--collectors, painters, and backyard naturalists may live in your neighbourhood, eager to share their knowledge with your children.
- ★ **Rainy day activities**—Summertime in the Okanagan can sometimes bring thunder clouds. On days when outdoor activities are not possible, you can share family history and photos with your children. Pull out the old videotapes or run a slideshow of digital photos of past family gatherings and events. Prepare an indoor picnic with your child or cook a special treat or dinner together. Or make beautiful paintings and special drawings and display them on a home bulletin board or visit a dollar store to buy inexpensive frames for your family's works of art!



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