



South Rutland Elementary School
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Welcome Back Newsletter



School Start-Up 2023/2024

Welcome back SRE families! We are looking forward to seeing you all soon. Please check our website for our most up to date information. www.sre.sd23.bc.ca If you have specific questions please do not hesitate to email me mark.watson@sd23.bc.ca

Monday, September 4th

- ★ Labour Day: Statutory Holiday (Schools Closed)

Tuesday, September 5th

- ★ Half Day of school for Grade 1-5 students 8:30-11:00AM
- ★ Exploring Kindergarten — Kindergarten students and parents have been assigned a school visit (check your email for your time)

Wednesday, September 6th

- ★ Full Day 8:30—2:30 for Grade 1-5 students. Please pack a healthy snack and lunch.
- ★ Kindergarten Group 1 8:30—10:30
- ★ Kindergarten Group 2 12:15—2:15

Thursday, September 7th

- ★ Kindergarten Group 1 8:30—10:30
- ★ Kindergarten Group 2 12:15—2:15

Friday, September 8th

- ★ Kindergarten Group 1 8:30—12:30 Please pack a healthy snack and lunch.



What to bring for the first day of school



Please send your child with a backpack and a healthy snack for their first day. Our First day (Sept. 5th) has an early dismissal at 11:00am. Please dress for the weather as there will be outside time planned in the day.



Support for Families in need

We recognize that these are challenging financial times. Our school operates a "Brown Bag Lunch" and a "Breakfast Program" for families in need of support. To register or get more information on these programs please check our website or call the school office. Please note that our Brown Bag Lunch program, for those that require it, does not start until September 18th. We are hoping to start our Breakfast Program by September 11th.

Class Placement

This year our students will be welcomed into our school by their grade level. (They will meet outside with their grade level to enter the building on their first day.) Signs will be posted to show where students can line up. Class placements will be established in the first week of school. We appreciate your patience as we establish our classes. With many families moving in and out of our community we often need to adjust our classes based on our enrolment. **Your flexibility and support is appreciated!**

SRE TEACHERS

Introducing our team of educators for 2023/2024

Kindergarten	Mrs. Dumanski
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hughes
Grade 1	Miss Kelly
Grade 1	Mrs. Morrison
Grade 2	Mrs. Deleurme
Grade 2	Mrs. Koebel
Grade 3	Mr. Irving
Grade 3	Mrs. Anderson
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Bergen
Grade 4/5	Ms. Dionne
Grade 4/5	Mr. Rublee

Teaching assignments & student placements will be confirmed early in the new school year...

We also have support staff working with students at our school including:

Riley Cochrane - Indigenous Student Advocate

Mrs. Cornett - CEA

Mrs. Blais - CEA

Mrs. L Parker - CEA

Mrs. T Parker - CEA

Mrs. Schleppe - CEA

Mrs. Drummond - CEA

Mrs. Haas - CEA

Miss. Schmalz - CEA

Mrs. Tucker - CEA

Mrs. Renner - CEA

Mrs. Morris - Teacher-Librarian

Mrs. Barton - Learning Assistance

Mr. Tromsness - Music/Drama Teacher

Mrs. Paley - Strong Start Facilitator

Mrs. Skelton - Speech & Language

Ms. Cameron - Resource Teacher

Ms. Boru - Elementary Counsellor

TBD - Mental Health Counsellor

Mrs. Arneson - Social Emotional Teacher

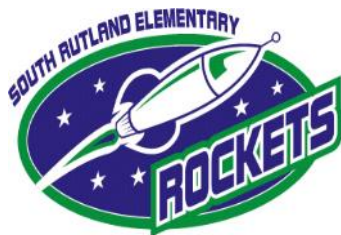
Mrs. Droettboom - Support Teacher

Miss Mills - Library Assistant

Mrs. Sigler - Administrative Assistant

Mr. Watson - Principal

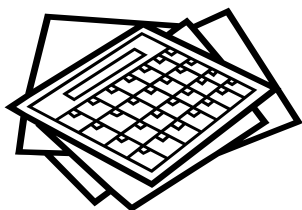




**Mark these
dates on
your home
calendar
and in
your
agenda!**

Dates to Remember for 2023-2024

August 29—31	Teacher Professional Development Days
September 5	School Opens– Gr. 1-5 Early Dismissal (11:00AM)
October 2	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Schools closed
October 4 & 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 12:30 Dismissal
October 6	Administrative Implementation Day — Schools closed
October 9	Thanksgiving– Schools Closed
October 20	Professional Development Day- No Classes
November 13	Remembrance Day– Schools Closed
December 8	Fall Term Learning Update
December 21	School Winter Concert (tentative)
December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2023 Winter Break	
January 8	School Re-Opens
February 1-2	Celebration of Learning – 12:30 Dismissal
February 16	Professional Development Day– Schools Closed
February 19	BC Family Day– Schools Closed
March 13	Winter Term Learning Update
March 18 – April 1, 2023 Spring Break	
April 2	School Re-Opens
May 20	Victoria Day – Schools Closed
June 21	Spring Term Learning Update (tentative)
June 27	Last day of classes– 2:30 Dismissal
June 28	Administrative Day for Staff
June 29, 2023	Summer Break begins



School Messenger

Our school utilizes “School Messenger” as a communication tool. It allows the school to send home messages and notifications and allows parents to report absences for your child from a smart phone. More information is available through our school website. We would encourage all parents to access School Messenger by going to our school website sre.sd23.bc.ca and clicking on the “Parents” Tab.

SchoolMessenger



School Supplies and Cultural Fees

In an effort to minimize cost and inconvenience to parents, School District #23 schools purchase required school supplies for our students. These supplies will be distributed for individual student use. Families do not need to shop elsewhere for supplies. Fees for 2023-24:



★ **School Supply Fee** **\$35**

★ **Cultural Performance Fee** **\$10**

Fees can be paid online through our website: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/> If you pay online, all the needed supplies for the year will be provided for you through our School District warehouse. If you choose to purchase your own supplies, please wait until classes have been established and speak to your child's teacher BEFORE you shop. The teacher can provide you with a list of what each class requires. If payment is a financial hardship at this time, please contact Mr. Watson, SRE Principal, mark.watson@sd23.bc.ca



September 2023



Our calendar is updated regularly at www.sre.sd23.bc.ca
Please check online for the most up to date information

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Labour Day Schools Closed	5 Gr. 1-5 students 8:30-11:00 Kindergarten family meetings	6 Gr. 1-5 students 8:30-2:30 K Group 1 8:30-10:30 K Group 2 12:15-2:15	7 K Group 1 8:30-10:30 K Group 2 12:15-2:15	8 K Group 1 8:30-12:30 Bring lunch and snack	9
10	11 K Group 2 8:30-12:30 Bring lunch and snack	12 All Kindergarten 8:30-12:30 Bring lunch and snack	13 Kindergarten full days begin	14	15	16
17	18 Brown Bag Lunch Program begins Strong Start	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Thank You to our PAC!

Congratulations to our SRE PAC executive for 2023-2024!

- ★ President Amanda Lucas
- ★ Vice-President Lorna Campbell
- ★ Treasurer Cori Herman
- ★ Co-Pac Rep Amanda Kraft
- ★ Secretary Sally McLaren

Thank you to our PAC for organizing welcome back coffee for parents. They will be providing coffee/water to parents at morning drop off on September 5th. Please stop by to say hello; our PAC has an exciting year planned and is always in need of new volunteers.

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, click [HERE](#).