



South Rutland Elementary School

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ROCKET FUEL

Engaging Minds . . . Launching Dreams!

Dear SRE Families,

We're just two weeks into the school year, and I'm thrilled to share that it's been an incredible start. Our students have settled beautifully into their classrooms, and we're beginning to find the rhythm and routine that make school life feel like home.

As many of you know, the beginning of this year came with its share of challenges. Lower-than-expected enrollment required us to make some difficult decisions, including saying goodbye to a valued staff member and restructuring our classes. Through it all, your trust and support have meant the world to us. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every family for your patience, grace, and kindness as we navigated these changes together.

Now, with the foundation laid, I'm beyond excited to embark on this year's learning journey with you and your children. May this be a year of meaningful growth—not just academically, but in character and confidence. And may every student be reminded daily that they are deeply valued, truly loved, and uniquely equipped to do great things.

- Ryan Wakefield
SRE Principal

SEPTEMBER 15-30

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Brown Bag Lunch Starts

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Grade 5 Leadership Workshop (12:30-2:15)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Fall Play Day (AM)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- Orange Shirt Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

*** For a more comprehensive calendar for this link: [HERE](#)

SRE STAFF

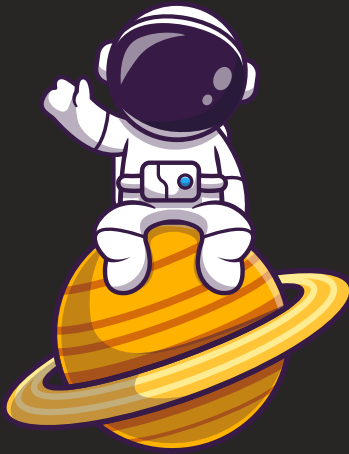
Strong Start	Mrs. Denise
Kindergarten	Ms. Hughes
Kindergarten/1	Mrs. Street
Grade 1	Ms. Kelly
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Dalman
Grade 2	Mrs. Deleurme
Grade 3	Ms. Koebel
Community 3/4	Mr. Irving
Community 3 /4	Mrs. Stober
Grade 4/5	Mr. Rublee
Grade 5	Mrs. Bergen
UBCO Intern	Ms. Kiran

Student Support and Clerical Staff

Mrs. Brar - CEA
Mrs. Cornett - CEA
Mrs. Cooper - CEA
Mrs. Drummond - CEA
Ms. Haas - CEA
Mr. Head - CEA Family Based "BIT"
Ms. Hogan - CEA
Mrs. L Parker - CEA
Ms. T Parker - CEA
Ms. Puri - CEA
Mrs. Rebeca - CEA
Ms. Renner - CEA
Ms. Sanghera-CEA
Mrs. Schleppe - CEA
Mrs. Tucker - CEA
Mrs. Morris - Teacher-Librarian/ELL
Mr. Tromsness - Music/Drama Teacher
Mrs. Dehoog - LAT/ELL
Ms. Barton - Inclusion Teacher
Ms. Anderson - Inclusion Teacher
Ms. Fernandes - Inclusion Teacher
Ms. Lecky - (0.4) Student Support
Mrs. Zuyderduyn - Counsellor
Mrs. Miller - Speech and Language
Ms. Mahajan - Settlement Worker
Mrs. Dickinson- Library Assistant
TBD - Indigenous Advocate
Mrs. Sigler - Administrative Assistant
Mr. Wakefield - Principal

Custodial

Jackie Schaefer
Brendan Kelly



INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

PARKING

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making our parking lot safe. Reminder that the parking lot is reserved for staff and that the “Kiss and Wave Zone” is intended for a quick drop-off and that vehicles should not be left unattended in this area.

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 and breakfast program, for those that require it, does not start until September 15th.

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.

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 2025-2026:

- School Supply Fee \$40
- 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. Wakefield, SRE Principal, ryan.wakefield@sd23.bc.ca

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

THE SCHOOL ACT GIVES PARENTS THE RIGHT, THROUGH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS (PACS), TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK IN THEIR SCHOOL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE AMAZING SRE COMMUNITY, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE SRE PAC. THE PAC WILL MEET, IN PERSON, EACH MONTH AND CAN BE SEEN IN THE SCHOOL AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING AT HOT LUNCHES, FUNDRAISERS, SCHOOL RUN EVENTS, AND PAC RUN EVENTS.

NEXT MEETING DATE - OCTOBER 16 [A] 6:00 PM

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

[SUBSCRIBE TO THE SRE PAC FACEBOOK](#)

Dates to remember

2025 / 2026

AUGUST 25-27	TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
SEPTEMBER 2	SCHOOL OPENS - GRADE 1-5 EARLY DISMISSAL (11:00)
SEPTEMBER 30	NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (SCHOOLS CLOSED)
OCTOBER 2 & 3	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (12:30 DISMISSAL)
OCTOBER 10	IMPLEMENTATION DAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS)
OCTOBER 13	THANKSGIVING (SCHOOLS CLOSED)
OCTOBER 24	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS)
NOVEMBER 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED)
DECEMBER 18	FALL LEARNING UPDATE SENT HOME
DECEMBER 18	SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT (TENTATIVE)
DECEMBER 22, 2025 - JANUARY 2, 2026 WINTER BREAK	
JANUARY 5	SCHOOL REOPENS
FEBRUARY 11 & 12	STUDENT CELEBRATION OF LEARNING (12:30 DISMISSAL)
FEBRUARY 13	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS)
FEBRUARY 16	BC FAMILY DAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED)
MARCH 12	WINTER LEARNING UPDATE SENT HOME
MARCH 16, 2025 - MARCH 27, 2025 SPRING BREAK	
MARCH 30	SCHOOL REOPENS
APRIL 3	GOOD FRIDAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED)
APRIL 6	EASTER MONDAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED)
MAY 18	VICTORIA DAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED)
JUNE 24	FINAL STUDENT LEARNING UPDATE SENT HOME
JUNE 25	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
JUNE 26	ADMINISTRATIVE DAY FOR STAFF

THIS MONTH AT



SEPTEMBER 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Labour Day</i>	2 Gr. 1-5 8:30-11:00 K Parent meetings K Group 1 9:00am K Group 2 10:00am	3 Full Day Gr. 1-5 Kindergarten Group 1 8:30-10:30 Group 2 12:15-2:15	4 Kindergarten Group 1 8:30-10:30 Group 2 12:15-2:15	5 Kindergarten Group 1 8:30—12:30 (Bring lunch and snack)	6
8 Kindergarten Group 2 8:30—12:30 (Bring lunch and snack)	9 All Kindergarten 8:30-12:30 (Bring lunch/ snack)	10 All kindergarten students begin full days 8:30-2:30pm	11	12 Grade 5 Leadership workshop 12:30-2:15	13
15 -Brown Bag Lunch Starts -Strong Start Opens	16	17	18	19 SRE Fall Play Day (AM) (Tentative)	20
22	23	24	25	26	27
29 Orange Shirt Day	30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)				

