

JUNE 2016– NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- Tues. June 14th – **PAC MEETING** 6:30 in the Library = AGM
- Wed. June 15th – **DIV. 11 to Shaw Discovery Centre** – all day
- Thurs. June 16th – **DIV. 9 to Little Elf Garden center** – 9:00- 11:00
- Thurs. June 16th – **RK ABORIGINAL CULTURE CELEBRATION** – (PM)
 - Thurs. June 23rd – **DIV. 9 to PLAY ZONE** – all day
- Thurs. June 23rd – **gr. 5 year-end field trip to CAMP THUNDERBIRD**
 - Thurs. June 23rd – **DIV. 9 to PLAY ZONE** (all day)
 - Fri. June 24th – **FUN DAY!**
- Tues. June 28th – **GRADE 5 CELEBRATION & FAREWELL ASSEMBLY 10:45 – 2:00**
 - Wed. June 29th – **Year-end Celebration Assembly & Slide Show** – 11:00
 - Wed. June 29th – **Last day of classes – REPORT CARDS home today**☺
 - Thurs. June 30th – **Administration Day.**



Dear Ruth King families, students and community,

My name is **Mark Kaercher** and I wanted to express how excited and honored I am to have been appointed **Principal of Ruth King Elementary School** next school year. I have heard many wonderful and positive stories about Ruth King and I look forward to being a part of the Ruth King team. I have served as a Vice Principal in the Sooke School District for (7) years. In that time I have been afforded the opportunity to work at: Colwood Elementary School, Millstream Elementary School and WestShore Center for Learning and Training. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and learned a lot in each of these fantastic schools.

Outside of my job, I enjoy spending time with my family, consisting of my wife and our 4 young children. I have always been an active community member and have served as a coach for multiple sports- in multiple communities- including the West Shore- for the past 20 years. I also enjoy leading an active, healthy life style and spending as much time outside as possible.

If we don't connect before the end of June, I look forward to meeting you and working with you and your children in September. Should you have any questions along the way, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will do what I can to assist you. I hope that you have an enjoyable, safe and relaxing summer. See you in September.

I can be reached by email at: mkaercher@sd62.bc.ca



So long old friend... it wasn't that long ago that we were saying,

"Welcome to Ruth King" to our Grade 5 students and now we are wishing them well with a fond farewell as they embark on their new educational journey. A sincere "best wishes" to their families as well!

☺ **We hope to meet again.....soon**

Thank you for sending us these great kids! ☺



Thank you!

- RK families for your generous donations to our Twoonies for Fort McMurray campaign - we raised \$349.55!!

- RK families for your generous donations to the

Heart and Stroke Foundation by donating to our JUMP ROPE FOR HEART fundraiser - we raised over \$1650.00 by online and school donations!!

- Mr. Crocker (Manager, Western Speedway) and Ms. Dickenson, Sangster Elem. teacher - for offering free tickets to the Western Speedway event on June 4th! 75 families were able to attend this free event and the news is that it was BIG FUN!! ☺
- SUPERSTORE!! For monthly donations to our Before School Program - because of the SUPERSTORE donations we are able to provide a tasty breakfast for around 35 children almost every day!

RUTH KING PAC executive - Thank you ☺ Mr. Friest, President ☺ Mrs. Wilson, Secretary ☺ Mrs. Lansdell, Vice-president ☺ Mrs. Friest, Fund-raising ☺ Ms. Frank, Safe Arrival ☺ Mrs. Grimshaw, Treasurer ☺ Ms. Grantham, Emergency Preparedness ☺ Ms. Robinson, SPEAC rep - Thank you for your endless hours volunteering to fundraise and provide fun, unique, engaging events for students and our families all year long: Halloween Dance, Christmas Craft Fair, Magic Show, Valentine's Dance with Matheson band! Fun Fair, the bouncy castle for our Fun Day & the pizza and hotdog lunches (to name a few..)

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED HARD TO MAKE OUR **FUN FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Krista McClain, Kim Johnson, Rebbecca Gunderson, Charolotte McCall, Tammi Grantham, Amber Lansdell, Jen Friest, Jesse Friest, Samantha Howard, Songa Robertson, Alicia Pearce, Marilyn Johnson, Linnea Lyons, Adam Wilson, Heather Wilson, Jean Grimshaw, Kara Buttrez, Heather Couldwell, Carla Dotzlaf, Mukte Seth, Magi Malovce, Jessica Riehl, Janet Morgan, Lorisa McTavis, Mrs. Battistoni, Mrs. Denton, Mrs. Gronow, Mrs. Pinel, Ms. van der Leeden, Mrs. Hjermstad, Ramona Melanson, Mrs. Stacey, Mrs. Deboicz, Donna Cook, Brittany Gyte, Vanessa Faria, Caroline Winter, Caroline Frank, Kjersten Fisher, Shawna Blair, Richard Dach, Ashley Brooks and ...all these wonderful student helpers from Belmont - Melissa Bressan, Alexis Wist, Daniel St. Laurent, Gavin St. Laurent, Christine Camaso, Mitchell Melanson, Tyson Bouvier, Marcus Meyer, Amara Zastillo

FLOOR HOCKEY FUN!

Congratulations to all the noon-hour Floor Hockey players who came out every Tuesday and Thursday to play and have FUN! A BIG thank you to all our grade 4 & 5 students who modelled great sportsmanship, patience and safety while playing a fast-paced and competitive game with students as young as Kindergarten!! What ROCK STARS! 😊

BEARS – Won 3 games & tied 1- Scored 13 goals!	SHARKS– Won 3 games - Scored 7 goals!
Josh F. & Beth M (Co-Captains) Becky B., Abby N., Christian J.-T., Neil B., Tanner W., Josh S., Ella C., Brooke Mc., Silvana H., Clair C.	Zach S. & Stacie T. (Co-Captains) Cody L., Riley R., Dorian S., Madi O., Aiden D., Laura H., Linden D., Wyatt D., Noah L., Ryker Mc.
LIONS – Won 3 games - Scored 5 goals!	WOLVES – Won 2 games & tied 1- Scored 7 goals!
Brandon H. & Dave B. (Co-Captains) Darrel O., Aryanna H., Eva S., Rebekah S., Josh R., Angus B., Kaydn H., Brooklyn S., Olivia P., Ahisejah Mc., Brody W.	Jacob V. & Ben I. (Co-Captains) Zack K., Jordan K., Keiran F., Eden L., Ayessa Y., Jackson B.S., Jamie M., Gwen F., Isabella A.

CHALLENGE PROGRAM – Awesome participation! Awesome projects! We like to be challenged 😊

• **Build a Model**

Isaac (Veggie Garden), **Dominic** (Penguin), **Josh F.** (Polar Bear and Den), **Roman** (rainbow train), **Silvana** (Volcano), **Rilynn** (Kinsmen Park), **Kai** (Great White Shark), **Ashton** (The Nature House at Goldstream Park), **Franco** (Dinosaur, Antarctica & Amazon Habitats), **Jason** (Panda Bear and boy), **Jasper** (Giant skateboard), **Ethan W.** (Chinese Dragon), **Owen G.** (Spaceship), **Ethan L.** (Lemur), **Shivaani** (Constellations), **Ava**, (The Solar System), **Aryanna** (The Empress Hotel), **Ahliyah** (the Brain), **Angelika** (Lungs), **Alana** (Lego World), **Ciana** (Human Skeleton), **Samantha** (Pumpkin patch), **Kaylierain** (Mars Colony 2066), **Kieran F.** (The Parthenon).

• **Becoming an Expert**

Josh F., Penguins	Paige W., The Planets	Rebekah S., Blue Macaw
Ben I., Mars	Jessica L.D., Salamanders	Aryanna H., The Eurasian Lynx
Isaac B., Yeticrab	Samantha B., Gorillas	Shivaani N., Solar System
Eva S., Orcas	Owen G., Deserts	Ava H., Parrots
Claira C., Seals	Ethan L., Lego	Lily P., Penguins
Kieran F., Osprey	Kadyn H., Hockey	Wyatt D., Crystals
Kaylierain D., "Can animals predict earthquakes?"		

THANK YOU Grade 4 and 5 students for being such great **student mentors** and for being part of **TEAM RUTH KING!**

Sports Team – Hannah, Darryl, Wyatt, Dawn, Bracia, Eduardo, Ty, Zack, Angelika, Isak, Alana, Brody, Deyja, Aliyah, Blaze, Brody, Monisha, Maddy, Isaiah, Josh, Brandon, Ben, Aiden, Brian, Alicia, Faith, Isaiah, Corben, Aiden, Nadia, Caity, Elsy, Zach, Dexter, Cayden, Nathan, Daniel, Elias, Reid, Alastair, Kaleb, Koen, Jonathan, Paige, Jaxen, Dave, Ciana, Bella, Jacob Abby, Dylan

Leadership – Becky, Monisha, Isaac, Maddy, Kade, Ben, Alicia, Faith, Corben, Aiden, Josephine, Beth, Nadia, Caity, Elsy, Zach, Austin, Alyssa, Jade

Lunch Monitors – Becky, Monisha, Isaac, Maddy, Josh, Brandon, Ben, Alicia, Faith, Isaiah, Corben, Aiden, Josephine, Beth, Nadia, Caity, Elsy, Zach, Jacob

Until our paths cross again... We want to THANK the following staff members and wish each one the very best in all their future endeavours!



-Ms. Diercks- (Integrated Support teacher) Mrs. Diercks has officially retired! She will be greatly missed as she has been a vital part of supporting our students at RK for 33 years! You may still see her here at RK, because you can take the Mrs. Diercks out of RK, but you can't take the RK out of Mrs. Diercks ☺ she will return from time to time to TOC *only* at Ruth King – lucky us!! We have already benefitted from her skill as a teacher this year. We will surely miss her never-ending smile and never-ending daily support for the children of Ruth King Elementary ☺

-Mrs. Morrison (Librarian) – *speaking of retirement* – Mrs. Morrison has been our Librarian for the past 6 years and has taught in our District for over 30 years. She ended her career with the “Battle of the Books” ☺ and by filling our Library full of interesting, engaging, and important literature – she will be missed by all the children in the school!

-Mrs. Grantham (Crossing Guard) – *speaking of being missed!* It's a stressful job trying to slow down traffic and keep all the little ones safe as they cross the busiest intersection around! Mrs. Grantham (LINDA!) not only helped Ruth King students but Spencer and Belmont students as well. She always had a smile for every child every morning and again every afternoon. We are a fortunate school to have had such a dedicated “officer of safety” – Linda will be missed on the corner, but maybe we can convince her to come into the school more to volunteer and be with the students!!

-Mr. Domshy (Custodian) – Mr. Domshy has been our patient, dedicated, conscientious, fun and relaxed custodian for 8 years! He has kept our school clean and sparkly and we will miss him – he is off to another school to be the wonderfully dedicated Custodian over there!

-Mrs. Steacy – (Gr. 2 & Literacy Support)- We are not sure which school Mrs. Steacy will be teaching at in Sept. but we wish her the very best as she embarks on a very promising career in education. We will miss her sense of humour, her flexibility & her willingness to do almost anything for our students.

-Mr. Morphy (gr.4 & 5) Where Mr. Morphy will be teaching in Sept. is unknown at this time, but we do wish him the very best. We will miss his patience, kindness and coaching skills!

-Ms. Wiens -(gr. 1 & 2) Ms. Wiens stepped into the Grade 1 & 2 class with a smile, and a great sense of humour! She fit into the class perfectly and connected to the students right away - we do not know which school Ms. Wiens will be teaching at in September, but we wish her well and will miss her caring, patient presence in our school!

-Ms. Drielich – (Literacy Support) Ms. Drielich has supported children for the past 4 months at Ruth King. She is always so kind and patient, respectful and organized. At this time, we do not know which school Ms. Drielich will be teaching at in September, but we know the students will be well supported with her lessons.

-Ms. Satterfield-(Kindergarten – Mondays) Ms. Satterfield will be teaching Kindergarten at Millstream Elem in Sept. We will miss her cheerful Monday energy ☺

Thank you RK STAFF for all the care and support you provide to the students of Ruth King.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AT RUTH KING ELEMENTARY

The office will be open June 30th, July 4th and July 5th from 8:30 – 3:30. On July 6th the office will be opened from 9:00 – 12:00.

Ruth King office will be closed for the summer July 7th – August 26th

We will re-open on Monday, August 29th at 8:00.

First day back for students – Tuesday, September 6th (8:30 – 11:00)

*****Pease check our website for updates and general school information *****



RUTH KING SCHOOL PROCEDURES – FIRST WEEK BACK (SEPT. 6TH – 9TH)

☺ **WELCOME BACK!** The first day of school is **September 6TH - morning only**. Grades 1 to 5 will be in attendance for 2.5 hours (8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) on day 1.

On the morning of the first day, all students will return to the classroom they were in for the 2015-2016 school year. They will be welcomed back by their June 2016 teacher wherever possible. Students do not bring their school supplies with them on the first day. At 11:00 students will be dismissed.

After School Program is not in session until Monday, Sept. 12th.

Hot Lunch Program does not begin until Sept. 12th as well.

During the first week, students will be in classes with their current classmates, but there may be changes, depending on enrollment numbers. Despite classroom placements, regular school hours will be in effect as of September 7th for grades 1 to 5. The morning bell rings at **8:25 a.m. – classes begin at 8:30**. Lunch is from 12:00 to 12:45. Students are dismissed at **2:23 p.m.** Students should bring their school supplies with them on Friday, September 9TH, 2016

**** All new students to RUTH KING Elementary - Please report to the office on the first day** ☺**

2016/2017 Kindergarten parents will be (snail) mailed a package of information from the school regarding the Gradual Entry times and days for their children. Conferences with the teacher will be held on **Friday, September 9th**, gradual entry will begin **Monday, September 12th** and **Tuesday, September 13th**. The first regular day for Kindergarten is **Wednesday, September 14th** from 8:30 - 2:23. Please contact our school office at (250) 478.8368 should you require any further information.

THANK YOU RUTH KING ELEMENTARY! For an exciting, enriching, challenging, and rewarding 5 years! I have come to realize that the 5 years I have spent as Principal of Ruth King Elementary are among the most meaningful and fulfilling years of my entire career in education. Although a great challenge from time to time, I can honestly say I have enjoyed every week at Ruth King with these wonderful children and this dedicated staff. The laughter and the learning that goes on in this school is inspiring and keeps one young at heart. I am not sure at this time which direction my path will take me but I do know I will miss you all and hope to come by from time to time for a Ruth King "fix" ☺

With love and gratitude,

Ms. J. Byrne ♥

