

# F.J. Rutland Review

Mr. S. Enns, Principal

*Dear Parents,*

*We are very excited about the excellent connections that are happening in the F.J. Rutland community. Literacy has been a big focus and parents have been making significant contributions. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Kimpinski and Mr. Flower organized a fun Book Exchange which was very well received by our students. In addition, we had many parents join us for our Family Literacy snuggle up and read activity.*

*We say thank you to our dedicated group of parents who continue to run a very effective reading program for our students. Mr. Flower, our literacy coach, has noticed that our students' reading fluency is really improving thanks to the help of our special volunteers.*

*Together, we are making a difference for our children!*

## School Council

Our School Council had a very productive meeting on January 27. We were very excited to see some

new faces at the meeting. We were busy reviewing the many positive initiatives that are taking place for students at both schools. In addition, we spent time planning our next family nights with some terrific ideas for the new year. Our next scheduled family get together will be a Family Movie Night on Friday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at F.J. Rutland. Please mark this down on your calendar and come on out for a great evening. Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23 at 6 p.m. at F.J. Rutland. All are welcome!

## Accommodation Review

The process of reviewing the southern Niagara Falls schools has brought the committee to make some specific recommendations to our School Board. After listening to information from senior board staff, the planning department, members of the community, school council chairs, and school administrators, the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) is recommending that F.J. Rutland School and Battlefield School be closed effective September 2011 due to declining enrolment. Under this recommendation, students from F.J. Rutland School would attend River View School beginning September 2011. Major renovations to River View would need to take place to accommodate students from grades K to 8. Proposed renovations would include a new gymnasium, library, office, and parking/bussing areas. This ARC recommendation will be brought before the DSNB School Board at an upcoming board meeting. The next public consultation meeting is February 25 at 6 p.m. at

Princess Margaret School. For more information about the accommodation review process, please visit the Accommodation Reviews link on the board website:

<http://www.dsnb.edu.on.ca/>



## BINGO!

We would like to thank our dedicated parents who spend a great deal of their free time running BINGO events on behalf of our two schools. Nancy Manels (our fearless leader), Cathy Devoe, Helen Milward, Tracey Cooper, and LeeAnn Sargeson are our regular team of volunteers who work eight Sunday mornings throughout the year at Delta Bingo in Niagara Falls. The money raised from this charity bingo goes directly towards student activities and make it possible to offer a greater variety of learning experiences for our children. We are always looking for more volunteers, even if it's for just one bingo a year (a session lasts about four hours). Please contact the school if you are able to volunteer. Our dates for 2010 are as follows:

February 28, April 25, May 30, July 25, August 29, October 24, and November 28. Whether you come out to help or even sit down to play, your support is appreciated.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Ms. Lenc is once again leading our students in the wonderful game of Chess. The Chess Club runs at lunch times. Thanks to Ms. Lenc's dedication, F.J. Rutland consistently develops very good chess players.

Mr. Sirett continues to enjoy a very positive response for our computer club. We thank him for sharing his expertise!

Mr. White is ready to start his ever popular foot hockey intramural for the intermediate students.

### Absences / Lates

Parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning! It is very important that students arrive on time so that they do not disrupt their own learning and the learning of their classmates. School starts at 8:45 a.m. and then again at 1:30 p.m. after lunch.



### Early Release Day

We remind our families that Friday, February 12 is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 11:55 a.m. as staff will be involved in professional development activities for the afternoon.

### Family Day is Monday, February 15

Thanks to a new provincial initiative, the third Monday in February has been declared, "Family Day". Schools will be closed on this day; enjoy spending time with your family!

### Athletics

Thank you Mr. White and Mr. Oblak for coaching the boys intermediate basketball team and to Mrs. Jonovich and Mr. Cardwell for coaching the girls intermediate basketball teams. Our students are having fun improving their skills during league

play and have won several of their games. Playoffs are just around the corner and both teams will be hopefully playing in the DSBN tournament. More information about the playoffs and the tournament will come home with the players. Thank you to our wonderful parents for driving our players and supporting the teams from the stands.

Boys and Girls junior basketball practices will be scheduled later in February.

### Valentines Dance-A-Thon

Thank you to those community members who are supporting this initiative by making pledges. Mr. Genow has worked very hard to organize a fun afternoon full of music and physical activity for our students. An information letter and pledge form went home last week. Money raised from this initiative will support student activities. We have some excellent prize incentives for those students who collect pledges. Our 1<sup>st</sup> prize is an overnight stay for four with water park passes at the Americana Resort and Spa; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a \$100 Walmart gift card; and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a \$50 Toys R Us gift card.

### River View Connections

Our Grade 3 students at River View are planning to join us for two fun events this February. The grade 3's will be coming over to watch Kobbler Jay the Eccentric Juggler perform on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and then join us again for the February 10 Dance-a-thon. River View students are not expected to collect pledges for the Dance-A-Thon; they are being invited to enjoy a fun and active experience with the grade 4 students.

### Stamford Connections

Mr. Blouin, the principal of Stamford was here in January to discuss grade 9 intention sheets with our grade 8 students. He provided a great deal of information about the excellent programs and staff at his school. In

addition, Stamford hosted a very successful open house evening.

We look forward to having fun with some enthusiastic Stamford students who will be helping out with our February 10<sup>th</sup> Dance-A-Thon.

Recently, many of our F.J.R. graduates came back from Stamford and completed many hours of community service at our schools. We appreciate their efforts!

### School Spirit

Our dedicated House Captains continue to plan fun spirit days for our students.

The students and staff had a lot of fun at our last school spirit day which was named, "Backwards and Mismatch Day". The following students were their classroom winners and received movie certificates as a prize:

4M Carleigh Kretschmar

4/5L Mustafa Ejaz

5/6K Quinn Moody

6G Morgan Manwaring

7F Jasmine Nekoui

7/8S Emma Zabzinski

8W Reillee Slute

The Warrior House won the month of January by achieving the highest Trojan ticket/point total. We remind students to wear their house shirts on the last day of each month. We will continue to sit in our Trojan Houses at recognition assemblies.

The Spartans House will be holding a Bake Sale on February 19<sup>th</sup>; a reminder note will come home.

### Popcorn for Haiti

Our popcorn fundraiser was a huge success! We raised \$350 (which was matched by the government). This means that a donation of \$700 was made to World Vision Canada in the name of F.J. Rutland School. Special thanks goes out to the students in Mrs. Jonovich's and Mrs. Brown's

class for making the popcorn each morning, to the house captains for selling the popcorn, and to all of the students and families who donated money to this very important cause. Way to go F.J.R.!

**Recycling Team**

Each week our recycling team does an excellent job of recycling materials in our building. Mrs. Jonah, our head caretaker does a fantastic job of helping to organize and store these materials. Thanks to the efforts of these dedicated people, we are able to divert thousands of kilograms of recyclable products from our landfill system each year!

**Students of the Month**

Each month we celebrate the great things that students are accomplishing at F.J. Rutland. We have wonderful students who are working towards excellence in one of our eight areas of excellence as part of our Trojan House System. Please see our posters that are on display throughout the school. This month's winners are: Mathew Theal, Quinlyn Overholt, Drew Michael, Emily Juhlke, Tyler Gill, Kris Williams, Jasmine Nekoui, Kennedy Knezivich, Emily Tollar, Natasha Case, Danielle Finlay, Jenna Taylor, Elsie Sinclair, Emma

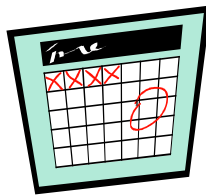
Zabzinski, Nathan Jahns, Lauren Jahns, Owen Robson, Cassandra Taylor, Brittany Kindt, Emily Trifunski, Madison Watson, Dylan Evans, Katelynn Hilborn, Quinn Devoe, Katie King and Shelby Hall.

**School Closure Procedure**

In the unlikely event that we would have to close school and send students home early, we will follow the instructions that you submitted when completing your child's emergency information form. Please review with your child what they are supposed to do for such a situation. Please contact the school if you need to update your family's emergency information.

**Calendar Reminder**

Check the calendar for a list of most activities.



**Intermediate Ottawa Trip**

Students are reminded to bring in their next \$100 deposit for this trip by the end of February.

**Grade 8 Graduation Date**

Grade 8 Graduation is a long way off, yet we wanted you to be able to save this date to enable you to enjoy watching your child accept their graduation certificate. Graduation will be held at the school on the evening of Monday, June 28, 2010. More information about graduation will be sent home with your child closer to the date.

**Newsletter Draw**

Congratulations to our lucky winners of our January Newsletter draw. Don't forget to return the slip for February's draw for a free Friday hot lunch.

**NEWSLETTER DRAW:**

Please sign and return this section to indicate that you have read the *F.J. Rutland Review*. Three returned slips will be chosen randomly. The winners will win a free hot lunch!

The \_\_\_\_\_ family has read the *F.J. Rutland Review*

Student(s) Names

Teacher

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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