

THE 2 WEEK PEEK



ECOLE ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 7 May, 2015

Parent Survey Responses

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to our Values Document. We sent an electronic version to every parent email and a hard copy to all parents with children in grades K-3. There is still time to share your thoughts but only until Friday, 15 May. At that time we will collate all the responses from parents, children, and staff and hopefully communicate our commonly held values before we leave in June. Your responses are important and will help form the kind of school we want to see in the years to come. You can find our Values document posted on our school website (address in the green box below).

Please check our school website regularly! Important dates, information, and attachments are added frequently.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/rochester/Pages/default.aspx>

Reverse Lunch Trial Begins Monday!

Late last year, a survey was conducted by RPAC about a reverse lunch trial at Rochester. A reverse lunch means that children play first and then eat their lunch. It is a common lunchtime structure found in many schools. Survey responses strongly favoured the reverse lunch option and the issue has been discussed at numerous RPAC meetings this year.

On Monday we will begin a six week trial of the reverse lunch format after which we welcome feedback from students, parents, and staff.

The Reverse Lunch Trial is as follows:

12:10 Bell – go outside and play

12:35 – eating time

12:55 warning bell, wrap up/clean up lunch

1:00 instructional time begins

Of course anything new will have its share of initial bugs and details to fine tune. Please do ask your children about the reverse lunch over the course of the trial. Their opinions may change one way or another over time.

Early Dismissal Wednesday May 13 and Thursday May 14th at 2 pm

Be Sun Smart

More sunny days at this time of year mean the usual issues associated with younger children and dehydration and other sun exposure issues. Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, sunscreen (and knows how to use it), hats, and warm weather clothing or at least layers that can be removed as the day gets warmer.



**SHRED IT and Car Trunk Sale this
SATURDAY
9 May at ROCHESTER
9:00 – 2:00 pm**

Load up your car with treasures at the biggest one day trunk sale in Coquitlam.
Please contact Carmen Scott at 604---313---9111 or email carmz@lexsco.net for details and questions

Looking Ahead...May and June

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| May 8 | RPAC Fun Lunch |
| May 9 | Shred It Event |
| May 11 | Reverse Lunch Trial Begins |
| | Grade 5 Trip to Camp Sasamat |
| May 13 th and 14 th | Early Dismissal at 2 pm for student led conferences/parent meetings |
| May 13 th | RPAC Meeting and election of executive 7 pm |
| May 15 th | Firefighters Charity Ball in support of Rochester Breakfast Buddies |
| May 18 | Victoria Day: School is closed |
| May 22 | District Track and Field Meet at Town Centre |
| May 27 | Recognition Assembly 2 pm |
| June 5 | Professional Day: students not in session |
| June 8 | Fire Drill |
| June 11 | Sports Day |
| June 17 | Last Recognition Assembly 2pm |
| June 18 | Parent Appreciation Breakfast 8:30 – 9:30 |
| June 24 | Grade 5 Leaving Ceremonies |
| June 25 | Year End Assembly and last day for students: dismissal at 12:15 |
| June 26 | Administrative Day: students not in session |



LAST DAY of School for Students is Thursday, June 25 – Dismissal at 12:15

ROCHESTER PAC (RPAC) UPDATE

NEXT RPAC MEETING: Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 PM, school library. Regular meeting will be followed immediately by AGM. Executive positions (Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) are available. Please visit <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/rochester/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx> to view Notice of AGM.



Rochester Rocket Runners Reach the Stars...and raise \$1095

Hello Rocket Runner families!

THANK YOU to all who made it out to the AIK charity race this past Friday! We had over 30 Rocket Runners competing...I'm sure the largest group there! What an amazing event - the rain even held off for two magical hours! Our kids had FUN, ran their BEST and not only that, as a group, we helped raise **\$1095** for the BC Childhood Cancer Parents Association (BCCCPA) and proudly won AIK's "Giving Hearts" trophy for most funds raised by a group two years running! Our funds will directly help families that are financially struggling because of childhood cancer. This is amazing - thank you to everyone who helped fundraise for this very worthy cause!

A special shout out to our top fundraisers: William S., Sydney S., Ryan S., Donal G., Matthew and Ryan C. You guys ROCK!

If you have borrowed a Rochester Rockets school shirt, kindly return it (washed) this week :) Also we would like to credit Rocket Runner laps for the kids who participated in the AIK race. Please email us back if you registered your child the day of the race (i.e. not online). We have a list of the kids who registered online, but we want to make sure we credit laps to those who registered in person as well.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and support!

Wendy & Julie

Exclusive to Rochester Students – Free Taekwondo!!!

All Rochester students are welcome to take advantage of a FREE two week Taekwondo Trial (two full classes per week) at Phoenix Taekwondo.

If you are interested in the FREE two week trial, please contact Master Kee and indicate that you are a Rochester family.

Phoenix TKD is located at Unit A-931 Brunette Ave. Phone number is 604 349 9369.

Community event reminder:

Coquitlam Firefighters Charitable Society – Vintage Vegas Charity Bash

The Coquitlam Firefighters Charitable Society is hosting its Second Annual Charity Bash on Fri, May 15. Last year, all proceeds from the bash went directly to Rochester for setting up and running the Breakfast Buddies program. This year, they are hoping to increase their attendance so they can maintain their support at Rochester but also add another school or two to their program. Some parents and staff from Rochester have already purchased tickets so please consider attending to show your support for the firefighters.

Friday, May 15th, 6:30 PM. Hard Rock Casino Vancouver, 2080 United Boulevard, Coquitlam. Ages 19+ only. Tickets \$75.00 (early bird rate before April 26th), \$85 after April 26th. Tickets can be purchased on-line at <http://www.intoourcommunity.com/2015-vintage-vegas-bash/> or in person at Town Centre Fire Station, 1300 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam. More information: rochesterswapmeet@hotmail.com. If you have any items to donate to the silent auction, please contact Tosh Brunt at tbrunt@coquitlam.ca