

THE 2 WEEK PEEK



Thursday, February 25, 2016

Do your children play Minecraft?

Minecraft is one of the world's most popular games, especially with children. The chances are, if you have primary age children, Minecraft will be part of their world, or their friends' worlds. So what should you know about helping your kids play safely?

Rochester Counsellor, Lesley Gregorash, encourages parents to check out this website about *Staying Safe on Minecraft*.

<http://parentinfo.org/article/staying-safe-on-minecraft>



Jump Rope for Heart Campaign...a success and still going!

To date Rochester has raised **\$3363.50** in online donations; this amount does not include the cash and cheque donations that are still coming. Last year, we raised \$3824.00 in on-line donations and another \$3568.35 in cash donations.



Once all of our envelopes are collected from students and submitted to the Heart and Stroke Foundation we will learn our total donation amount. Prizes should arrive at the school approximately four weeks after our envelopes are submitted.

To the Staff and Students of Rochester Elementary

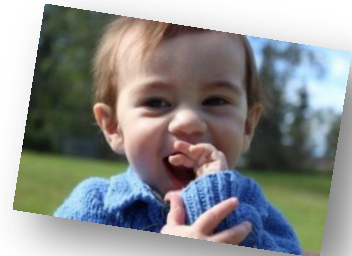
Thank you so much for "Jump"ing in and supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation again this year.

I am the mother of nine children, and one of them, Henry (a twin!) was born with a heart with just 3 chambers (hearts have four) and without a pulmonary artery. What this means is that without open-heart surgery to create a fourth chamber and place an artificial pulmonary artery, Henry wouldn't survive.

Four months after Henry was born, he had this open-heart surgery and the change in him was immediate. His colouring improved tremendously because Henry's heart was finally able to get oxygenated blood through his body.

I am so thankful that the advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric heart defects allowed Henry to thrive, grow and smile.

Thank you for your time and donations which supports people like Henry, for now and for the future.



*With heartfelt gratitude,
Miranda Brown, mother of Henry*

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Hold and Secure and Lockdown Drills explained

One of our core school values is Safety. We teach children that keeping yourself and other safe is something we must do always at the school. To this end, we conduct fire drills and earthquake drills regularly to help kids know what to do in the event of one of these emergencies. In recent years, schools have added *Hold and Secure* and *Lockdown Drills* to our safety plans.

The RCMP details the Hold and Secure procedure as follows:

The Hold and Secure procedure is called in situations where there are potential concerns for the safety of students and staff should they leave the security of the school (e.g. a bear wandering around on the school playground) but allows the school to continue on with business as usual.

A Lockdown is activated when there is some threat to the safety of people inside the school. The RCMP describes a Lockdown as follows:

A lockdown is called when there is a direct threat to the school.

Your child's teacher will discuss these types of drills further in class. Knowing what to do in the event of the unexpected helps everyone stay safe.

Is your Emergency Contact Information Current?

Who will pick up your child in the event of an emergency? If our region experienced a significant earthquake with disruption to our road and/or bridge network, would you be able to get to the school if you are working in Vancouver or Richmond? Designating an Emergency Contact who is close to the school is important.

Our District is planning a **Whole School Emergency Release** of students later this year (probably May). This **Release** will test our emergency procedures but requires parents or a designated adult to come to Rochester to sign out their child during the school day.

In past years at "another school" some parents designated adults who could not come to the school and then sent a friend or neighbour instead. Because these people were not on our designated emergency contact list, we could not release the child.

Please contact our office if you have any changes or additions to your Emergency Contact list.

March

3 March – Lunch Box Theatre Afternoon Performance of the Sound of Music

4 March – Evening performance of Lunch Box Theatre Sound of Music 7:30

4 March- Hot dog day with booster juice smoothies – Pac Lunch

7 March Maple Man Performance morning and afternoon

14-25 March – Spring Break

28 March – Easter Monday School is closed

29 March – School Reopens

29, 30, 31 March - Hip Hop

April

1,4,5,6 April - Hip Hop

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7 April – 22 April - Gymnastics Equipment set up in Gym

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMPS

THE “SCHOOL OF WONDERSTANDING” 2016
The Professional Development Program at Simon Fraser University is excited to offer four days of hands-on, action-packed activities this **Spring Break** from **Monday, March**

21st through Thursday, March 24th, 2016 for students from grades K-5.

The four days of activities will run from **9:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.** each day.

This unique opportunity is part of a wonderful community partnership between Simon Fraser University and School District 43. During the four days of our “School of Wonderstanding,” students will participate in a number of different activities such as cooking, crafts, indoor/outdoor games, dance, sports, science experiments, drama and of course, **FUN**. All sessions are fully supervised by Student Teachers in the Professional Development Program, as part of their teacher training. And they will be working under the supervision of certified teachers. Each session is designed to excite and delight participants with hands-on, creative learning opportunities to strengthen the connection of “wonder” and “understanding” of the world around us.

The Maillard School of Wonderstanding camp will be facilitated by the Aboriginal stream of Simon Fraser University student teachers. This camp will incorporate traditional aboriginal cultural teachings as part of the program curriculum of this camp.

The cost for all 4 days of activities is **\$60 per student**, which includes supplies and materials. Participants will need to bring snacks, a bag lunch, a water bottle (with their name on it), dress comfortably and come ready to have **FUN**.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is **ONLINE**:

To register for **Aboriginal School of Wonderstanding** Camp location please visit the Aboriginal Community Program page website and follow the link on the website to register.

Paper Registration:

To register by paper registration please download and print the registration form from the online registration site event (Karelo). If unable to print the forms please visit the office hosting the Camp you have chosen for paper copies. Please return the registration form to the Maillard school's

office with cash or cheque made payable to: **SD43 Aboriginal Education**

There are a limited number of spaces. Priority will be given to those first registered and paid.

You will be contacted only if the program is full or cancelled.

***If you must cancel, please contact us as soon as possible. Refunds may not be available after the Camp begins.**
