

for Thursday, May 4, 2017

Rochester, where Care, Respect, Belonging, and Service to Others are Values that Matter.

Victoria Day is Monday, May 24- No school

Please welcome our newest staff member, Mme. Carole Moutal to the Rochester Community. Mme. Moutal will teach in our grade 3 class (Division 7) on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Monday, May 8th is Rochester Donut Day

Donuts will be sold for \$1 at lunchtime in the undercover area. All proceeds will go to the Odyssey of the Mind World Tour!

Farewell Sad Slope, Hello Happy Hill

Thanks to the generous grant funding from TD Friends of the Environment, sad slope is transformed! We would also like to thank our many parent volunteers and Project Lawns for donating their time to help students plant over 200 indigenous plants! Many Rochester and students had the opportunity partner with Maillard students and volunteers to plant on the slope. We are so proud of their acts of care and service in our school community. Please visit the websites below for more information about these fantastic organizations!

TD Friends of the Environment <u>https://fef.td.com</u> Project Lawns <u>http://www.projectlawns.ca</u>

To help support our trees and plants over the summer, please sign up on our Happy Hill watering schedule at the following link. http://doodle.com/poll/ewu5befnk4ngi74tt2vwm7tb/admin

YOGA for ADULTS at Rochester

The best Yoga deal for adults in town is right here at Rochester. Parents are welcome to join staff for one hour of afternoon Yoga on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 in our library. The instructor is supplied by Place Maillardville and the cost is \$45.00 for eight sessions. If you are interested simply show up at the library on Thursday just before 3:30 to join in the relaxing fun. Bring your own mat and a blanket.

Thanks RPAC for the HIP HOP

Thank you to the Rochester PAC for bringing HIP HOP back to Rochester this month. Every child will receive daily HIP HOP instruction from May 8 to 16. On Tuesday, May 16th parents can come see their children perform at 1:10 pm! You could win a pair of Front Row Seats for the performance, see notice sent home earlier this week supporting Odyssey of the Mind.

CARE, RESPECT, BELONGING, SERVICE to OTHERS



The Scholastic Book Fair was here! Many thanks to Mrs. Doza and Mrs. Loptson for their hard work setting up the library this week and running sales during their lunch hours and after school. Thank you to the parent and teacher

volunteers who also donated their time to make this event run smoothly. Thank you for taking this opportunity to promote literacy and show support for your school and community.

District Track and Field

Track and field season is well underway. Students in Grade 3, 4, and 5 are practicing their skills in the hopes of making it to the district track meet at Town Centre Stadium on Wednesday, May 24th. Contact Mrs Moore (<u>almoore@sd43.bc.ca</u>) with any questions.

RPAC Update

The next and last RPAC Meeting this school year is May 15th at 7 pm in our library. This last gathering of the year is the AGM and will include an election for RPAC Executive positions for the next school. May of our current RPAC Executive members will be moving on this year as their children go onto Middle School. We need new members to help with these important roles.

Community Garden Planting Day – May 11th:

Next Thursday May 11th, a group of RBC and parent volunteers will join us to set up and fill 5 new planter boxes in the ROC Garden area. Students will be planting veggies, herbs and flowers. More help is welcome, bring your shovels, wheelbarrows, and gloves and dress for the weather! 1pm-3pm rain or shine! Contact Mme Forrer for more info (<u>iforrer@sd43.bc.ca</u>). We also need your support in keeping our plants alive over the summer! To sign up to help water the ROC Garden over the summer please following this link to our Doodle schedule. <u>http://doodle.com/poll/xkt9c3viwrv8ag7s</u>

Community BBQ – June 1st:

Please be sure to RSVP if you and your family are planning to attend the Rochester Community BBQ on Thursday June 1st, 5-8pm. Hot dog will be provided by Rochester Staff. Come with your blanket and visit with friends, or make new ones! Contact Mme St.Arnaud for more info (<u>Istarnaud@sd43.bc.ca</u>)

Thank You Parents

On behalf of all students and staff, we want to show our thanks to our parent community by inviting you to a **THANK YOU PARENTS breakfast** on Thursday, June 8th in our gym. There will be entertainment and the best breakfast this side of Austin!

Looking ahead...

11 May Community Garden Day
16 May Hip Hop Performance – Afternoon 1:10 in the gym
18/19 May Welcome to Kindergarten parent/child orientation
24 May Track/Field Meet 8-3pm @ Town Center
25 May Recognition Assembly 9:10 am

