



September 13, 2018

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

# Welcome & Welcome Back!

### Goodbyes & Hellos

We hate to say goodbye, but are wishing the best to Mme Angus & Mrs. Lundquister as they head off to new staff positions in the district!

Please help us welcome (and welcome back) our new members of staff:

Mrs. Kaplan-Student Services

Mme. Rowe-Grade 3 French Immersion (Mon, Wed)

Mme. Malak (Nermin)-Preparation coverage & Kindergarten French Immersion (Wed; Thurs)

Ms. Lisa Scott - Ea

#### Strong StartBC

Beginning Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Strong Start at Rochester begins in room 101. Strong Start is a free, drop-in early learning program for children aged 0-5 accompanied by a parent or caregiver and runs Monday-Friday 8:45am-11:45am. Any questions please email jstewart@sd43.bc.ca.

### Parent e-Forms and emergency forms

Our parent e-forms system is now up and running! Parents/guardians must fill out the "School Policies form. You need to fill out this form once per year, for each child you have registered at Rochester. If you plan to volunteer in class, or on field trips, please fill out the additional "Volunteer Form" and "Volunteer Driver" forms. You will also need to submit a Drivers' Abstract from ICBC, and a Criminal Record check. Every form must be filled out every year, with the exception of the criminal record check, which is valid for 5 years. These forms are now available on your cash kev on-line accounts. Can also be found on our website. Also your child should have come home with a white verification form. Please review information correct with red pen if needed and submit back to your child's teacher by **Sept. 21** along with the yellow emergency form.

# Meet the Staff Ice Cream Social

Come join the Rochester Staff on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-7:30pm for our ice cream social. This is a chance to meet teachers, education assistants, office staff, as well as other families in the Rochester community. Please bring your own bowl and spoon, we will bring the ice cream and toppings! There will also be a dairy free option.

## **West Coast, Wet Coast**

Please expect that most days students will go outside for recess, lunch and DPA (Daily physical activity). Please send your child with weather appropriate clothing (coats, boots, hat). You may also choose to keep a change of clothes in the bottom of your child's backpack so they can get changed if wet.

#### **Breakfast Buddies**

Our Breakfast Buddies program is temporarily on hold. Not to worry, it will resume shortly, and we will let you know in advance of our first date back! If you have any questions or are interested in being a parent volunteer, please contact Mr. Goheen.

Mark Your Calendars	
Monday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Strong Start Begins, 8:45am
	First PAC meeting in the Library, 7:00pm
Thursday, September 20th	Meet the Staff Ice Cream Social, 6:30-7:30 pm
Friday, September 21st	Professional Development Day-no school for students
Friday, September 28th	Orange Shirt Day
	Terry Fox Run at 1:15pm
Monday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Stat no school in session
Friday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Disrict Pro D Day- No school in session
Tuesday, October 16th	Individual Student Photos
Monday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Early Dismissal, 2:00pm
Tuesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Early Dismissal, 2:00pm
Friday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Recognition Assembly, 2:00pm

## A Great Big Thank You to...

While the recent weather makes it feel like November, it is still summer. We want to thank all the parent volunteers who watered our gardens and "Happy Hill" over the summer.