



WINTER 2 WEEK PEEK

November 23, 2018

Safety is Everyone's Business

On Monday I met with City Bylaw's about our one going laneway issues and on Wednesday I met with our RCMP liaison officer to discuss speeding issues on Schoolhouse and Deciare, especially during the morning commuting period. As well, we have the RCMP and ICBC coming next week to discuss traffic safety with our kids; however, the issues with the laneway and speed are the result of adult decision making. Our kids are quite knowledgeable about safety, but anyone who drives knows all too well, some drivers just don't seem to care. Yesterday morning, a frightening incident occurred on Deciare; a speeding driver nearly hit two of our students in the cross walk. Enough is enough. I appeal to our community to report all speeding issues on Deciare and Schoolhouse to the RCMP. As well, a call to your elected city council member or mayor may help as well. A few speed bumps would help as well as some increased traffic control presence. These responses will only happen if enough people voice their concerns.

As for the city laneway...unless you are a staff member parking or a resident with a house in the laneway, DO NOT use the laneway for pick up or drop off, ever. I have asked City Bylaws to have a presence in the laneway as well. Again, their response is often "encouraged" when multiple reports are made. Also a reminder Staff parking is for staff only as there isn't enough out there for all of us.

Helping & Serving Others

Did you know that chocolate drinks were a part Ancient Mayan culture, one the Indigenous groups in Guatemala, 2500 years ago?

On Tuesday, December 18th, we will be hosting a school wide hot chocolate day to support our sister school in Guatemala.

As part of our Rochester values of serving and helping others, please consider bringing a loonie or twoonie donation to support our goal of building a classroom at our sister school.

Calling All Christmas Sweaters!

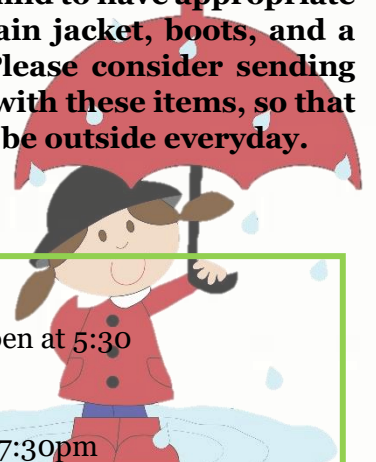
Thursday, December 6th, wear your most festive Christmas sweater, shirt or accessories!



West Coast, Wet Coast

We know that if kids are well prepared to be outside in the rain they actually enjoy it. As long as they stay dry and warm there is a great deal of fun to be had in all kinds of weather. We also know that time spent outdoors improves learning, and has a multitude of physical and emotional benefits.

To be prepared to be outside in the rain, it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as a rain jacket, boots, and a change of clothes. Please consider sending your child to school with these items, so that they are prepared to be outside everyday.



A Very Rochester Christmas

Please join us on **Thursday, December 13th at 9:15am or 1:15pm** for our annual Christmas Concert! Admission is free.

Mark your Calendars

Friday, November 23rd
Friday, November 30th
Thursday, December 6th
Friday, December 7th
Thursday, December 13th
Monday, December 17th
Tuesday, December 18th
Friday, December 21st
December 22nd-January 6th

PAC Movie Night 6pm, doors open at 5:30
Recognition Assembly, 2pm
Christmas Sweater Day
Kids Can Theatre Performance, 7:30pm
Rochester Christmas Concert, 9:15am + 1:15pm
Report Cards going home during this week
Pyjama & Hot Chocolate Day
Last Day of Classes for Winter Break
Winter Break, School Closed