



For Thursday, 1 December, 2016

- Rochester Christmas Concert December 15 -

Emergency Preparedness Supply Fee

In order to keep our Emergency supplies current and adequately stocked we need to replace perishable food items such as food and water. We are asking families to send a \$2.00 Emergency Supply fee for each child enrolled at Rochester. A notice concerning supplies will be sent home Friday, December 2nd.

Rochester Christmas Concert

Please note the date and times for our two upcoming daytime concerts. Our first performance is **Thursday, Dec 15 at 9:15** and our second is **Thursday, Dec. 15 at 1:15**. There is a third performance on Friday at 9:15 where all Rochester students attend; parent seating is limited at this third performance but you are welcome to squeeze in! There are no tickets required for any of these performances but our PAC is selling raffle tickets for **THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE** – a front row couch for the two Thursday performances.

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD: A MESSAGE FROM SD 43

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.



However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified. Decisions about school closures due to extreme weather occur **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also affect transit. Transit schedules may be altered or interrupted due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

**Weather not so fun FACT
As if we had to tell you but we
experienced rain on 55 of the last
61 days!**

Looking ahead...

Friday, Dec. 2

Wednesday, Dec 7

Thursday, Dec. 8

Monday, Dec 12

Tuesday, Dec 13

Thursday, December 15

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Mon. – Fri. Dec 12-16

Friday, December 16

Tuesday, January 3

Monday, January 30

Lunch Box Theatre evening Performance 7:30 p.m.

Pac Popcorn sale at Lunch

Recognition Assembly at 9:15 a.m.

Pyjama and hot chocolate day

Festive Hat/Antler day

Christmas Concert #1 at 9:15

Christmas Concert #2 at 1:15

1st Term Formal Reports go home this week

Last Day of school before break: dismissal 2:58

School reopens for 2017

Professional Day for teachers, students not in session



Please check our website for current calendar details often

RPAC Update: No meeting in December; next meeting Monday January 16th

Green Waste Recycling at Rochester:

You may have noticed that your child's lunch bag is more often coming back home full of packaging.

We are into our 4th year of green waste recycling, and now we are adopting a pack out what you pack in philosophy at Rochester.



Food waste, paper and juice boxes can still be recycled at school, but all plastic bags and packaging will be coming back home, where it is much easier to recycle a wider variety of materials. Students will be encouraged to rinse out plastic containers so that they can be taken safely home in their lunch bags.

In an effort to encourage this, we will be taking the garbage cans out of the classrooms. The only materials that will be going into the garbage will be pencil shavings, used tissues, and floor sweepings.

You can help to support this green initiative by considering reusable packaging in your child's lunch.