

You're Invited!

Parents, guardians and important adults in our students' lives, please join us **Thursday, May 23rd from 9-10am in the Rochester gym for our Appreciation Breakfast**. This is a chance for Rochester students and teachers to thank you for all your hard work and support you offer our community!

Happy 50th Birthday Rochester!

Join us **Thursday, May 23rd from 5-7pm** for our annual community BBQ and to celebrate our school's 50th birthday! Hope you can make it!

Looking Ahead to September

While the calendar says April, our focus has been on September and planning for a new school year. In the coming weeks, SD43 will determine staffing allocations for schools. Typically, in May, we learn how much staffing we will receive which in turn determines the number of classrooms we can organize for our students. At this time, we are planning for eight English Program Divisions and nine French Immersion Divisions.

The English program divisions projected for the fall are already at capacity; when you factor in new class size and composition requirements, there is a possibility of receiving an additional English program division. However, this determination may not be made until September when a more accurate accounting of enrollment after summer moves in and out of the school occur. If we do increase to nine English divisions, our entire organization plan for English will change including student placements and teacher assignments. This adds a layer of challenge for planning and means that we may not have all the answers for September at this time.

Como Lake Relays

Come support our runner at the Como Lake Relays on April 18th from 3:00-5:30pm. Event is held at Como Lake. Thank you to teachers and parents for volunteering your time for this fun event!

Walk for Water

Tuesday, May 28th is our sec<mark>ond annual</mark> Rochester Walk for Water. This is one of our global service initiatives at Rochester Elementary. For more information and ways to support our students, please visit:

https://www.we.org/gb/we-atschool/we-schools/campaigns/we-walkfor-water/



Next week, all students in grade 3, 4, & 5 will participate in Track-Attack to learn about track events.

There is meeting on Thursday April 18th for any students interested in joining the Track & Field team and trying out for events for May 24th District Track meet. Permission forms and schedules will be handed out at that meeting. Track team practices will occur before and after school and during lunch hours.

Important Dates

April 18 th	Como Lake Relays
April 19 th & 21	Easter Weekend; NO SCHOOL
April 26 th	District Pro-D Day; NO SCHOOL
May 23 rd	Welcome to Kindergarten for September K families
May 23 rd	Parent Appreciation Breakfast 9-10am GYM
May 23 rd	Community BBQ & Rochester Birthday 5-7pm
May 24 th	District Track & Field Meet at Town Centre
May 28 th	Walk for Water Event
May 29 th	Q&A for new September Kindergarten parents 6 pm Library
May 30 th	Class photo Day
June 3 rd	School Pro-D Day; NO SCHOOL for students
June 13 th	Sports Day