

THE 2 WEEK PEEK



Thursday January 14, 2016

District Pro-D Friday January 29th – No Classes in Session

Rochester rooted in core values!

You may recall we asked for your feedback last spring about the “kind of school” you wanted to see as part of an ongoing and whole community involved process. We went through a similar process with every student and staff member last year as well. Working through all the feedback was a long but valuable and informative process. Some strong and common themes were evident in all the feedback. We will use these themes to determine our common and core community values.

Attributes concerning *Care, Respect, Helping Others* or *Service to Others, Unity and Inclusion* appeared as desired values. In the coming weeks, we will formalize these themes into our common core values. And then the real work begins as we work with our community to teach and model these values so that they become the “lived culture” at the school.

Foundation Skills Assessment for Grade 4’s at Rochester

Starting next week, students in Grade 4 will participate in the Province wide Foundation Skills Assessment or FSA. Within the school district, four sources of student assessment data help to inform the decisions of the Board of Education regarding student achievement. Each year, student assessment information is collected from classroom teachers, school assessments, district assessments, and provincial assessments (including FSA and Provincial Exams). These four sources of student assessment data together provide comprehensive evidence of student achievement in Coquitlam School District.

Foundation Skills Assessment measures literacy and numeracy skills set out in provincial curricula. Some facts about FSA:

- FSA is a set of three tests (divided into six parts) administered to Grade 4 and 7 students that cover specific reading, writing and numeracy skills in provincial curricula
- FSA measures skills students gain over several school years, not only in a single year
- As a provincially prescribed assessment, all Grade 4 and Grade 7 students are expected to participate in the FSA

RHL Returns to Rochester

Thanks to the RHL, Aerobics, and drop in B-Ball our gym is in full use every day at Rochester. This week the RHL returned causing great excitement for our students. Game days will usually be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Aerobics led by Mme. Fourchalk is on Friday and drop in B-Ball is on Monday’s starting next week.

New Projectors for classrooms

Teachers and students were happy to receive their new NEC projectors in classrooms last week. As of now, ALL Rochester classrooms have a new projector!

RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

Our next Rochester Recognition Assembly is on Thursday, January 28th at 1:50 p.m. These assemblies are designed to “recognize what we value” and to build greater community appreciation for one another. Parents are always welcome.

Rochester Student Leadership: Spirit Squad Jersey Day is January 22nd!

Show your favourite team colours and support the RHL season by wearing your favourite jersey or teams colours to school on Friday, January 22nd



FROM YOUR RPAC

Monday January 18th is our next **PAC meeting** - Only 4 more to go January, February, April and May! 7-8:30pm in the library – please try and come to at least one! Find out how the school runs from the principal and other parents (not just your kids)!

Thursday January 21st Fun lunch - Boston Pizza

Friday January 22nd Free Family Yoga night from 6pm to 8pm run by Rayna our yoga instructor from the **Tuesday and Thursday aft** please bring your own yoga mat! And don't forget to register your child for **Yoga** runs in the library starting the week of January 12/14 and goes until **space** available. See the registration form in the foyer of the school or on the school website.

YOGA EVENT
CANCELLED - will be
RESCHEDULED

Monday February 1st "Supporting Your Child's learning" is a parent education event. 7-8pm. This is a session that we thought would be interesting and helpful for parents. There will be a nominal charge \$2 to cover the cost of the photocopying. We will need to know numbers to determine whether it will be held in the library or the gym. Further information about registering will come in January.

Friday February 5th Fun lunch - Taco Del Mar

Friday February 5th Pokémon night in the gym. Free event but adult supervision is required – the kids can play, trade and just talk about Pokémon and show off all their “EX’s”.

Looking ahead...

January

- Fire and EQ Drill Thursday 14 January at 2:10
- FSA Period 11 January - 17 February
- 18 January – RPAC Meeting at 7:00 – 8:30 in the library
- 21 January Jump Rope for Heart Kick off Assembly Time TBA
- 22 January – Spirit Squad Jersey Day
- 27 January – Place Maillard Program registration at 3:00
- 28 January - Recognition Assembly at 1:50

February

- 2, 3, 4 February – English Kindergarten registration
- 5 Feb – Cross Catchment application on-line starts today @ 9am ending Feb. 17
- 8 Feb – Family Day – School Closed
- 9 Feb – SD 43 Pro-D – students not in session
- 10 Feb- Kinder French Registration for those accepted at Rochester 930-3 Rochester office
- 17 and 18 Feb – early dismissal at 2 pm for student led conferences or parent teacher meetings
- 18 Feb - Jump Rope for Heart Event time TBA
- 22 Feb - Duffle Bag Theatre Performance
- 25 Feb – Recognition assembly at 1:50

March

- 7 March Maple Man Performance morning and afternoon
- 14-25 March – Spring Break
- 28 March – Easter Monday School is closed
- 29 March – School Reopens
- 29, 30, 31 March - Hip Hop

April

- 1,4,5,6 April - Hip Hop
- 7 April – 22 April - Gymnastics Equipment

