

THE 2 WEEK PEEK



Thursday, April 7, 2016

DISTRICT WIDE PROFESSIONAL DAY FRIDAY, 15 April 2016



Emergency Preparedness

All SD43 schools will conduct emergency release drills in May. Rochester's Emergency Release Drill is on 12 May. Information was sent home on Tuesday and more detailed information will be sent to you on Friday. At this time, please ensure you mark your calendars with this important date.



"New Curriculum" Parent Information Night

The South Coquitlam Community of Schools is hosting an information session for parents about the new mandated curriculum of BC schools on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7p.m. at the Maillard Middle School gym.**

Help Rochester by clearing out your closets!

The Coquitlam Firefighters Charitable Society is the primary sponsor of Rochester's *Breakfast Buddies Program*. Their most recent fundraising initiative is the FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS CLOTHING DRIVE. The great part of this initiative is that it's just so easy! All you need to do is put aside any unwanted clothing, bag it up and bring it to the school any day between Monday, May 2nd and Thursday May 5th. The Firefighters will pick up your donations on the 5th and convert the old clothing into cash for our *Breakfast Buddies Program*.

Playground Update: Grand Opening Event 6 May

Our new playground is almost ready. The installers completed their portion of the job yesterday and SD 43 is coming to place the new wood chips on Tuesday.



There will be a few final additions by the installers afterwards. Fingers crossed we should be on the equipment towards the end of next week. To celebrate our new playground and all the hard work and community support involved in the project, we will conduct an opening ceremony on 6 May at 1:10 pm.

**Class, School
Panorama, and
Individual
Spring Photos
on Friday, April
22nd!**

Care, Respect, Belonging, Service to Others

Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Our Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientation sessions occur next week. Session A is at 1 pm and Session B is at 6pm. We have 44 children registered from French Immersion and 25 for our English Program. Please RSVP to the office if you haven't already.

2016-2017 School Year – our current numbers

This week, I submitted our first enrolment projections to the District. We are looking good for numbers right now with a projected total of 409 students, a slight increase from this year. However, as we all saw last year, numbers can change between now and September. For now, we are reservedly optimistic. If you are planning a move out of our school catchment, please let us know at the office. Even just a few children can alter the number of divisions, and thereby staffing, in the school.

Lunch Box Theatre

Our third and last session of Lunch Box Theatre begins on April 12.

Reverse Lunch Under Review – Feedback Needed!

Late last year, our school switched to a *reverse lunch format* whereby children played first and then ate – playtime 12:10 – 12:35/eating time 12:35-12:55.

This framework has been in effect for all of this school year. We are now reviewing the reverse lunch format and are looking for feedback from children, parents, and staff. Your RPAC executive team recently prepared an online parent survey. We will survey all staff as well as students in the days ahead. Please take a few moments to do the parent survey at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W3LHVZ5>

Como Lake Relays

It's hard to believe it's that time of the year but Como Lake Relays are just around the corner. Our grade 3-5 team runs next Wednesday, April 13th at 3pm sharp.

New Curriculum Training Day for Teachers

You may recall that in a previous issue of the 2 WEEK PEEK I explained the addition 2 days of teacher training set by the Ministry of Education. The first of these days was back in February and the second day is next month on Friday, May 13th.

Rochester School goes to Maillard Middle on 17 May

Our entire school is walking to Maillard Middle School on 17 May to watch a live performance of Willy Wonka.

ROCHESTER Sports day is June 14

LOOKING AHEAD...

April 7th to May 5th - Gymnastics Equipment set up in Gym

Tuesday, April 12th Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientations at 1 pm and 6 pm Rochester Library

Tuesday, April 12th New Curriculum Parent Information Session for Parents 7pm Maillard Middle Gym

Wednesday, April 13th Como Lake Relays at 3pm at Como Lake

Friday, April 15th Pro D – Non Instructional Day- School not in session

Monday, April 18th Rochester PAC Meeting at 7 pm in the library

Friday, April 22nd Class, Individual Spring, and Whole School Panorama Photos

Wednesday, May 4th Rochester Flower Sale Pick up in Schoolhouse side parking Lot 2:45 – 4:15

Friday, May 6th Rochester Playground Grand Opening at 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 12th Whole School Emergency Release of Students 2:10 – 3:00

Friday, May 13th Teacher Training Day – no students in session

Tuesday, May 17th Rochester School attends Willy Wonka at Maillard Middle

BOSTON PIZZA SUPPORTS ROCHESTER

If you or anyone you knows eats at Boston Pizza Maillardville you can help our school. Simply write the name "ROCHESTER ELEMETARY" on your receipt and deposit in the receptacle located by the hostess desk at the entry.