

THE 2 WEEK PEEK



Thursday, May 19, 2016

School Based Pro-D on MONDAY, JUNE 6



Emergency Preparedness

Our Emergency Release Drill went well indeed. Thank you parents for making this drill run so smoothly. I met with City of Coquitlam Emergency Prep. Team members last month and we are planning to host a community information session in the fall. I will remind everyone in the new school year and provide details.

Playground Grand Opening Event a Success!

The sun was out and so were our many community supporters. Mayor Richard Stuart and almost his entire council, as well as School Trustee Chuck Denison and SD43 Assistant Superintendent Carey Chute joined Rochester community partners from Place Maillard and Coquitlam Firefighters Charitable Society to celebrate our new playground grand opening.

Coquitlam Firefighters and parent volunteers served up more than 600 hot dogs and whole lot of smiles at this event.



Kindergarten student Nada E. helps Mayor Richard Stuart cut the ribbon to officially open our new playground.

It was an amazing display of the greater school community coming together.

Parent Appreciation Breakfast – You are invited!

Your seat is waiting for you at the upcoming Parent Appreciation Breakfast. Parents, we want to say thank you for all that YOU do for the Rochester community. Please join other parents in our gym on **Thursday, June 9th any time between 9:00 and 10:00** for breakfast, entertainment, and community spirit.



We have at several pairs of child size prescription glasses in our office. We have made numerous announcements but the glasses are still here.

Looking to September: Class Organization

It may sound like the “same old song” but just like last year we are looking at a very full school in September. In fact our numbers today are fuller than last year. We have one spot left in our entire French Immersion K-3 program and all seven English program divisions have just one spot open in each. We are staffed for 10 French Immersion Divisions and 7 English Divisions. Of course things may will change between now and September but this will be determined by how many people make moves over the summer.

What does all this mean for us and you?

We still have to plan and organize divisions for September and staff them now. However, in reality our organization will not be certain until the end of the first week of school in September. The configuration of classes will be based on the number of students at each grade but the organization that we have in the end must be able to fit everyone. This means you can expect blended classrooms at all levels except French Immersion Kindergarten– straight grades, if they occur, will be the exception due to the very tight numbers. We have to fit everyone.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Tuesday, May 24th Town Centre Track and Field Meet

Thursday, May 26th Recognition Assembly at 2 p.m.

Monday, May 30, 31, and June 1st Portable Planetarium Program Comes to Rochester

Thursday June 2nd 1:30 Lunch Box Theatre Performance GYM

Friday June 3rd 7:30 Lunch Box Performance GYM

Friday, June 3rd Rocket Runners Ribbon Presentation and Breakfast 8:15 in our gym

Monday, June 6th Professional Day, students not in session

Thursday, June 9th Parent Appreciation Breakfast 9:00-10:00

Tuesday, June 14th Sports Day

Wednesday, June 15th Grade 5 Sasamat Lake Trip

Thursday, June 16th Last Recognition Assembly of the year

Wednesday, June 22nd Grade 5 Leaving Assembly 9:30 and Reception to follow

Tuesday, June 28th Year End Leaving Assembly time TBA

Wednesday, June 29th **Last Day of Classes for students, early dismissal at 12:15**

Thursday, June 30th Last Day for teachers

Monday, August 29th Office reopens

please consult our web site often for a more detailed calendar of events - go to <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/rochester/Pages/default.aspx> and click "On the Calendar"

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.

ATHELETES IN KIND (AIK) Race featuring our own ROCHESTER ROCKET RUNNERS

Athletes in Kind is a local charity that organizes athletic and non-athletic events to raise money for families who struggle financially because of childhood cancer. Since 2005, AIK hosted events that have brought awareness to these families' needs, and have proudly donated over \$181,500 to the BC Childhood Cancer Parents Association at Vancouver Children's Hospital. All of the funds generated from the events we host go directly to BCCCPA, who distributes 100% of the donations to families in need, using a service called CanadaHelps.org. Learn more at BCCCPA. All entry fees and donations directly support the cause and the Race Crew and team of Directors are all unpaid volunteers.

On Friday May 6th AIK hosted their annual run in Mundy Park. Our own ROCKET RUNNERS were there in force on the run and Julia D. spoke to those gathered at the event.





Well done Rocket Runners!