

THE 2 WEEK PEEK



Wednesday, 21 SEPTEMBER, 2016

CARE ♦ RESPECT ♦ BELONGING ♦ SERVICE

Meet the Teacher Open House THURSDAY 6 – 7 pm

RPAC serving coffee and treats 5:30-7:30 in the undercover area

Meet the Teacher Open House is tonight.

Please come to the school on **Thursday, September 22 between 6:00 and 7:00** to meet your child's teacher. This is an informal event designed to help parents and teachers get to know each other a little better. There is no set time to arrive – any time after the 6:00 start time is fine. We will wrap things up at 7:00 so kids can get to bed and parents can still have some down time. Of course, if you need to see your child's teacher about any matter at any time, please contact the teacher and arrange a meeting.

Rochester Student Leadership Programs well underway

Kids learn to care and the value of giving back to others when they have genuine opportunities to care and help. This is the primary reason why we have student leadership programs. Currently, we have the following leadership teams already functioning, Lunch Monitors, Morning Announcements, Spirit Squad, and Tech Crew. We will soon add Office Monitors, Green Team, Breakfast Buddies, and Fruit and Veggie Team to our ever expanding list of Student Leadership opportunities.

District Wide Professional Day – Friday 23 September

Please note that students are not in session this Friday, 23 September as SD 43 educators are engaged in the first of six Professional days during this school year.

Counsellor's Corner

Do think you have an anxious child?

If you suspect your child is displaying anxiety about social or academic issues at school or elsewhere, an excellent resource is www.anxietybc.com

Of course, you can also contact Lesley Gregorash, our school based counsellor at Rochester. We are here to help.



Rochester Breakfast Buddies

Breakfast Buddies is back this year. We are open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Breakfast Buddies Coordinator Marna Omichinski is always looking for helpers. Please contact her at momichinski@sd43.bc.ca if you can help us build community, one breakfast at a time. Last year more than 7000 breakfasts were served!!

SD 43 Launches new-look websites for all schools

You will find calendar and current event information as well as forms, program information, and supply lists. Go to: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/rochester/Pages/default.aspx>

Medical Alerts/Emergency Forms/Verification Forms:

Please make sure to turn these in to your child's teacher asap.

Also we have just been notified that if your child requires medication to be administered at school such as an epi pen **we now require a new doctors form yearly even if no changes from last year. Please make sure to get this and turn it in to the office asap.**

Before and After School Drop Off

Keeping all our kids safe...

Parking and traffic issues are a concern at every school - too many cars on streets that were not designed to handle modern day volume. Schools on main roads typically deal with speeding vehicles in school zones which are considered "moving violations" and a matter for the RCMP.

Schools tucked away in neighbourhoods, like Rochester, often deal with issues that stem from limited parking space – double parking and parking in non-designated parking areas are common. Our particular traffic concerns are heightened by our odd resident laneway/staff parking area at the back of the school which **is NEVER a PICK UP OR DROP OFF AREA** except for those entitled to use the designated handicapped parking space located off the laneway.

Vehicles stopped in the laneway or any other non-parking area are considered "non-moving" violations and come under the jurisdiction of Coquitlam Bylaw officers. Staff and parents are concerned with the degree and frequency of "non-moving violations" and the continued use of the laneway.

City Bylaws have been alerted to the problems, often, by me and others but the more they hear about concerns the greater their response. Please call Bylaws to report any laneway or other 'non-moving' issues at **604.927.7387**



RPAC

As parents of a Rochester child you are part of the Rochester Parent Advisory Council (RPAC). Our first meeting of the year was on Monday, September 19th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Rochester School Library.

PAC meetings are held monthly during the school year, except for in December and March. Free childcare is provided.

You can find agendas and minutes from past meetings at:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/rochester/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx>

Meetings run from 7:00 – 8:30 in our upper floor library on the following dates:

Mon., Oct 17
Mon., Nov 21
Mon., Jan 16
Mon., Feb 20
Mon., April 10
Mon., May 15th (with AGM)



LOOKING AHEAD...

Thursday 22 Sept.
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Terry Fox Run 1:30
Place Maillard After School Program Registration 3 pm
Meet the Teacher 6:00 – 7:00
Professional Day for Teachers – No students in session

please consult our web site often for a more detailed calendar of events - go to
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/rochester/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

Your RPAC presents:

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHTS

Rochester PAC is pleased to announce that our popular Family Photo Nights are back this year!

Wednesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 27 are our dates!

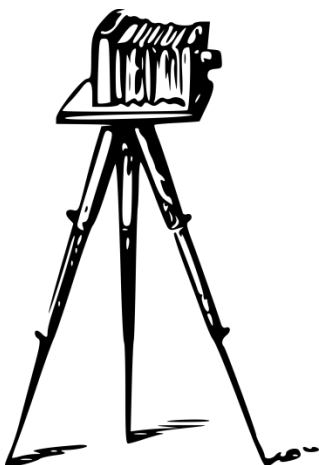
LifeTouch photography can provide your family a 15 minute sitting in the school library, all the proofs, as well as a complementary 8X10 photo of your choosing for just **\$15!**

If you would like to book a sitting, please email rochesterpacchair@gmail.com with the following information:

Family Name:

Rochester student names(s):

Grade(s):



Teacher(s):

Preferred date AND time.

Times for each night begin at 5 pm and are 15 minutes apart (5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, etc.). The last time slot of each evening is 8:45 pm.

With emailing in your information, each email message is time stamped and sitting times will be filled first come, first served. **You will receive email confirmation that you are booked for your requested time.**

This event sells out! Act fast!

Grandparents, other family members, and pets are welcome to the photo shoot!

Please direct any questions to rochesterpacchair@gmail.com with the subject: Photo Night?