



For Thursday, 15 December, 2016

- School Opens Tuesday, January 3rd -

Thank you Rochester Community

Care and Helping Others are core values at Rochester. Our school community certainly "lived" these values over the last few weeks. Thanks to your generosity local charities will receive 139 grocery bags filled with food, toiletries, and toys. Rochester teacher Monica Anderson organized this "campaign of giving" again this year. Thank you Mme. Anderson and thank you community!

We are fortunate to have others in the greater community who are there to help others as well. The Burquitlam Lions donated \$500.00 to support local families while Staples donated \$250.00 worth of gift cards.

On behalf of the Rochester Community, thank you to all of you who helped others.



Rocket's Shine at Sir Charles Best

The Rocket's recent volleyball tournament was a great success. The players had such a great time. Thanks to Mr. Mariotti for his time and energy coaching our players!



From Your RPAC

Just to keep you all in the loop...

We had planned a pretty hectic fall with many fundraisers and we are doing GREAT so far!

We have run the entertainment books, a movie night, family photo nights, A HALLOWE'EN DANCE, Gift cards, QSP Magazines and catalogue, Purdy's chocolates, poinsettias, Excel Martial Arts lunchtime program, and popcorn sales! Plus our current Best Seat in the house raffle for front row seats to the Christmas Concert!

We appreciate any and all support that you were able to give!

AND A HUGE THANK YOU to all our volunteers... we can't do this without your support! Even if it is just one morning of sorting chocolates or one afternoon of selling tickets or making some phone calls as to fundraising options... it is appreciated!

Our planned regular fundraising budget is about \$10,000 each year. This helps fund things like classroom supports and sports equipment and presentations. We are just over half way there for our regular budget items!

We have also added some "extra" fundraisers to help bring back the popular HIP HOP program in the spring. **We are half way to our goal!** We have booked it for May so keep an eye out for our new spring fundraisers to help meet the rest of our goal.

We are planning:

- Neufeld Farms Frozen Food Sale
- Fun Lunch starts - please watch for volunteer opportunities!
- Family Trivia Night! Start talking to others to get your team together now!
- our popular spring plants in time for Mother's day.
- another round of Excel Martial Arts...and of course our regular things like movie nights and more.
- Plus we are planning a Parent Education Night on the New Curriculum.

Don't forget the Boston Pizza fundraiser is ongoing... we just received a cheque for over \$300. When you go to our local Boston Pizza on Lougheed, write Rochester Elementary on your receipt and deposit the receipt in their drop box located at the entrance. A portion of your bill total goes directly back to the school! Super Easy!

We hope you can come out to a meeting and let us know what's on your mind. We only have four more meetings for this year... January 16th February 20th , April 10th and May 15th – all meetings run from 7pm to 830pm at the library with lane parking access from the north side parking lot or the 2nd floor walkway on the south side.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday to you and your family from your Rochester PAC!

Looking ahead...

Tuesday, January 3
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Thursday, January 12
Monday, January 30
Tuesday, January 31, Feb 1,2

School reopens for 2017
Early French Immersion Info Night 7-9pm
Kindergarten French Immersion Reg on-line 9am
Professional Day for teachers, students not in session
English Kindergarten registration



Please check our website for current calendar details often

**The staff at Rochester wishes all of our families
a safe and happy holiday and hope that 2017 will
be your best year
ever!**

