

THE 2 WEEK PEEK



For the Week: October 10 – 13, 2017

Rochester, where Care, Respect, Belonging, and Service to Others are Values that Matter.

Next Professional Day Friday, October 20th

New Report Card Templates this Year

Communicating student learning will include a newly designed SD 43 Formal Report Card template. The new reporting instrument is aligned with recent changes in the BC curriculum and is intended to provide parents with a fuller understanding of their child's progress. You can find sample PDF's of the new report templates on our school website under "School News." We encourage you to view these well before the first formal reporting period in December and to share your feedback with your child's teacher.

We Day is Coming - Empowering a generation of Rochester change-makers

We are sending our entire Spirit Squad Leadership team to the We Day event in Vancouver on **Wednesday, Oct 18!** WE Day is an unparalleled celebration of young people committed to making a difference. *We Schools* is the yearlong program that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create change in their local and global communities. The *We Schools* initiative provides students with the tools and inspiration to take social action, empower others and transform lives – including their own.



To learn more about this incredible event go to the We Day

Vancouver website:

<https://www.we.org/we-day/we-day-events/vancouver/>

Rocket Runners have "Launched"

Students are running and accumulating kilometers at morning Rocket Runners sessions. Parent volunteer coordinators Will Davis and Rachel Dawson are doing a fantastic job making this Rochester favorite happen again this year.



School Closure Days

This year there are a total of six school closure days. Four are attached to the Spring Break period in March, with the other two are in November and February respectively. The dates of these closures changes from one year to the next but have been in place since 2010. At that time, the District embarked on a calendar approval process and invited feedback from parents and other partner groups. The result was a school calendar designed around a consistent 180 instructional days each year with the length of school days adjusted to meet mandated ministry instructional hours. Depending upon the particular calendar year and when Spring Break occurs, there may be one, two or no extra closure days outside of the Spring Break period. This year, there happens to be two days closure days other than at Spring Break. The next closure day is on Friday, November 10. Please note that the following Monday, November 13th is a Provincial Statutory day and schools and government offices are closed.

Breakfast Buddies

Please note that our Buddies program ends at 8:35 and the cleanup begins. Breakfast is no longer served after this time.

Mark Your Calendars

October 16 th	RPAC Meeting at 7 pm
October 19 th	We Day Event
October 20 th	Professional Day – Students not in session
Oct.23 & 24 th	Early Dismissal 2pm
Oct. 25 th & 26 th	Family Photo Night
October 31 st	Halloween Parade (time TBA)
November 3	Grade 5 Fundraiser Lunch – Pizza Day
November 9 th	Rochester Remembers Assembly at 11:00 am
November 10 th	School Closure Day in SD 43
November 13 th	Provincial Statutory Day (schools and government offices closed)

MDI is coming for Grade 4's

The MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) is a self-report survey that is completed by students in grade 4 to gather information about their lives inside and outside of school. To develop a survey that children during the middle-childhood years are able to use to record their perceptions of their own health and well-being, a research team comprised of university researchers and community members reviewed more than 500 measures assessing dimensions of child well-being. The survey uses a developmental assets/strengths-based approach to assess five dimensions of children's psychological and social lives. The five dimensions include: Social and Emotional Development, Connectedness, School Experiences, Physical Health and Well-Being, and Constructive Use of Time.

Rochester grade 4 students will participate in the MDI in early November. This survey is developed by UBC and is not associated with the Ministry of Education's FSA's. A parent information letter will be sent home on Monday.

RPAC Update

Next meeting is Monday, October 16th at 7 pm in the library.

RPAC Fun Event 2nd Annual HALLOWEEN HOWELL is Coming
FRIDAY, OCT 27 6:00-7:30

Rochester Gym Entrance By Donation

Join us for fun, games, 50/50 and dancing. Wear your costumes!

Bring your Loonies and Twoonies for the cake walk and games.

Pizza and snack concession available (while supplies last). Pizza presales available in the morning and afterschool on Oct 27.



We are in need of cupcake and cake donations for the cake walk. We will accept cake/cupcake donations on Oct 27. Please email rochpac@gmail.com or signup at this link <http://signup.com/go/BgrRZwV> if you can help.

We are also looking for INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED candy donations for prizes (nut free, if possible). We will accept candy donations in the office from Oct 16 - Oct 24.

We also need volunteers to help run stations and for clean up at the dance. Please email rochpac@gmail.com or signup at this link <http://signup.com/go/BgrRZwV> if you can help.

If you have any questions or would like to supply any other support or supplies for the dance, please email rochpac@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you all there!



If your child will be absent... please call our office at 604 939 4624 or use the online absence form on our website