

NEWS & EVENTS

January 2011

Kindergarten Information Evening February 7 at 7:00 p.m.—SCHS Auditorium

Save the Dates

International Acacemy Appli-cations Due	Jan. 11
Half Day of School Gr. 6-12; AM Exams	Jan. 26
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Half Day of School Gr. 6-12 AM Exams NO SCHOOL Gr. K—5	Jan. 28
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Second Semes-ter begins	Feb. 1
Superintendent Community Coffee 7—8:30 PM I. A.. Lottery Drawing	Feb. 2
Kindergarten Information Eve-ning @ SCHS	Feb. 7

An Informational Meeting for Parents

February 7, 2011

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Stoney Creek High School Auditorium

**575 E. Tienken Road
Rochester Hills , MI
48306**

On February 7, Rochester Community Schools will host the annual Kindergarten Information Evening, an optional event for parents who have not ever had children enrolled in a Rochester kindergarten.

Parents will learn about a typical kindergarten school day, kindergarten expectations, childcare programs, and options available to the traditional kindergarten day.

This program has become very popular for parents of young children. Parents in attendance will hear presentations from teachers emphasizing what children will learn in kindergarten. The program is designed:

- ◆ For parents who have not had children attend Rochester elementary schools
- ◆ For parents with students entering the Rochester Community Schools Kindergarten program in 2011-2012 (child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2011)
- ◆ To demonstrate how the Rochester Community Schools Early Childhood Program is designed to meet the needs

of young children.

- ◆ To provide information regarding half-day or all day alternate day Kindergarten classes
- ◆ To describe before and after school child-care options
- ◆ There will be a Question and Answer Session.
- ◆ This is informational only - attendance is not mandatory.
- ◆ Kindergarten enrollment will take place the evening of April 14, 2011 at elementary schools.
- ◆ Reservations are not necessary. Child-care will not be available during the program.

Next Community Coffee February 2 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Dave Pruneau will host a Superintendent Community Coffee on Wednesday, February 2 from 7:00—8:30 PM in the Parker Room of the

Administration Center. Parents, students, staff and community members are welcome to stop by for informal conversation with Mr. Pruneau.

Thank you to Oakland Optometry for sponsoring the event.



Open Enrollment Application Period Open Now

The Open Enrollment application period for Rochester Community Schools' District students for the 2011-12 school year runs from **January 3 – 23, 2011**.

Under Open Enrollment, you may apply to have your Rochester Community Schools student attend a Rochester school outside of your assigned attendance area if the receiving school has not reached grade level capacity based on assigned staff.

Transportation is not provided to Open Enrollment building assignments. You must apply during the application period to exercise this option.

Please note that this applies only to students in the Rochester Community Schools attendance area; we

are unable to accept "schools of choice" students from outside of our district.

Determination for Open Enrollment placement will be by lottery.

Priority for available space will be as follows:

1. Siblings of students currently on open enrollment at requested building
2. New applicants

Students currently on open enrollment, who wish to remain at their open enrollment school, will not need to re-apply annually. The student will remain at the open enrollment building unless the office of Student Enrollment is notified, by the parent, to move the student back to the home school.

Applications are available on the Rochester Community Schools web site, in your school office, or from Student Enrollment, located at 501 West University. **On-line applications can be completed and submitted electronically.** Parents using the on-line application will receive an email confirmation of receipt. Notification will be mailed to all applicants in February, 2011.

For further information, please contact the Student Enrollment Office at 248.726.3000.



**The Rochester Schools Foundation,
in memory of Jessica K. Rogers,
proudly presents:**

**The Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Wind and Brass Quintets**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011
7:00—9:00 p.m.**

Rochester Adams High School Auditorium

Please join us for this **free**, uplifting evening of music and instruction. Everyone is welcome. Students can bring their wind or brass instrument and a prepared solo and they may be able to perform their piece during one of the master classes. This program is made possible through a grant from the Jessica K. Rogers Memorial Endowment Fund and the Rochester Community Schools Foundation. Clinics, scholarships and performances to support young musicians, and honor the memory of Jessica, are presented annually.

The quintets are comprised of the principal players in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. These musicians are distinguished ensemble members, accomplished soloists and sought after as clinicians.

There is no charge for the programs, except to bring lots of enthusiasm for listening to the fine music from the professional musicians of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.



SCHS Student Wins Poster Contest

Reid Dickson, a 12th grade graphic design student at Stoney Creek High School, is the winner of the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) annual high school poster contest. Reid has won the grand prize, the Chairmen's Award of \$1,000. The 2011 NAIAS chairman, Barron Meade, and Bill Perkins, vice-chairman, selected the winning entry, which will be printed in the official NAIAS program.

Reid competed against 740 entries from 79 high schools. Established to engage the minds of Michigan's future artists, the 24th annual contest recognizes students from local art communities.

Brewster Girl Scouts Sing for the Needy



On Friday evening, December 3, 2010, the 4th grade Brewster Elementary Girl Scout troop spread some joy to the neighbors in the Georgetown subdivision while bringing joy to those in need. Troop 72588 "caroled for cans" for the Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac. Girls knocked on doors and sang Christmas songs to neighbors in hopes of collecting a few nonperishable goods for those in need this holiday season. Other Rochester Girl Scout troops also caroled for cans that Friday and Saturday evening raising a total of over 900 cans for the Pontiac homeless shelter.

Jennifer Curran, Troop leader 72588 (Brewster Elementary) says, "Way to go girls!" Teresa DiMaria, Principal of Brewster Elementary School said, "I am so very proud of our Brewster students on a daily basis. They have a deep sense of giving and sharing within the community. Our Brewster family excels in so many ways, and generously giving back to the community is just one of our strengths."

RHS Student Selected for the 2011 Michigan All-State High School Band

Congratulations to RHS sophomore Michaella DeRubeis, trombone player and member of the RHS wind Ensemble and Falcon Marching Band. She has been selected, among the finest musicians in the state, to perform in the 2011 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State High School Honors Band on Saturday, January 22, 2011 in Grand Rapids as part of the 6th Annual Michigan Music Conference. Over 2100 students throughout Michigan auditioned for a position in one of only five groups to perform at this prestigious conference. This is Michaella's second time receiving this honor.





North Hill “Botty Builders”

North Hill Elementary School's 5th grade Lego Robotics team put months of hard work to the test when they competed in tournaments in Flint on November 6 and November 20. The team, who call themselves the Botty Builders, did an outstanding job, placing fifth out of 47 in the Robot Performance, competing against 5th through 8th graders. This year's team started to get to work last winter under the guidance of last year's competing team. This fall they struck out on their own when the First Lego League theme for this year's national competition was announced. The theme "Body Forward" focused on the biomedical engineering field so the kids built a custom robot to perform specialized biomedical tasks. The kids learned first hand of real-world engineering challenges, how to apply real-world math and science concepts, critical thinking, team building and presentation skills. Coaches Mrs. Grenier and her husband, and Mrs. Mack volunteered many hours to offer this great program during after school hours, for which we are very appreciative. The program is amazing in the experience it brings to the students.

Superintendent Search Update

As announced in previous Board communications, RCS Superintendent Dave Pruneau will be retiring after the 2010-11 school year. The Board has engaged School Exec Connect, an educational search firm, to assist us in finding our new superintendent. Please click [here](#) between now and January 31, 2011 to give your input to the Board of Education by participating in an on-line survey. This survey, found through a link on our district's website at www.rochester.k12.mi.us, only requires a few minutes of your time and will assist us as we build the profile of our next leader. Our most important consideration is securing the strongest candidate pool, and ultimately the best person to lead our district. The Board plans to name a superintendent at its April 11, 2011 board meeting and the new superintendent will assume duties on July 1, 2011.



AHS German Students Travel to Chicago

37 German students at Adams High School visited Chicago on December 9-10 to attend the German Christmas Market at Daley Plaza. Students explored the market and spoke with the vendors from Germany. Students also ate lunch at a traditional German restaurant, spent the night in a youth hostel, and attended a performance of the musical *Wicked*.



College Ready. Career Ready.
Life Ready

Rachel's Challenge Chain Links Club at Hart Middle School



The Rachel's Challenge Chain Links Club enjoyed a festive get-together during their last regular meeting of December. The group is working on several projects and initiatives to influence positive change in school culture throughout the building. They have been working hard to welcome new students, be a first initiator, provide support for students and show appreciation for teachers, as well as brainstorm new ideas and promote the club. The students enjoyed time to gather to socialize, feast, and enjoy each other's company.

Friends of Rachel at ACE

The Friends of Rachel Club at ACE High School organized a canned food drive the week of December 6, 2010. This competition between 1st hours brought in over 500 canned food goods. The winning class, Mr. Fosnaugh's 1st hour, brought in 133 cans! ACE students also had a Penny War among the classes to raise money to purchase blankets. All donations were taken to The Neighborhood House.



Brewster Elementary Celebrates Career Day

Brewster Elementary School students in grades three through five participated in Career Day on Friday, November 5, 2010. The Michigan State Board of Education declared November to be Career Development Month and this is the 10th year that Brewster students have had a Career Day. Our students participated in a conference type format that exposed the children to a variety of careers and the educational preparation necessary for them. Students rotated through four, 30 minute sessions of their selection in multi-age groupings.



Long Meadow Students Help the Needy

Long Meadow Elementary students and families pulled together to spread joy this holiday season by participating in the school's "Giving Tree" program with charitable contributions to the Rochester Area Neighborhood House (RANH). During the month-long effort, students fulfilled the wishes of local families by providing donations that included toys, clothing, outerwear, food, money and gift cards. In all, their generosity will help make the holidays brighter for 200 kids. Long Meadow PTA volunteer and Giving Tree coordinator Lianne Clenart was amazed at the outpour-

ing of kindness, "The Long Meadow families were wonderfully generous, many gave more than the child had asked for!"

Musson Student Council Ducks Walk

Musson Elementary Student Council members bundled up to walk in the annual Rochester Christmas Parade, held December 5. They were part of the Make A Wish Foundation's float that was promoting the Duck Race located in the Rochester Municipal Park each spring. The Duck Race helps raise funds to grant wishes to children with life threatening illnesses.



AHS Students are Finalists in ACLU Essay Contest

Congratulations to four Adams High School Government students who were finalists in the ACLU Essay Contest. Pictured from left to right are: Juniors Cailin Buchanan and Amy Heidel, and Seniors Sean Geraci and Ayaz Khan. Adams was well represented by having 4 out of the top 10 Finalists. This year's topic pertained to Immigration and the Bill of Rights. The four were honored at a reception held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Greg Clevenger is their Government Teacher.



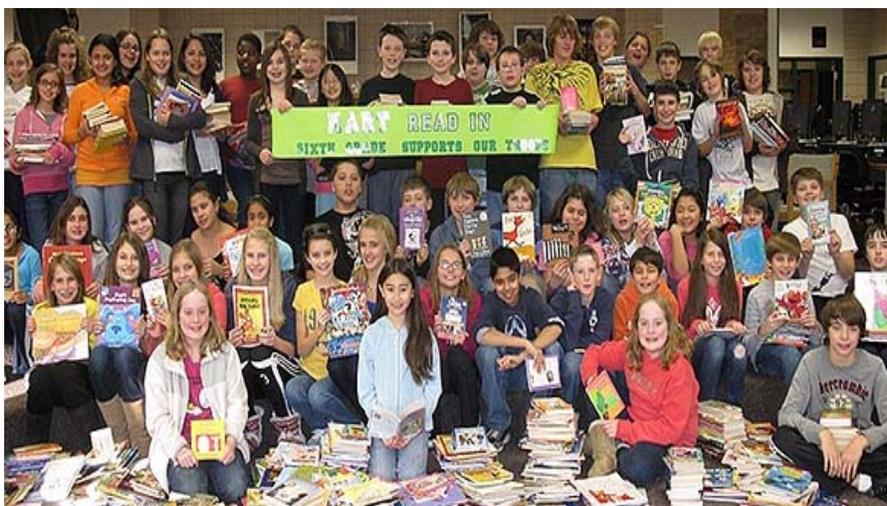
Congratulations to RHS Business Professionals of America!

Twenty-six students competed at the Regional Conference at Baker College on January 6, 2011. The following is a list of winners from the competition. Nineteen RHS students have qualified to attend the BPA State Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 24–27, 2011: Nathaniel Beutler, Vikranth Cherukuri, Emily Hayward, Thomas Hayward, Angela Herman, Taylor Holmes, Tina Ip, Alice Lalone, Hannah Lee, Lauren Lucas, Will Miannecki, Ani Mayasandra, Vishal Modi, Laura Tack, and Wilson Wong; pictured is the qualifying 1st Place Small Business Management Team of Jasmine Sholapurwalla, Christina Wong, Lucy Chen, and Han Yu. Way to go, RHS!

Hart Middle School Hosts Read In

The sixth grade language arts classes at Hart Middle School recently celebrated their love of reading by participating in a read in to support the student council project of Books for Troops.

The sixth graders donated over 1200 new and gently used books that will be sent to the sol-



diers overseas. Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Lane, the student council sponsors, explained that the troops do not have access to book stores. With these books, the soldiers can personalize them and send the books home to loved ones.



Rochester Community Schools Foundation and Big Boy Restaurants Team Up to Raise Funds for Schools in December

The Rochester Community Schools Foundation and the Big Boy Restaurant on Tienken and Rochester Road are partnering to sponsor Celebrity Server Night . Volunteers from the school groups serve as waitstaff from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. during the Celebrity Server Event.

On January 25 RACE will participate in Celebrity Server Night.

On February 15, North Hill will host.

These groups will receive all tips from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. as well as 10% of the sales. Please stop by to support them!

Contact the Foundation Office at 248.726.3190 for more information on the Celebrity Server program for Rochester Community Schools.



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Meeting Dates for 2010-11

July 26
August 9 and 23
September 13 and 27
October 4 and 18
November 1 and 22
December 13 (cancelled)
January 10 and 24
February 14
March 7 and 21
April 11 and 25
May 9 and 23
June 13 and 27

Board of Education meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrison Room of the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center 501 W. University Drive Rochester, MI 48307

Agendas and Minutes of the board meetings are posted on the Rochester Community Schools website at www.rochester.k12.mi.us

Videotapes of Board of Education meetings are rebroadcast on our community access cable television channels: WOW 15 and Comcast on Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend Board of Education meetings. The Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on education matters. During the meetings, there will be designated times for members of the public to express themselves on issues relating to the school district.