



NEWS & EVENTS

April 2011

2011-12 Kindergarten Enrollment Information

Save the Dates

Rochester Community Schools will hold a kindergarten enrollment evening on April 14. Parents should attend the event at the district elementary school their child will attend in the fall.

A child is eligible for kindergarten for the 2011-12 school year if he or she will be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2011.

Documentation is required for enrollment in Rochester Community Schools. All documentation must be in English, or a certified translation provided.

Parents must provide:

- ◆ Child's original certified birth certificate
- ◆ Proof of residency: Closing statement and current utility bill; current property tax statement and current utility bill; current lease/rental agreement and utility bill
- ◆ Immunization records
- ◆ Vision screening results
- ◆ Parent picture identification
- ◆ If there are custody restrictions, please bring that documentation with you.

If you are unable to attend, you may enroll your child at the Student Enrollment Office, 501 W. University Drive, after April 14. Hours are 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration Evening	Apr. 14
Evening Parent Conferences Gr. K-5	Apr. 20
No School Gr. K-12	Apr. 22
Board of Education Meeting, 7 PM	Apr. 25
Evening Parent Conferences Gr. K-5	Apr. 26
Authors in April in May Dinner Banquet	May 3
Superintendent Community Coffee 7-8:30 PM	May 4
No School for Students Gr. K-12 Professional Development Board of Education Meeting 7 PM	May 9

District Reflections Ceremony

PTA Council is proud to honor 86 students for their artistic abilities at this year's District Reflections Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 20. More than 440 students from all 20 Rochester Community Schools created art inspired by this year's theme, "Together We can..."

The top four entries from each high school and middle school and the top two entries from two separate divisions from the 13 RCS elementary schools advance to the district level. The pieces are then judged based on interpretation of Theme, Artistic Merit/Creativity, and Mastery of Medium. All entries submitted to the District also go to the Michigan PTSA for judging at the state level.

Reflections is a National PTA program designed to enhance a quality arts education and provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Students in pre-school through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in the following six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and the visual arts.

Next Community Coffee May 4 at 7:00 PM

Mr. Dave Pruneau will host a Superintendent Community Coffee on Wednesday, May 4 from 7—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.



Meadow Brook Helps Support Eagle Cam

Student Council members at Meadow Brook Elementary held a green bagel sale, not just for St. Patrick's Day, but to raise funds for the Norfolk Botanical Garden in Norfolk, Virginia. The Botanical Garden has a live webcam of eagles and their recently hatched eggs. The students have been watching this pair of eagles hatch their young ones and reading all the comments from people all over the world. The live Eagle Cam can be viewed at: <http://www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/e-community/eagle-cam>.



McGregor Elementary Builds Bird Houses

EarthWatch is a group of McGregor Elementary students who meet weekly to work on environmental issues. Students met on March 3rd to assemble birdhouses, with the help of bird enthusiast Gene Wasserman, of Haslett. Mr. Wasserman returned to McGregor on March 17th to help the EarthWatch team hang the birdhouses on the school grounds. The birdhouse project is one of many activities that will help McGregor become an official "Michigan Green School."



The Grizz Visits Baldwin

Baldwin Elementary School third-grade students enjoyed a visit on Friday, March 18 from "The Grizz," Oakland University's mascot. The Grizz read to the students and donated a book to the class in honor of "March is Reading Month."



HAMPTON PLAYS HOST...

...to The Grizz

The Grizz from Oakland University stopped by Hampton Elementary recently to help promote March is Reading Month with the kindergarten and first-grade students.



...and Mayor Barnett

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett stopped by Hampton Elementary recently to help promote March is Reading Month with the second and third grade students. A great time was had by all!



March is Reading Month at Delta Kelly Elementary

Continuing their March is Reading Month theme of "Reading Rocks", the students and staff of Delta Kelly held a schoolwide Read-In on Friday, March 25. At 10:45 a.m. almost 600 kindergarten through fifth graders, along with their teachers and paraprofessionals, lined the hallways and read silently for fifteen minutes. March is Reading Month culminated with a school-wide pajama day and reading celebration assembly. At Delta Kelly, Reading Rocks!



Meadow Brook Elementary Student's Grandfather Honored

On Thursday, March 17 at Meadow Brook Elementary School the Veteran's of Foreign Wars presented a third grader in Mrs. Keith's classroom with a memorial brick engraved with his grandfather's name, who was a Korean War Veteran. The brick will be placed on the walkway at the Veteran's Memorial in Rochester Hills before Memorial Day.





Baldwin Takes a Minute to Win It

Baldwin Elementary School celebrated "March is Reading Month" by having a vocabulary parade and a school assembly. Students and teachers from each grade participated in our Baldwin version of the game "Minute to Win It!". Participants dressed up in costumes to interpret a "new word." We learned many new words and their definitions. A great time was had by all!

Hart Middle School Student Earns Art Award

Hart Middle School is proud to announce that for the first time in school history, a Hart student won a National Silver Medal from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Rebecca was awarded a National Silver Medal after receiving a Gold Key in the Wayne and Oakland County Regional Scholastic competition. From the regional competition, her work was submitted to be adjudicated in New York in the national competition. The award ceremony for National Medal winners will be held at Carnegie Hall May 31st, 2011. Congratulations, Becca!



Reuther Hosts 3rd Annual Read-A-Latte

Over 130 incoming 5th graders and their parents attended Reuther's Read-a-Latte on March 23rd. The event allowed new students to experience the middle school atmosphere during the school day while also celebrating Reading Month. Activities included tours of the building, raffles, light refreshments, staff member introductions, an overview of reading initiatives at Reuther, and a spirited visit by the Reuther Crusader mascot. Reuther thanks its feeder schools for helping to promote such a positive program.



A Case For Smiles

The Rachel's Challenge Chain Links Club from Van Hoosen Middle School organized a Conkerr Cancer pillowcase making event and sewed over 120 pillowcases. Claire Kruse, Media Specialist, discovered Conkerr Cancer and immediately wanted to coordinate such an event. "I love to sew and thought this would be a great way to introduce the kids to sewing and give back to our community at the same time," said Ms. Kruse.

The club challenged their classmates to make 100 pillow cases. Parents, students and faculty overwhelmingly supported the clubs efforts by donating fabric and volunteering their time. With ten sewing machines buzzing, the Van Hoosen Media Center was transformed in to a pillowcase factory. Past, present and future students started with fabric

pieces and managed to cut, sew, and press their fabric into cheery masterpieces! The pillowcases from Van Hoosen will be donated to Children's Hospital of Detroit and Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The mission of Conkerr Cancer is to help children feel special while battling life changing illnesses.

They have recruited thousands of volunteers to sew and donate over 300,000 cheerful pillowcases to sick children in hospitals across the country.

For more information on Conkerr Cancer visit www.conkerrcancer.org.



REUTHER TAKES AWARDS AT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

More than 1,000 middle and high school students, coaches, parents, teachers, and community volunteers attended the Oakland County Science Olympiad Regional Tournament at Oakland University on Saturday, March 26th. The tournament, held in connection with Science Olympiad Tournaments across the U.S., is an academic interscholastic competition designed to bolster student interest in science and engineering.

Middle school and high school teams competed in 50 individual and team events. Reuther Middle School students took home 5 medals and 15 ribbons at the competition. Congratulations, Reuther!



Reuther Basketball Team Finishes Successful Season

The Reuther Middle School 8th grade boys basketball team completed a very successful season. The team captured a share (with Van Hoosen) of its third City Championship in the last 8 years. The team posted an 8 and 3 overall record and went 4 and 2 in the City Standings. The team lost two of its first three games against city opponents this season. Reuther put it all together, winning 5 of their last 6 games, including key wins over Hart, West, and Van Hoosen in succession.



Rochester United Skaters Qualify for State Championship

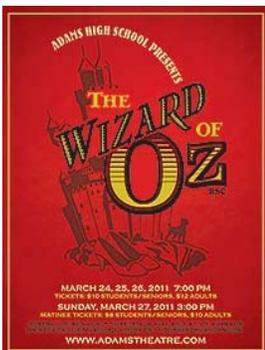


The Rochester United Level A figure skating team finished their season with a solid performance earning them 5th place and 31 total points. The Rochester United Level B team placed 2nd with total score of 42 points giving themselves the opportunity to compete in the Michigan High School State Championships in Ann Arbor on March 26th.

The team combines the skating talents of students from all three Rochester High Schools. The main focus for the skaters this year was to develop a strong camaraderie, which they accomplished while adding some extra "flair," earning themselves a spot to compete in the State Championship!

Wizard of Oz A Success!

Congratulations to the directors, cast and crew of the Adams High School production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The musical was very well received with evening and matinee performances being "sold-out." This production, as with all of the musical productions at AHS, was a collaboration of the instrumental, choral and theatre departments along with "munchkins" from VanHoosen Middle School and Delta Kelley Elementary. Thank you to the Rochester Community for your continual support of the performing arts at Adams High School.



Adams High School Celebrates Foreign Language Week



Adams High School celebrated Foreign Language Week March 7-11, and this year's theme was "The World in Detroit." Over 900 students learned about the history of Detroit and the impact and importance of different ethnic groups around our region. On Friday we continued our 9 year tradition of capping off the week with a fundraiser. For the 5th year in a row we worked with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. We had over 120 students and teachers participate in a 12 hour fast - and over \$5,500 was raised.



Stoney Creek High School to Present "Good News!"

Stoney Creek High School will present their spring musical, GOOD NEWS!, April 29 & 30, and May 6th & 7th in the Stoney Creek auditorium. Show times are 7:00 PM.

Tickets are available during the school day in the SCHS front office. Tickets may also be purchased at the show one hour before show time at the ticket office.

AHS Art Students Honor Teachers

Adams High School art students were asked to select a faculty member they felt had made a lasting impression on them, and to honor him/her with a portrait. The students focused on trying to capture the essence of each unique personality as they created a charcoal drawing on colored paper.



Stoney Creek High School Art Students Honored

Congratulations to four art students from Stoney Creek High School who earned National Scholastic Art Awards. From left to right: Sara Harbin : individual gold award for photography; Mandy Hess : gold photo portfolio (1 of only 16 gold awards given, \$10,000 scholarship); Katie Doyle : silver art portfolio; Audrey Benjaminsen : silver art portfolio.

The Scholastic Awards began with over 185,000 individual entries and over 8000 portfolio entries. The award ceremony will be held on May 31st at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Sara and Mandy will have their work hanging in the national show in New York.



Hometown Hustle Planned for May 7

The Rochester Community Schools Foundation is sponsoring its 6th 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, May 7, 2011 to support educational programs and services in Rochester Community Schools.

Serious runners as well as casual walkers will all enjoy this event. The “Hometown Hustle” will begin at the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center at 501 W. University and go around the Rochester Municipal Park, up the Paint Creek Trail into downtown Rochester, wind along the Clinton River Trail and end up back at the Administration Center. **Runners will be chip-timed!**

Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. with start time at 8:30 a.m.

Be sure to register now to enjoy the sights and variety of settings that make Rochester such a great place to live, work and play. Gather your family and friends and come out for a morning of good fun and healthy activity, in support of the students in Rochester Community Schools!

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. Please call the Rochester Community Schools Foundation Office at 248.726.3190 for more information.





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

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 **May 10** The Rochester High Robotics Team will participate in Celebrity Server Night.

This group 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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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.

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
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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.