



MAY 2012

[www.rochesterschools.com/Allen/index.html](http://www.rochesterschools.com/Allen/index.html)



## WAS PRIDE DAY MAY 19

*Mark your calendars now for our first William Allen School Pride Day on Saturday, May 19 at gam! We are proud of our school and would like to show it by sprucing it up a bit, but we need your help! Please join us as we come together as a school community to enhance the school grounds. Stay tuned for more details.*

### Ongoing Happenings:

- 🕒 School Store: Tuesdays 8-8:25am
- 🕒 School Bank: Tuesdays 1:30pm
- 🕒 Beg. Band Rehearsal: May 1 & 8 4-5pm @ RMS
- 🕒 Jump Rope: Wed 7:45-8:25am; ends May 16
- 🕒 Adv. Band Rehearsal: May 3 & 9 4-5pm @ RMS
- 🕒 Chorus: Thu & Fri 8:15-8:45am; ends May 18
- 🕒 25¢ Popcorn Fridays: May 4 & 18
- 🕒 PTA Mtg.: To be determined

### Don't Forget:

- May 11 Term 4 Progress Reports sent home
- May 16 Early Release 1:15pm
- May 28 No School Memorial Day




### In the Spotlight:

- ☺ The May 1 PTA meeting has been canceled. It has yet to be determined if the meeting will be rescheduled for later in the month. We will keep you informed. The June PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30pm.
- ☺ The WAS Spring Concert for chorus, band and third graders will be on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.
- ☺ The WAS Geography Bee Finals will be on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30pm in the gym. The finals will be divided into three separate Bees: Kindergarten & Grade 1; Grade 2 & 3; Grade 4 & 5. There will be three winners from each Bee. Good luck participants!
- ☺ The Elementary Band Spring Concert will be on Thursday, May 10 at 7pm in the SHS auditorium. Students need to arrive at 6pm. There are mandatory rehearsals at SHS on Tuesday, May 8 4-5pm for Beginning Band and on Wednesday, May 9 4-5pm for Advanced Band.
- ☺ Parents/guardians of kindergartners, join Principal Chris Foley and Asst. Principal Kat Crosby on Friday, May 18 9-10am for Kindergarten Mugs & Munchkins. Students will bring home personal invitations to their families. This is a great opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions to administrators. We highly encourage your participation!
- ☺ The Chorus Step-Up Concert for elementary and grade 6 chorus will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 7pm in the Rochester Middle School gym. Students need to arrive at 5:30pm for rehearsal.
- ☺ Our school Field Day will be on Wednesday, May 23 9am-1pm at the Spaulding High School track. Parents are welcome to join us at the high school to cheer on and support students!
- ☺ Join us for our annual May Extravaganza on Wednesday, May 30 4-7pm. There will be many fun activities and a cookout for the entire family to enjoy! The Spring Book Fair will be open 4-7pm.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

You need to call the school office when your child is going to be absent. You can call the office anytime day or night to let us know your child's name and teacher.




 332-2280



MAY 2012

[www.rochesterschools.com/Allen/index.html](http://www.rochesterschools.com/Allen/index.html)

## Things you should know...

- ☞ **Testing...1, 2, 3!** Students will be doing a lot of testing this month. NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments in reading and math are scheduled for students in grades 2 - 5 this month. Grade 4 students are also scheduled for NECAP assessments in science. Teachers will communicate their class testing schedules so you can be sure students get plenty of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on testing days. 
- ☞ **Weekly Physical Education classes** will be going outside for classes beginning the week of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Students should dress accordingly on the days their class has Physical Education as a special. Students are advised to wear sneakers. Sandals and flip-flops are not appropriate as they are not safe for the activities performed. Physical Education classes will be practicing Field Day activities the first two weeks of May, weather permitting, in preparation for our school Field Day on May 30. 
- ☞ The Rochester School Department in collaboration with the Title 1 Parent Involvement Team is excited to offer a hands-on **iPad Parent Workshop**. "iPad, iLearn, Come See What iDo" will demonstrate some of the iPad applications your children are using in school. The workshop will be held at WAS on Tuesday, May 8 6:30-7:30pm. Spaces are limited. Registration closes on May 3. The [Registration Form](#) was sent home with students and can also be found on our Family Connection website. 



Join the fifth grade class on Sunday, May 6 at Studley's Flower & Garden Center 10am-2pm for the **Fifth Grade Fun Day Spring Fundraiser**. Pick up your pre-ordered plants and flowers and your name will be put in a prize drawing. Don't fret if you didn't place an order, there will be wonderful selections of plants and flowers to purchase. A portion of all garden center sales will go WAS fifth grade. Our very own DJ Bob will be spinning some music from 11am-1pm. Principal Chris Foley and Mayor T.J. Jean will be flipping burgers and grilling hotdogs. We'll have karaoke, face and nail painting and lots more fun activities. Move over to the Spaulding Steak & Ale at the Governor's Inn beginning at 4pm for ½ price appetizers.



## SPIRIT WEEK

Please note our spirit week has been moved from the week of May 29 to the week of June 4. Look for a flyer in the coming weeks with the details on this fun week to celebrate and show our school pride!

### PTA STAFF/TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 7 - 11

Contact Amy Malone at 534-9951 or [amymalone78@gmail.com](mailto:amymalone78@gmail.com). Go to the [WAS PTA website](#) for details on the schedule of events for the week.

## Scholastic Spring Book Fair

Tue	May 29	9am - 2pm
Wed	May 30	9am - 2pm 4pm - 7pm
Thu	May 31	9am - 2pm
Fri	Jun 1	9am - 2pm

Details will be sent home in the coming weeks including a preview of some of the books. Contact Mrs. Price at [price.s@rochesterschools.com](mailto:price.s@rochesterschools.com) or 332-2280 if you are available to help with the book fair.



## Monthly Math Blurb

The Fact Fluency Olympics are over; however, the effects are being felt as students gear up for the end of school year assessments. Students are reporting that they feel more confident in their math skills and are proud of the level of proficiency they have achieved. Way to go Rochester Elementary students! Remember...*"Practice makes proficient, so keep on practicing!"* Keep up the good work!



## KNICK-KNACKS...

- Rochester School Department is holding a Parent Kindergarten Readiness Event on Tuesday, May 15 at McClelland Elementary School 6-7:30pm. Help prepare yourself and your child for kindergarten. Childcare is provided. RSVP to Elaine Craigie at [craigie.e@rochesterschools.com](mailto:craigie.e@rochesterschools.com) or 332-3678.
- The Wednesday AM Jump Rope Club will be concluding this month. The last day of Jump Rope Club will be Wednesday, May 16th. Thank you to all students who participated! All Jump Rope Clubs in Rochester are invited to attend the Jump Rope Club Friends & Family Night on Thursday, May 24 at 7pm at Gonic School to perform routines. Contact Steve Hyzer for more info.
- The last week of afterschool Band Rehearsals for Beginning and Advanced band is the week of May 7. Band lessons during school will continue. Students should continue to bring their instruments to school on scheduled lesson days.

## 2012 ARTFEST ROCHESTER LILAC MALL WEEK OF MAY 14

Student artwork from all Rochester Schools will be on display including our very own talented artists from William Allen School.



## Looking Ahead...



- Jun 5 PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- Jun 7 Gr. 5 Step-Up Day @ RMS
- Jun 8 Gr. 5 Step-Up Day Follow Up  
Adv. Band Canobie Lake Field Trip  
4:30-10:30pm
- Jun 11 City Track Meet @ SHS 5-8pm
- Jun 13 Honors Breakfast 8:45-9:30am  
Summer Reading Kickoff 10-11am
- Jun 14 School Mtg. & Awards Assembly  
9-10am

## WAS on the Web...



Check your child's [classroom website](#) for weekly updates. Don't forget to look at our [Family Connection](#) website updated weekly with important school information. Bookmark these two sites and be an informed WAS parent!

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." Jacqueline Kennedy