

— August 29, 2024 —

Rochester School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 29 - First Day
- September 2 - Labour Day (No School)
- September 10 - Soccer Fun Day (Grades 1-6)
- September 11 - Meet the Staff BBQ
- September 20 - Terry Fox Run and Pancake Breakfast
- September 27 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Focus (Orange Shirt Day)
- October 10 - Day of Thanks
- October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- October 15 - PD Day (No School)
- October 18 - Family Breakfast

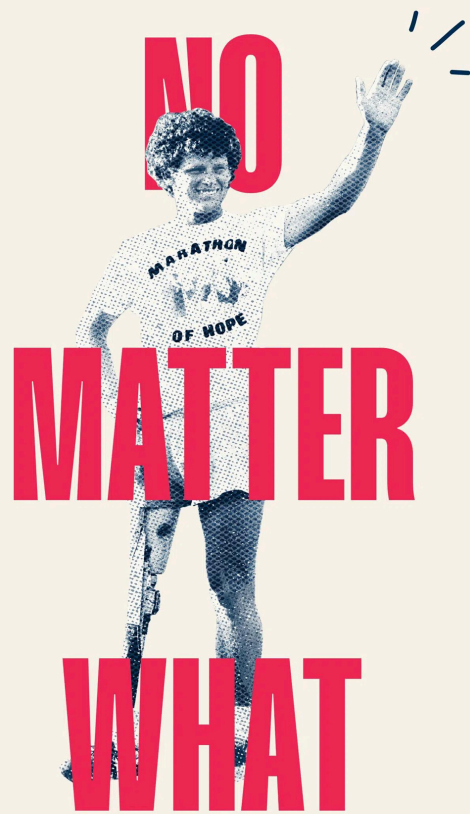
Welcome Back!

Elizabeth Siemens, Principal

Welcome back to Rochester School for the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to see the students back in the halls.

The theme for this year is Transition and Celebration. As this is the last year for Rochester School, we will work hard to prepare students for their transition to a new school next year and take time to celebrate our last year together. Communication is the foundation on which this focus will be built. Feel free to reach out at any time by phone and email. You are also welcome to make an appointment to talk in person. To provide more opportunities for communication, we will be offering Family Breakfasts as opportunities for us to gather together and check-in with families.

Over the school year, students will be given access and time to interact with their designated school for the 2025-2026 school year. This will allow students to start building relationships with students and staff. To celebrate, we will be bringing special events to Rochester School and participating in various field trips. It will be a year to remember!



Terry Believed in a world
without cancer

Terry Fox School Run

Terry Fox Run and Pancake Breakfast

Community, family and friends are welcome to join Rochester School on their annual Terry Fox Run and Pancake Breakfast September 20, 2024. Breakfast will start at 8:30 AM. Donations for the breakfast will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation which supports cancer research.

If you are interested in helping make breakfast, please contact the school office!

School Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

School Days

Office Phone Number

780-698-3970

School Email

rochester@asperview.org

Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media - Definitions

- Personal mobile devices include any electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet. It includes cellphones, tablets, laptops/Chromebooks, smartwatches, or other devices or gaming systems.
- Social media refers to websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking (for example, make comments or chat).



Procedure Regarding Personal Mobile Devices at Rochester School

Aspen View Public Schools is developing a division Administrative Procedure regarding Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media. In the meantime, following the Ministerial Order from June 17, 2024, Rochester school will use the following Procedure for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.



1. Personal mobile devices are valuable. The owner or user is responsible for their security or storage. Rochester School and Aspen View Public Schools assume no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair, or replacement of these devices.
2. Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices during instructional time.
 - a. Exemptions to this will be determined by the principal or designate and will be for health or medical reasons, or to support special learning needs.
3. Students in kindergarten to grade 6 will not be given any time during the school day to spend on personal mobile devices.
4. Students in grades 7 to 9 **may** be provided limited designated time to use personal mobile devices as determined by their teacher, but not during lunch or recess.
5. During the school day, personal mobile devices must be kept silent (including no vibration) or powered off and stored in their locker or backpack, but not within reach.
6. Students may not use breaks between classes or during classes to use a device, this is still instructional time.

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Social Media

Aspen View Public Schools' publicly accessible wireless network will be configured to block access to social media websites and applications as defined by the division's web filter system.



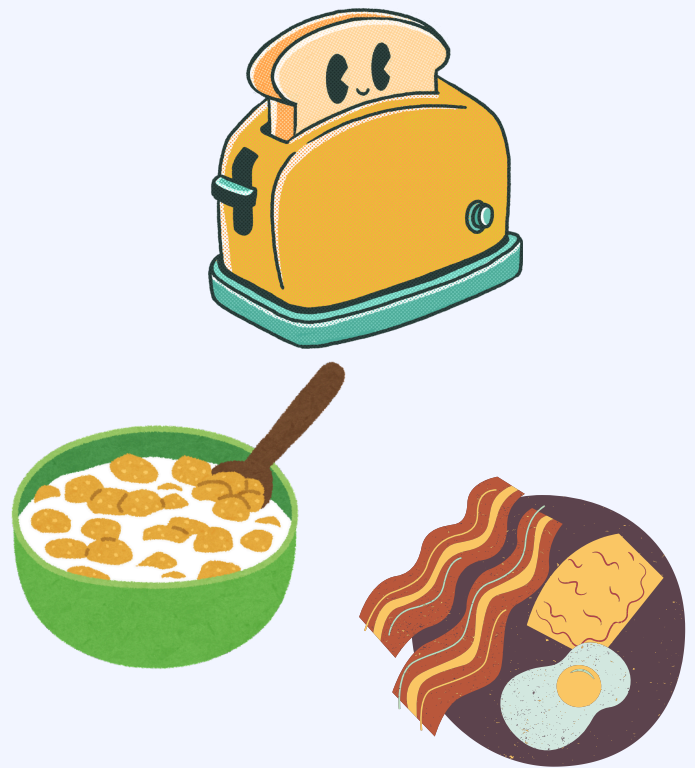
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Failure to comply with the procedure as outlined will result in the following:

1. First offence—The student's personal mobile device will be confiscated and stored securely in the school office. The teacher will advise the student's parent/guardian by phone or email. The student can retrieve the device at the end of the day (just before buses leave). A note will be entered into the system by the teacher or administrator by the end of the day. Note: The student will not be reminded to pick up their device before leaving school.
2. Second offence—The student's personal mobile device will be confiscated and stored securely in the school office. The teacher will advise the student's parent/guardian by phone or email. The student's parent/guardian can retrieve the device as early as the end of the school day. A note will be entered into the system by the teacher or administrator by the end of the day.
3. Third and subsequent offence—The consequences will follow #2 above, plus progressive discipline as laid out in *Administrative Procedure 355: Student Code of Conduct and Discipline*.

Family Breakfast

Immediate families are invited to Rochester School for a Family Breakfast on October 18, 2024. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. Following breakfast, the school will provide some highlights from the first few weeks of school and give time to answer questions or concerns parents/guardians may have regarding transition or celebration. Prior to the event, we will send home a form where you can indicate whether you can attend and how many we will expect.



Bus Notes

Please contact the office by phone or email by 2:00 pm if your child is not taking the bus home after school.