

Annual Report of the Rochester Memorial School Principal
January 2023

The community's support of our school has always been immense and we are reminded of this as we arrive to such a state-of-the-art facility and grounds on a daily basis. With this continued support, we are pleased to see our student enrollment figures increasing each year. This school year our current student enrollment grades PK-6 is approximately 500 students.

The start to this school year has been fast paced but full of exciting work as we are all thrilled to be fully back in school under pre-pandemic routines. Our students and staff commitment to our C.A.R.E.S. motto has been on full display as we all understand the importance Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-Control play in ensuring that our school environment is safe and built on student learning, growth and development both socially and academically.

We would like to introduce our community to the new staff members joining us here at Rochester Memorial for the 2022-2023 school year. We welcome aboard two new general educators with Mrs. Anne Realini joining our grade 2 team, Mrs. Kathryn Koepfel joining our grade 4 team, Mrs. Jenn Hunter joining our grade 3 team, Mrs. Kaitlin Laprise is our new instrumental music teacher and Ms. Fatima Pimentel is joining our cafeteria team as the new 3-hour cook.

In ensuring that we utilize best practice in our classrooms as well as across the building that connect to our school improvement and district strategic plans, we have implemented the following school wide goals:

- Rochester Memorial students will continue to engage in instructional practices that include Global Citizenship, 21st Century Skills and Project Based Learning.
- We have transformed our traditional computer lab to a full hands-on STEAM Lab where students are engaged in experiences that focus on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. This was made possible due to the acquisition of Chromebooks or iPads for all students K-6 in order to implement a 1:1 student to device ratio as well as through planning/design from our STEAM specialist.
- The Rochester Memorial School PTO purchased a new book vending machine that allows our staff and families to collaborate through a focus on increasing students daily reading. Individual student and classroom goals were created to allow students to earn tokens to the book vending machine based on the number of minutes they read each month.
- We are excited with the addition of our new Promethean Boards. Our technology team programmed and delivered these new interactive boards to all classrooms, specialists' areas and support staff offices. We are extremely fortunate to have the support of our community in ensuring that our school is equipped with the latest 21st century technology.

As we look to the future here at RMS, we keep in mind our mission to inspire all children to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care. As a school community we focus daily on our school rules; take CARE of yourself, take CARE of others and take CARE of our school environment. These rules allow us to fulfill the great expectations that we all have come to expect from the Rochester Memorial School.

Sincerely,
Derek J. Medeiros
Principal