



50 of the coolest winter science experiments and activities



Mark Your Calendar

- January 5th (Monday) - **RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- January 14th - Report Cards
- January 16th - Kindergarten is wrapping up their Kings & Queens unit with a **Royal Tea Party** - students are invited to *wear fancy clothes to celebrate*
- January 19th - 100th day of school (dress up if you'd like to join in the fun)
- **January 30th - Mrs. Leslie's birthday!!! SHE LOVES MILK DUDS!**
- January 30th - Zebra Zone

January breakfast and lunch menu



Reminders

1. "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY UNPLANNED DISMISSAL"

As we are beginning a time of potentially inclement weather, we recommend you confirm you students "in case of emergency unplanned dismissal" transportation option. Please call the office, 574-223-2501, if you have any questions.



2. TIME TO ORDER YOUR 2025-2026 YEARBOOK

<https://shop.memorybook.com/>

School Code: 246727M

All users will have to register the first time they access the site.



3. BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

If we have a 2 hour delay and then get the call that school has been closed, students will need to be picked up within 30 minutes of the closure. There is no childcare at Columbia on days when school is closed. During Winter Break we do not offer childcare.



4. FIRST GRADE ROLLER SKATING

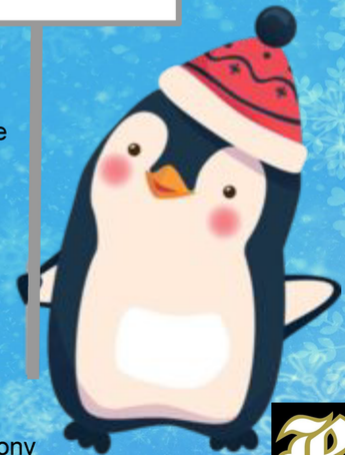
During gym class after we return from Winter Break. Please make sure you have signed and sent in the skating permission slip! If you have any questions please reach out to Kristen.jana@zebras.net



RCSC Inclement Weather Days

The following resources will be utilized to notify parents/guardians and the community of school closure due to inclement weather:

- School Reach Phone Calls
- RCSC Website www.zebras.net
- Facebook (Rochester High School, Rochester Middle School, Riddle Elementary, Columbia Elementary School)
- @RHSZebras & @RMSZebras on X
- rochester_zebras on Instagram
- WROI 92.1 FM
- WSBT
- WNDU



Contact your building secretary or log in to your student's Harmony account to sign up for School Reach alert phone calls.



Pay preschool tuition - due the 1st of each month

JANUARY 2026 | Chameleon

CREATIVITY

Using your imagination to
do something unique



A Note from Nurse Leigh



While Groundhog's Day is coming up to tell us if we have 6 more weeks of winter, we know that the frigid temperatures will be here for a little while longer. This is a gentle reminder to send boots, hats, scarves, and gloves for your child and to dress them in layers.

Please send a clean change of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear) for your student to keep in their backpacks or classrooms for the off-chance that their pants or shirt gets wet at lunch, recess, or from a potty accident. Our emergency closet is a bit scarce in the more common sizes. Parents/guardians will be notified to bring clothes in for their child if we do not have anything in their size to keep them in dry clothes.

RSV, influenza, and Covid are possible illnesses that start to spike this time of the year. Keep hand hygiene at the forefront of your mind. If you think your child is ill, please keep them home to help with germ containment. If you have questions about whether or not your child should come to school, reach out to the nurse with questions.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace.pdf

Details regarding Sleep In Heavenly Peace bed build that will be taking place in April, including how to apply for a free bed for your child.

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377.5 KB

Little Zebbie's Diner

Hello From Little Zebbie's Diner. We have some exciting news. Starting January 5th, we will be offering a 2nd entree @ lunch. One week it will be yogurt & cheese stick and the second week will be a Wow butter jammer. These are alternatives to what our main entree would be each day but would also include the fruit and vegetable . We would like for the students to take our main entree and will only offer a few 2nd entrees each day.

Hope everyone has a safe winter!



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The Littlest Zebras In The herd



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