

School Readiness Family Events 2011-2012

September 27...*Move & Groove at the Rochester Area Family Y*

Tuesday, September 27, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Rochester Area Family Y, 709 1st AVE SW

Get moving at the Rochester Area Family Y...Y staff will be providing fun activities for the family to get moving together. Will be held outdoors weather permitting.

October 2011...*Celebrate Healthy Living*

Tuesday, October 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Hawthorne Education Center, 700 4th AVE SE

Join us for a fun-filled evening to explore wonderful opportunities and the many ways we have to stay healthy. There will be fun activities for you and your child to enjoy together and a FREE book for your preschooler to keep.

November 2011...*Kick Off To Kindergarten Open House*

Thursday, November 10, 4 to 7 p.m., Northrop Education Center, 201 8th ST NW, 3rd floor.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in fall of 2012, you don't want to miss this open house. Explore your Kindergarten options. You do not have to register to attend this open house, but please call School Readiness to sign up. (See flyer in Parent Handbook on page eight for more details.)

December 2011...*Winter Wonderland*

Monday, December 12, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Hawthorne Education Center, 700 4th AVE SE

Break away from your winter routine. Join us for a morning filled with crafts, games and stories. FREE books will be available.

January 2012...*Roaring Readers*

Thursday, January 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd ST SE

A great opportunity for you and your children to explore the library together. Join us for storytelling, puppets and songs. Your children can get their very own library cards! FREE book for your preschooler to take home and LOTS OF FUN!

February 2012...*Pizza and Family Game Night*

Tuesday, February 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Hawthorne Education Center, 700 4th AVE SE

Brave the cold weather and join us for an enjoyable evening with your family. Pizza will be provided by the School Readiness program. There will also be fun family games for you and your children to play together. Don't miss this opportunity for a **free** meal and quality time with your family.

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March 2012...*Family event for March to be announced at a later date.*

April 2012...*Leap Into Spring*

Wednesday, April 18, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Hawthorne Education Center, 700 4th AVE SE
Venture out of the house to join us in celebrating the arrival of spring. There will be fun games, crafts and more. You won't want to miss this event!!! FREE book for your pre-schooler to keep.

April 2012...*Family Fun Night*

Tuesday, April 24, 5 to 8 p.m., Graham Arena, Olmsted County Fairgrounds
This is an annual festival co-sponsored by CCR&R, Rochester Park & Rec. and Rochester Kiwanis Clubs to celebrate young children in the community. There is food, music, games, entertainment, crafts children can make and take home, and a variety of informational booths. (Nominal charge for concession food.)

May 2012...*18th Annual PAIIR/SR Transportation Fair*

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Goose Egg Park (next to Northrop Education Center at 201 8th ST NW). Bring the whole family to browse a variety of vehicles...dump trucks, snow plows, police cars and more! Sit in the drivers' seat and learn about the vehicles from the people who drive them. Event held rain or shine. Event sponsored by PAIIR, Rochester Public Works and School Readiness.

Please call Teresa in School Readiness at 287-2020 (ext. 1564) to sign-up when you plan to attend a Family Event to let us know the number of adults and children that will be attending so we can plan for staff and supplies. We welcome spouses and other parenting partners. All activities are free and transportation is available on a limited basis if needed.

School Readiness PIE (Partners In Education) Topics **2011-2012**

School Readiness offers PIE meetings that support you in preparing your child for Kindergarten. A PAIRR Parent Educator presents each topic. Open discussions are a part of each meeting, and any questions you have regarding parenting or your preschooler can be addressed. It's a great way to learn parenting tips and ideas and to meet other parents.

Tuesday Noon PIE (Partners in Education), 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. **Northrop Education Center, 201 8th ST NW, 3rd floor**

September 13, 2011—Terrific Transitions
October 11, 2011—Power Struggles
November 8, 2011—Positive Parenting
December 13, 2011—Surviving and Thriving during Difficult Economic Times...Money Saving Tips for Families with Young Children. Guest Speaker: Lana Brown, Certified Consumer Credit Counselor
January 10, 2012—Organizing your Busy Family
February 14, 2012—Fire Safety for Families plus Other Safety Tips for Families—Guest Speaker from Fire Department
March 13, 2012—De-stress for Parenting Success
April 10, 2012—Kindergarten Readiness
May, 2012—All Aboard the Big Yellow School Bus (dates, times & location T.B.A.)

Thursday evening PIE (Partners in Education), 6 to 7:30 p.m. **Northrop Education Center, 201 8th ST NW, 3rd floor**

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