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Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 1st Annual Health and Wellness Fair

Who:
The entire community, including students, families, and staff of Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50.

What:
1st Annual Health and Wellness Fair

When:
Saturday, July 22, 2023, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Where:
Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50
301 Seneca Avenue
Rochester, NY 14621

Details:
Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 is holding its first annual Health and Wellness Fair in memory of Barbara “Punkin” Love, the mother of School No. 50, Principal Lakisha Taylor. Punkin Love was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer in June of 2022 and sadly died a month and a half later. Having lived in fear of the health system, Love did not seek preventative care; had she done that, family members say doctors could have discovered her cancer much earlier.

The health and wellness fair aims to prevent situations like this, educate the community on medical institutions, and make people aware of the necessity of health screenings and exams. Taylor was named Principal of School No. 50 in August 2022 while her mother was battling cancer. Taylor, reluctant to take the position because of her mother’s health and the desire to care for her, did take the job as it was a request from her dying mother. Love died just nine days after Taylor was named principal.

Several vendors will participate at the health and wellness fair, including; the University of Rochester’s Wilmot Cancer Center, Fidelis Care, Rochester Black Nurses Association, Trillium Health, the Mobile Mammography Center, Common Ground Health, and Monroe County’s Department of Health.