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RCSD Pre-K Students and Families Take Over the Seneca Park Zoo

Who:

Pre-K students and families

What:

Pre-K recruitment at the Seneca Park Zoo

When:

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – dusk

Where:

Seneca Park Zoo
2222 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY 14621

Details:

The RCSD is taking over the Seneca Park Zoo on Wednesday, May 17 to welcome Pre-K students and their families for a night of fun activities and the ability to tour the zoo free of charge.

All new Pre-K students who have registered to attend Pre-K in September of 2023 are eligible to receive four tickets per family. Families looking to register children for Pre-K will have an opportunity to talk with current Pre-K teachers and meet with placement representatives.

“As educators, we are always looking for innovative ways to engage young learners and spark their curiosity,” said Dr. Carmine Peluso, Superintendent of Schools. “The Seneca Park Zoo provides a unique Pre-K educational experience that not only ignites a love for animals and nature but also fosters the development of critical cognitive and social-emotional skills. This partnership with the Seneca Park Zoo offers our students and families an unforgettable opportunity to explore, learn, and grow together.”

“The Seneca Park Zoo is a place for life-long learning, and for many people, it is the place they are first introduced to wildlife and wild places,” said Pamela Reed-Sanchez, President and CEO of the Seneca Park Zoo Society. “We are proud to partner with and be a resource for RCSD, for all age levels.”

At the zoo, all families will engage in activities similar to what they would do in a Pre-K setting learning literacy, math, and music, and the zoo will provide educational components involving animals.

City residents with children who will be 3 or 4 by December 1, 2023, will need to bring their child’s birth certificate, Parent’s ID, and proof of address in the City of Rochester. For more information, please visit www.rcsdk12.org/zooevent.