



Rochelle Middle School

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Dear Mr. Plyman,

My name is Karen Anderson. I am a physical education teacher and the athletic director at Rochelle Middle School. In partnership with the R.M.S.'s Parent Teacher Organization, we are planning a new, exciting fund raising activity for the middle school. The activity is called the "My School Color Run," and we are planning the event for Saturday, May 21. Though our primary goal is to raise funds that will ultimately be used in classrooms and for our students, we are also extremely hopeful that this activity will be a unique opportunity to bring the students & families of R.M.S. together with the community.

Because this is our first attempt at such an activity, it is difficult to estimate at this point how many runners there will be. We have 504 students at the middle school. Though participation will be optional for them, our hope is that many students will choose to run and include other family members. In addition, we are opening the event up to anyone who would like to participate, so our "Color Run" will likely also draw runners from outside of Rochelle.

Our intent is that the race will be a 3.1-mile course that begins and ends at the middle school. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m., and even participants who walk should be finished in less than one hour. Although we have many parents and staff who have volunteered for that day, it will not be possible to have runners travel through town without the closure of some roads and will also need a police presence along the route to ensure the safety of the runners. We are working on a draft of the race course map, which I will send as soon as possible.

As part of the "color run" fun, participants are sprayed with various colors over the course of the 3.1-mile course. I have been assured by the My Color Run representative that the color will, in no way, harm the pavement of streets or sidewalks. I, personally, have participated in many runs with a "color dousing" theme, and they were nearly all run on city streets.

I would appreciate the opportunity to answer any questions you may have. We are anxious to hear your decision about the possibility of hosting the Rochelle Middle School "My Color Run" on the streets of Rochelle. As I said, I feel like it will give our students and the community a fun, exciting opportunity to come together. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Anderson

Rochelle Middle School Color Run - Course Map

The course starts at RMS on School Avenue

West on School Avenue to Calvin & around that block

West again on School Avenue to Turkington Terrace

North on Turkington Terrace, around that block & south on North 2nd Street

South on 2nd Street South to 10th Avenue

West on 10th Avenue to Lincoln Highway

South on Lincoln Highway to 6th Avenue

....and so on

The race finishes with runners going through the baseball fields on the bike path back to School Avenue & back to the west Middle School parking lot

We tried to plan a course that takes runners through the downtown area as much a possible. We will have volunteers available to "course marshal", but will also need the closure of those roads for about an hour.

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