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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 10-15-2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School students and staff will be celebrating Unity Day on Wednesday, October 20. This is a day where schools across the nation work together to reduce bullying and are united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Staff and students will be asked to wear orange which is the official color for Unity Day.

Although Unity Day highlights this good work on Wednesday, kindness is at the forefront of our work every day at REAMS. Are we perfect? No. Do we learn from our mistakes and try again? Absolutely! I always say we are human beings and we get under each other's skin. When that happens, we apologize, work hard to repair relationships, and try again. That is definitely real life! Holding grudges and being angry about situations for long periods of time

hurts everyone involved and in the long run, is pretty unhealthy. I am so proud of our students for working hard each day at being kind and taking care of each other's hearts. We will continue to wear orange or kindness shirts on the second Wednesday of the month at REAMS to celebrate kindness in our school.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather and the gorgeous leaves, they will be gone before we know it!

Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal, REAMS

Bullying Prevention - POSTER CONTEST

All students at REAMS are invited to create a poster that illustrates how we can help stop bullying at our school.

1. Posters should be original student artwork.
2. Completed posters are due to your teacher by the end of the day on Tuesday,
3. October 19, 2021.
4. Judging will be based on creativity and the overall impact of the message.
5. Winners will be announced on Unity Day, also known as, Wonderful Wednesday,
6. October 20, 2021
7. Winners will participate in a "Pizza Party with the Principal."



Peek at the Week

Morning parent drop off - 7:50 a.m.

If you drive your child to school in the morning, please do not arrive before 7:50 a.m. The school bell rings at 7:50 a.m. and that is the time children are allowed in the building. In the mornings, staff are not outside until 7:50 a.m. Having children outside, without supervision, creates an unsafe environment for everyone. Please wait until 7:50 a.m. to drop off your child.

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As we approach the peak of fall, please remember it can be chilly in the morning. Please send a jacket or a sweatshirt to school with your child.

Picture retake days Oct. 28 and 29. Look for more information to come.

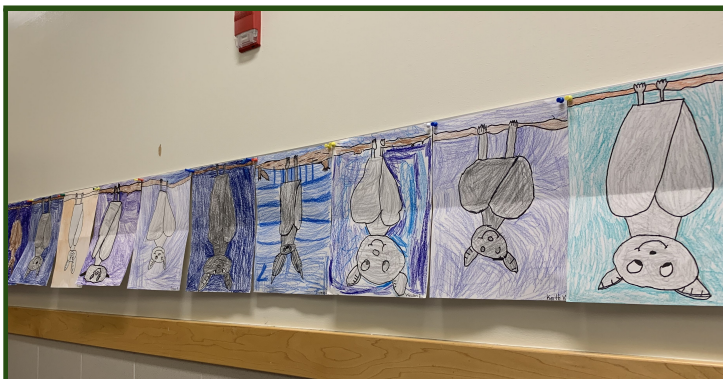
Football is in the air for third grade students

Third grade students in Ms. Reimanns class tackled passing, receiving and kicking off a football during their Phy. Ed. class. The school year is off to a great start, with all students getting a chance to join in exciting soccer ventures and tag games. Here's to a wonderful Fall season for everyone, filled with active playtime and fun-filled fitness activities!



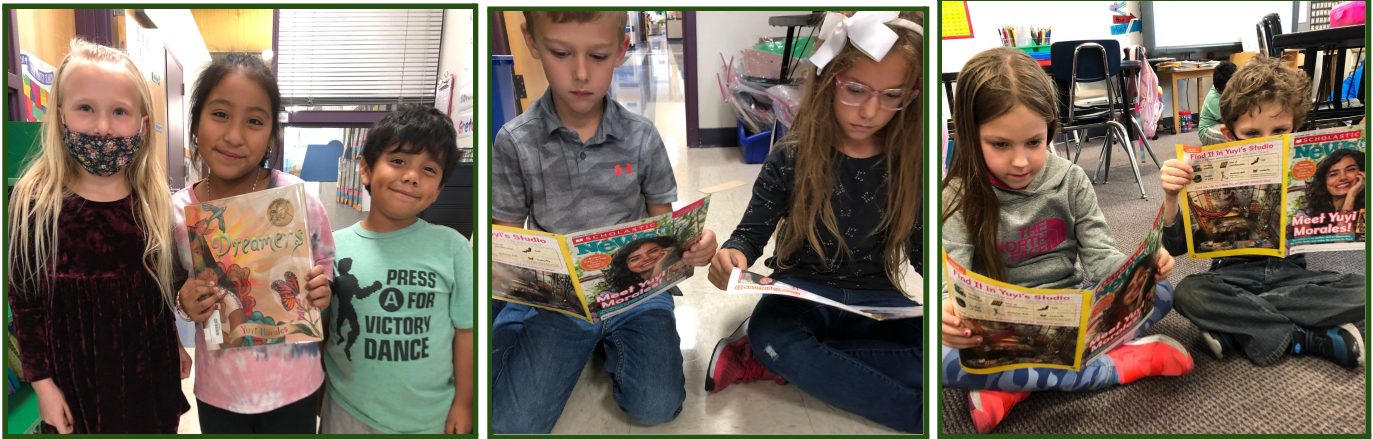
First graders go batty

Did you know that Bats are the only mammals that have the ability to fly? First Graders do! This week our science focus area has been all about Bats. Throughout the week first graders read stories, created art projects, and learned some really interesting facts about our nocturnal creatures.



Hispanic Heritage Month - 2nd grade

During Hispanic Heritage month, Mrs. Tensen's 2nd grade class read about Yuyi Morales. The story explains the steps Morles took to write and illustrate her book. She is the author and illustrator of the book Dreamers. Students then read and discussed the book and watched a video where Yuyi explained how this book was related to her life story. In the video she encouraged everyone to pursue their dreams.



Apple apples everywhere - Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten we explored apples! We learned about the lifecycle of an apple. Students learned that an apple starts out as a tiny seed in the ground and then that seed grows into an apple tree! We also learned about the different parts of an apple. Students learned that the outside is called the skin, and the inside of an apple is called the flesh. The kindergarten students also learned that apples are used in many different things. They even got to taste test a few different apple products such as, homemade applesauce, apple donuts, and apple bread! This week we also learned three new sight words, and another letter sound! Keep practicing the sight words and letters at home to help your child build strong reading and writing skills!

Dropping off your child in the morning? Please use the drive through lane

If you are dropping off your child at the end of the day (dismissal), please stay in your vehicle and use the drive through lane to pick up your child. Because of the age of preschoolers, parents of preschool children must meet/drop off their child at the preschool doors.

We are asking parents of K-4 students to use the drive through lane rather than parking the vehicle and waiting for your child in the parking lot median. Allowing children to cross the parking lot to meet their parents in the median creates an unsafe environment for everyone. Parents of K-4 students, please use the drive through pick-up lane at the end of the day. Thank you.

Please do not bring personal play equipment to school sporting events

Student-owned basketballs, footballs, etc. brought from home to school sporting events are not allowed. These items will be confiscated at the venue and may be picked up at the concession stand after the event has ended.