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Brenda Nyhus, Principal

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 02-18-2022



Last Friday was our all day read at REAMS. Staff and students were clad in PJs and we spent time reading books and getting lost in stories. I always love this day as it gives me an opportunity to read to kids at all grade levels and share some cool stories. One of the books I read to some of the grade levels last week was *Someday Is Not A Day Of The Week* by Denise Brennan-Nelson. A little boy asks several of his family members to do something special with him. Each of them was busy doing other things that day, but always promised that someday, they would do what he wanted to do with them. How often do we say we are going to do something with our kids or for ourselves...SOMEDAY? Days turn into years, and we are still talking about that someday activity. We are all busy people and real life gets in the way. Take a little time this next week to do something fun with your kids that is on your "someday" list. Let the laundry, dishes, and cleaning wait. I am guessing you won't be sorry!

February 23rd is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day! Our bus drivers help our students and families in so many ways. They can set the tone for the day and certainly help the kids stay safe going to and from school. We appreciate our bus drivers every single day but definitely want to honor them next Wednesday.

Please remember we have no school on Monday because of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal



Happy 100
Days of School

Put it on your calendar

February 21 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL

February 28 - Deadline to order a yearbook at EARLY BIRD PRICING - \$17. Order yours today. Go to ybpay.com and use code 11238122. On March 1, the cost of a yearbook increases to \$22.

March 3 - Class of 2035 Kindergarten Round Up - look for an email in your inbox.

March 7 and 10 - Parent teacher conferences

News

Send outdoor gear to school, everyday

Remember students are outside at least once a day. Please send proper outdoor gear to school with your child. Students were outside everyday last week yet many of them did not have mittens, scarves and snow pants. The school does have spare gear, but our "emergency" gear has all gone to students who came to school without it.

There are still plenty of cold days ahead; send your child to school with outdoor gear.

COVID tests available

The Rockford Area School District was able to obtain more at-home, rapid COVID tests from the state for K-12 students. We will have these tests on hand for if/when your student develops COVID symptoms. These tests are available for your convenience. If you have already picked up a test in the past, you are still eligible for one additional test per K-12 student. We can send a test kit home with your child at your request. If your student is at home and you'd like to pick up a test, reach out to the building health office to set up a plan.

Annual student/registration update

This year, Rockford Area Schools has implemented an Annual Update which can be found in the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Keeping this information up-to-date will help families stay connected and be informed on upcoming plans and other important announcements. This **online update will replace the emergency medical form you have received in the past**. Most of the information will auto-populate from data already entered in Infinite Campus. Required fields are marked with a red asterisk(*) and information highlighted in yellow needs to be updated. There are also fields required by the Minnesota Department of Education such as technology access and ethnicity. Once you are logged in to your Parent Portal, we are asking all families to complete this year's update AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Going forward, the Annual Update will take place yearly in August. If you have any questions, contact Christa Larson at larsonchrista@rockford.k12.mn.us or (763) 477-9165.

Peek at the Week

Art

First grade art students learned about the discovery of Lascaux cave. The 17,000 year old artwork in the cave is now being preserved. Cave art (or petroglyph) is one of the earliest forms of art and tells stories through pictures. Students create their own petroglyph stories based on things they would see today or from the past.



RTR students shine bright

The Respect, Trust and Responsibility (RTR) Superstar program promotes a culture of being kind to others, being accountable, honoring uniqueness and always doing the right thing at REAMS. Throughout the week, students who show exemplary acts or behaviors of respect, trust and responsibility are recognized as RTR Superstars and receive a special Star Student token from the school principal.

Kindergarten Aubree Brynestad and Coby Chanhchanh
First grade Ryder Koishol and Ainsley Wigdahl
Second grade Emma Crane and Piper Qunell
Third grade Eli Jensen, Jaden Vincent and Carmen Luna
Fourth grade Lydia Thompson and Bailey Muller



Kindergartners celebrate 100 days of school

We're 100 days smarter! We reached a major milestone this week in kindergarten: our 100th day of school! On February 16th, we celebrated our first 100 days together by sharing collections of 100 items and dreaming of what we would do with 100 dollars. We practiced counting to 100 by 1s, 5s and 10s, and we worked together to make lego creations using 100 legs, build with 100 cups, 100 tally marks, heads & tails to 100 and, making gumball machines with 100 dot stamps. The kiddos were challenged physically when they tried to do exercises counting to 100. 100 feels like a REALLY big number when you're counting and exercising! It was a very fun and exciting day for the class of 2034. From learning letter names to learning to read, our kindergartners have accomplished so much in our first 100 days. We are so proud of them!



Third graders amp up their reading

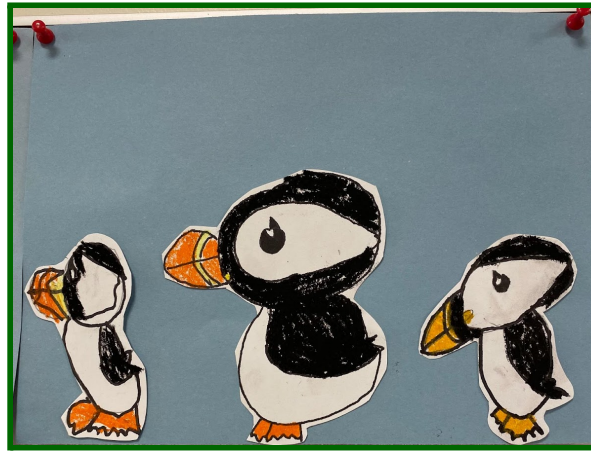
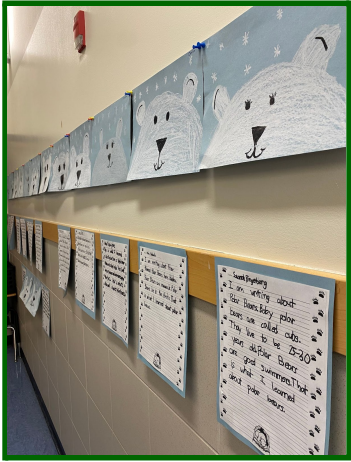
Third graders are participating in Read to the Final Four-Minnesota. This week's top readers from each class are: Wesley B, Samuel O, Malik W, Clay R, Jed D. Picture - Top readers show off their winning bracelets.

GREAT JOB!



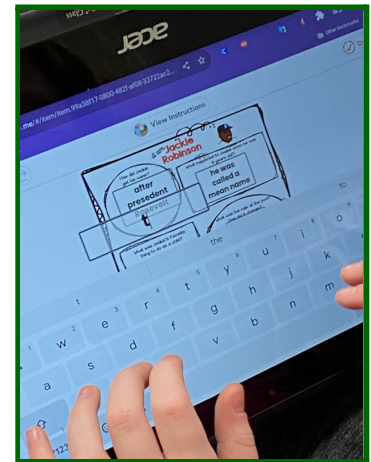
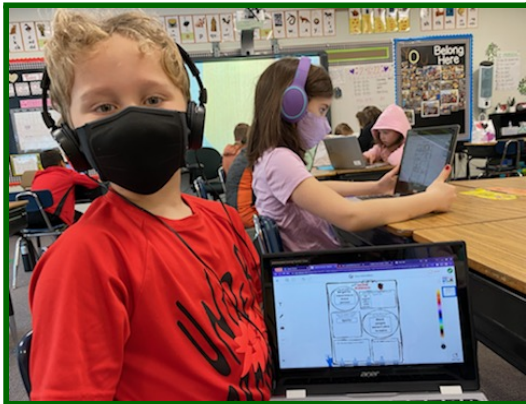
First grade finishes the arctic animal unit

This week all first grade classrooms learned about the arctic habitats and the creatures that live there. They learned vocabulary words such as migrate, predator and camouflage. First graders used different art mediums to create different animals. Mrs. Folgers class used paper to make penguins, Mrs. Gotz's room used white crayons to draw polar bears and Ms. Probst's first grade friends used oil pastels to draw puffins. It has been the perfect weather outside to align with the learning inside the classroom!



Second grade story of the week

The second grade story of the week features an American hero, Jackie Robinson. Students in Mrs. Bakken's class enjoyed researching Jackie Robinson and using their incredible tech skills to create digital biographies of the baseball legend.



School store - open for business

The school store is open and full of all your Rocket Gear. Stop by the next time you're at the High School.

[Jan and Feb School store hours.](#)

Third graders sing heartfelt melodies to REAMS staff

Third grade students in Ms. Engebretson's class decided to bring back a REAMS classic tradition - Singing Valentine's. Third graders and staff could purchase a singing valentine and Ms. Engebretson's students then delivered them. They sang 364 valentines and collected \$103.50. The class decided to donate the money to the local food shelf.



Other Opportunities

RAAA youth fastpitch softball

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Registration for the 2022 summer RAAA youth fastpitch softball season is now open at

<https://www.raaasports.com/summer-registration> !

Registration Deadlines

- 8U Travel, 10U and 12U registration closes on Feb. 28
- 6U and 8U House registration closes on March 31
- All late registrations will incur a late fee added to their registration.

2022 RAAA Baseball Registration starts soon

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THE 2022 RAAA BASEBALL SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

8-14 YEAR-OLDS = REGISTRATION IS JAN 31 - MARCH 1
5-7 YEAR-OLDS = REGISTRATION IS FEB 28 - APRIL 4

REGISTER NOW:
[HTTPS://WWW.RAAASPORTS.COM/RAAA-BASEBALL](https://www.raaasports.com/raaa-baseball)

Please contact us at raabaseball@raaasports.com if you have questions.

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FREE Glee Club Class

Little Jammerz will be running a free online Glee Club Class for students that love to sing and perform in Grades 1-5

Students will learn to sing & perform pop songs with cool dance moves.

We focus on pitch, breathing, and performing techniques

The class will be taught live online using Zoom. To Sign up please go to littlejammerz.com/march9th or scan the qr code at the bottom with your phone

DATE: Wednesday March 9th, 2022
TIME: 5PM-5:30PM

To Sign Up: Go Online to
LittleJammerz.com/march9th
or

Scan This QR Code below to open link:



For any questions please contact: info@littlejammerz.com