



# Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 01-14-2022



Dear Parents,

As we watch the news, talk about the rise in COVID cases in almost every conversation we have, and try to make our way through the hustle and bustle of everyday life, we cannot forget to pause and remember that human connection matters! The longer I am in education and work with kids, I see that when people take time to really connect with one another, especially in a positive and caring manner, it makes all the difference! Think back to your school days, whatever the age, the teachers you worked the hardest with, were the ones who made a personal connection with you. The way students learn today is much different than when I was growing up. We didn't have technology at our fingertips, never had to worry about social media, and school safety

didn't cross our minds. Things may be different today, but what hasn't changed is how important connecting with teachers and classmates means in a child's life. Our Rockford Area Schools District is extremely unique in the way that people of all ages connect and care for each other. I have been in three districts in my career and firmly believe this one is truly amazing. Keep the human connection as a top priority...it is special, it is necessary, and it makes all the difference for our kids!

Have a fantastic weekend and remember there is no school on Monday, January 17.

Warmly,  
Brenda Nyhus  
Principal

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., students will not have school on Monday, Jan. 17. School will resume on Tues., Jan. 18



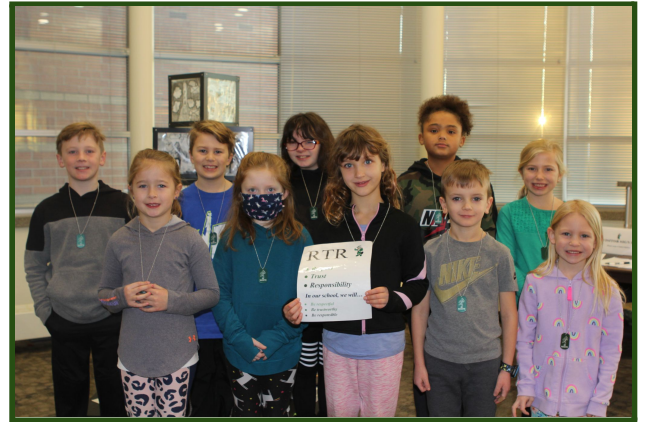
**\*Please have your student check the lost and found tables in the commons area. The tables are overflowing with lunchboxes, sweatshirts, hats, water bottles and jackets.**

## Peek at the Week

### RTR Superstars shine bright

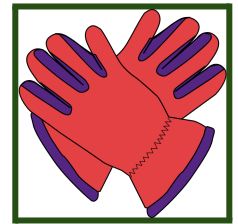
The Respect, Trust and Responsibility (RTR) Superstar program promotes a culture of being kind to others, being accountable, honoring uniqueness and always doing the right thing at REAMS. Throughout the week, students who show exemplary acts or behaviors of respect, trust and responsibility are recognized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

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Haley Schmidt and Rory Traut
<b>First grade</b>	Jocelyn Ladman and Theo Stewart
<b>Second grade</b>	Payton Byers and Ella Pollock
<b>Third grade</b>	Aubri Marx, Jason Menard and Lima Radach
<b>Fourth grade</b>	Miles Mooney and Emma Langerud



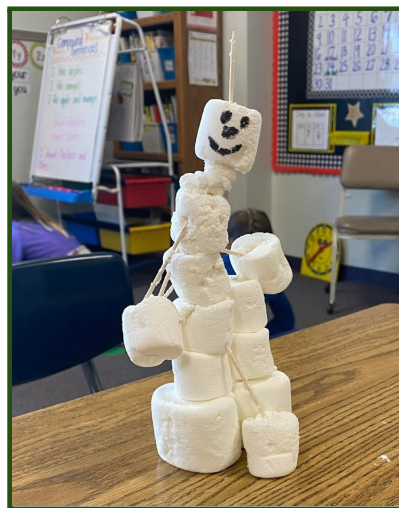
### Give a warm hand - nylon gloves and mittens needed

Thank you to all of the families who have graciously donated cold weather gear for students at REAMS. The school has plenty of hats and jackets, but is in desperate need of **nylon gloves or mittens** for older students - third and fourth graders. If you have a spare pair of large, child sized nylon mittens or gloves, REAMS could use them. You can drop them off at the front office, on your way through the parent drop off/pick up line or send them to school with your child. Thank you for your help.



### Second graders stand up to the challenge

Second grade students in Mrs. Bakken's class were challenged to make the tallest free standing snowman using only toothpicks and marshmallows. Although this seems like an easy task, it was quite the challenge! Students used teamwork, had to troubleshoot, and maintained positive attitudes throughout the challenge.





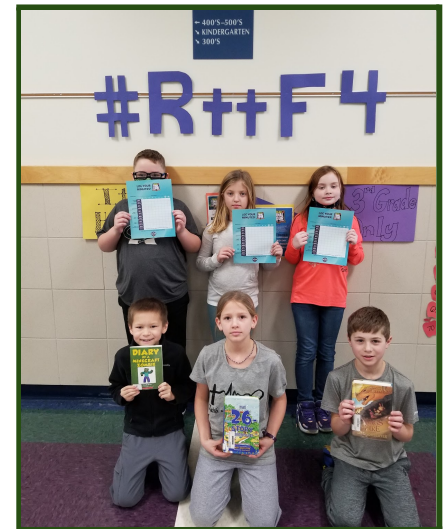
## Second grade Spotlight Concert

Second graders performed at the 2nd grade spotlight concert on December 16, 2021. Students learned and sang about holidays, celebrations, and traditions from different areas of the world. Many students performed special parts for their concert, displaying excellent leadership skills. Second grade students are looking forward to their next performance, Grandparents Day on May 6!



## Third graders read to the Final Four

Third graders saw the #RttDF4 teaser on the wall prior to January 10. However, Monday (Jan. 10) kicked off the beginning of Read to the Final Four (RttF4) reading challenge, sponsored by the women's NCAA and MN Local Organizing Committee. Every single minute each third grader reads in and outside of school will be logged and turned in weekly until March 14. Along the way there are chances to win prizes and a grand prize of \$5,000 worth of books for the school library. The top four schools will win an all-expense-paid field trip to the Final Four Tourney at the Convention Center to reveal the top school. LET'S READ!!!



## 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.](#)

## Kids Heart Challenge is On the Move!

Our students are half-way through our Kids Heart Challenge Road Trip, and if you haven't already, the time is now to JUMP ON BOARD!



**Captain KHC and the KHC Explorers** are taking OUR students to landmarks all around the United States to learn the importance of heart and brain health along, the rewards of help and making an impact in the mission of the American Heart Association.



**Take a Detour to Complete Finn's Mission** – just register online and complete the challenges. Your whole family can learn Hands-Only CPR and the Signs of Stroke. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our heart survivor Finn.



**Join the CREW** at Rockford Elementary to meet and COLLECT all our Heart Hero friends.

**It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3... Click the link below to register today!**

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/rockfordhasheart>

**Don't forget we have some BONUS incentives for our students this year:**

- Complete Finn's Mission : Receive "Finn's Lifesaver Award."
- Raise \$150: Receive Limited Edition Captain KHC
- Every \$50 Raised: Receive a Mystery Gift
- Classroom Challenge Incentive: When 75% of your student's class registers - the classroom teacher will earn a \$25 Amazon Gift Card. If 3 or more students Complete Finn's mission – the classroom teacher will earn another \$25 Amazon Gift Card.

Thank you for all you do to support the mission of the American Heart Association – together we are making a difference and building a healthier generation.

## ***Put it on your calendar***

<b>Jan. 17</b>	Martin Luther King Jr Day. No school for students - staff work day.
<b>Jan. 20 and 21</b>	Spring pictures and class pictures. Look for more information in your child's backpack or school bag.
<b>Jan. 24</b>	District wide two-hour late start day.
<b>Jan. 27</b>	3rd Grade Spotlight Concert, 6:30 p.m. High School Auditorium.
<b>Jan. 28</b>	Grades online.