



# Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 11-24-2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,  
As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, students have shared what they are thankful for in many creative ways. As the principal of our wonderful school, I am thankful each day for my REAMS family and all of the blessings I encounter in this position each day. I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving and create many special memories connecting with family and friends! Stay warm and safe travels if you are going away for the holiday!!!

Warmly,  
Brenda Nyhus  
Principal, REAMS



## Early pick up, drop off, transportation AND attendance protocols

### Notify the school when your child will be absent

Please call the Rockford Schools Attendance line by **8 a.m.** at 763-477-7525 to report your child's absence. When you call 763-477-7525 and select the program or location your child attends, simply leave your name, your child's name, the date and reason for the absence. Please note if your child attends multiple programs (example; Galaxy Kids and Elementary School); you will need to **call both places and leave a message for each program.**

Add the attendance line to your contacts or put it on your speed dial. Notifying the school before 8 a.m. will prevent you from getting an automated phone call about your child's absence.

Please press the numbers below for the program you wish to leave a message for:

- Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School - Option 1

- Rockford Middle School Center for Environmental Studies - Option 2
- Rockford High School - Option 3
- Galaxy Kids School Age Childcare - Option 4
- Launching Pad Preschool - Option 5

### Transportation change at the end of the school day

If you need to change the mode of transportation in which your child typically takes home (ie; parent pick up or riding the bus) you must notify the school office **BEFORE 2 p.m.** The end of the day at an elementary school is bursting with extra activity and energy. Notifying the school **BEFORE 2 p.m.** allows the school staff enough time to notify the teacher and the student, and it ensures the child gets to his/her destination safely. Please call before 2 p.m. Thank you.

### Picking up your child before the end of the school day

If you need to pick up your child for a pre arranged appointment during the day, please **contact your child's teacher first**, as soon as possible. On the day of the appointment you must go into the school and sign your child out before he/she can leave the building.

### Parent drop off in the morning

In the morning, please do not drop off your child at the school before 7:50 a.m. The first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. Regardless of the weather, the school does not have enough staff inside of the building before 7:50 a.m. to allow students to wait inside. Students must wait outside until the first bell rings.

### Preschool drop off in the morning

Parents dropping off children for preschool must park their car in the parking lot and walk their child to the preschool doors. Please do not use the drive through lane to park your car and drop off your preschooler; doing so creates a back up and an unsafe environment for all children.

## Put it on the calendar

**December 6-7** - Family Fun Night (REAMS gym) and Scholastic Book Fair (REAMS Media Center) 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 15** - 2nd grade Spotlight Concert, 6:30 p.m. High School Auditorium

**Dec. 16** - Kindergarten Winter program, 1:30 p.m. High School Auditorium

**Dec. 24-Jan 2, 2022** - No school. Winter Break.

## Peek at the week

### REAMS Students Enjoy Musical Performance

REAMS students had the opportunity to watch and listen to several scenes of the RHS/RMS musical "Annie" last Friday at the RHS auditorium. Students were "wowed" with the talent of singers, actors, backstage crew, and the orchestra pit musicians. It was a great learning experience also for our youngest learners to practice being a respectful audience member. REAMS students were impressed by all who participated in the musical!





## 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.

### Congratulations

**Kindergarten** Abby Pauley, Hudson Burrado, Layla Herou

**First grade** Jade Wawra, Noah Joesph, Reid Seiler

**Second grade** Hannah Langemak, Clara Moline, Christopher Ferdig

**Third grade** Callie Borders, Neil Wotrang, Penny Yang

**Fourth grade** Abby Kinnan, Tony Barwu, Alice Lopatowski



## Kindergarteners celebrate the 50th day of school

Kindergarteners celebrated the 50th day of school with rootbeer floats, dancing and music.



## Rockford Area Schools partner with Riverworks Food Shelf

Every year Rockford Area Schools partner with Riverworks Food Shelf to help support the community before the holiday season. Last year, the district raised over \$800 thanks to all of the generous donations! As we plan the upcoming celebrations, Rockford Area Schools is asking you to help those people who are less fortunate. Please make a donation that works for your family to help relieve the stress of others during this time. If you are able to donate, we are asking all families and staff to donate money on-line directly to Riverworks. With the financial support, they will be able to purchase the food to fill their shelves. Please follow the directions below to donate. Any dollar amount helps! Thank you for supporting our community and partnering with Rockford Area Schools. Happy Holidays.

### Here's how to give:

1. Go to [riverworksonline.org](https://riverworksonline.org)
2. Click on the DONATE tab in the upper right hand corner
3. Click on the DONATE ONLINE tab
4. Click on the FUND drop down menu
5. Select **ROCKFORD SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FUND DRIVE**

## Join the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting on November 30

The Curriculum Advisory Committee is a volunteer group of parents or guardians, community members, teachers, and administrators that advise the district regarding the implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards in our schools. The purpose is to provide input, advice, and make recommendations regarding distance learning, local graduation requirements, World's Best Workforce (WBWF), Achievement and Integration (A&I) requirements, K-12 curriculum, and other relevant issues. If you are interested, please email or call Kevin Keller, Director of Teaching and Learning, [Kellerk@Rockford.k12.mn.us](mailto:Kellerk@Rockford.k12.mn.us) or 763-477-9165 x4005, to attend the virtual Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 30, 6 -7 p.m.. A meeting link will be provided to those that call, email, or fill out this form by Friday, Nov. 26, <https://forms.gle/6zH7LVyT8S9tBxqL9>

## Se le invita a unirse a la reunión del Comité Asesor de Currículos (CAC)

El Comité Asesor del Plan de Estudios es un grupo voluntario de padres o tutores, miembros de la comunidad, maestros y administradores que asesoran al distrito con respecto a la implementación de los Estándares Académicos de Minnesota en nuestras escuelas. El propósito es brindar aportes, consejos y hacer recomendaciones con respecto al aprendizaje a distancia, los requisitos de graduación locales, los requisitos de Mejor fuerza laboral del mundo (WBWF), Logros e integración (A&I), currículo K-12 y otros temas relevantes. Si está interesado, envíe un correo electrónico o llame a Kevin Keller, Director de Enseñanza y Aprendizaje, [Kellerk@Rockford.k12.mn.us](mailto:Kellerk@Rockford.k12.mn.us) o 763-477-9165 x4005, para asistir a la reunión virtual del Comité Asesor de Currículo el 30 de noviembre a las 6 -7 p.m.. Se proporcionará un enlace a la reunión para aquellos que llamen, envíen un correo electrónico o completen este formulario antes del viernes 26 de noviembre: <https://forms.gle/6zH7LVyT8S9tBxqL9>

## Other Opportunities

### Rockford Fire Department Toy Drive

*Not an ISD 883 sponsored event*

The Rockford Fire Department is collecting toys for local children this Christmas. Cash donations or new, unwrapped toys may be dropped off in the toy box in the front office of Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School. The box will be collected on December 10.

### Rockford Girl Scouts Holiday Craft Sale

*Not an ISD 883 sponsored event*



*Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Rockford Fire Department*

The Rockford Girl Scouts are excited to offer a unique shopping experience for children ages 3-12 as part of the Crow River Christmas extravaganza!

Girl Scout Elves will help your child select, purchase and gift-wrap handmade presents for their family and friends. Gifts are moderately priced with nothing more than \$5.00.

Children should arrive ready to shop with their list in hand, a budget (use the table below if you like) and cash (small bills are best). All presents will be gift wrapped, tagged and ready to go under the tree when you get home.

Moms and Dads can relax in our bake shop and enjoy some treats or purchase lunch at the concession stand. Don't forget to visit Santa with the Rockford Firefighters too!

**NEW THIS YEAR!!** We will be having a Silent Auction with many different themed baskets to bid on! All proceeds will go toward the Rockford Girl Scout end of year camp out!

*~ Please bring an unwrapped toy for the RFD Toy Drive ~*

Please Join Us: Saturday, December 4, 2021— Rockford Fire Department

Kids Only Shopping with Helper Elves 10 a.m – 11 a.m

Girl Scouts and their Families 11 a.m – 12 p.m

Everyone Welcome to Shop 12 p.m – 1 p.m

Please bring a grocery or shopping tote to carry all of your purchases home!