



Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 11-19-2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,
American Education Week was this week and I want to express my sincere appreciation to the staff who work so hard with your children every day. In addition, I want to thank all of you who partner so closely with staff to make REAMS an outstanding place for children to grow and learn. It is working together through the amazing, the difficult, the victories, and the challenges, that we will help your child to reach their highest potential. We truly appreciate your willingness to collaborate with us to give your child the tools that they will need to be the best version of themselves!

Please remember that you are always welcome in our school. Don't hesitate to join your child for lunch or plan to volunteer in some facet. Your kids love to share time with you at school.

Our Minnesota weather has definitely turned cold! Please remember that your child does go outside for recess each day and should be dressing for the weather. We want to be sure that we try to assist in keeping kids healthy, especially as the holiday season approaches.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

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 supervision before 7:50 a.m. to allow students to wait inside of the building. 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

Nov. 22 - 50th day of school

Nov. 25-26 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 6-7 - Family Fun Night and Scholastic Book Fair

Peek at the week

Rockford Area Schools partners 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
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 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 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>

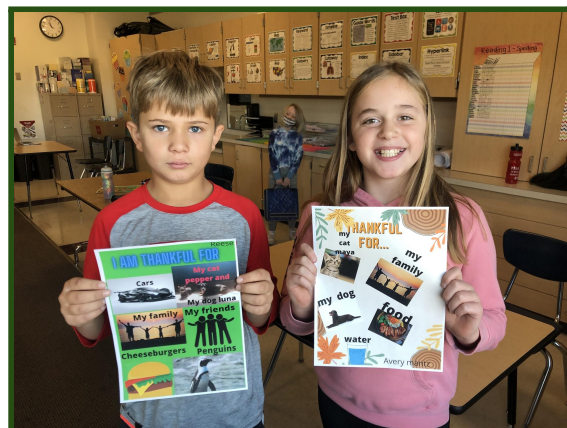
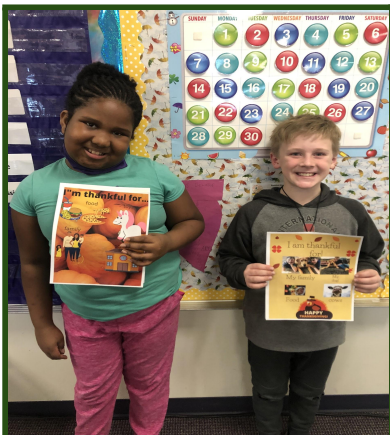
Third graders learn the facts about bats

Third grade students read the story "Bat Loves the Night". Then they created a bat puppet and put bat facts from the story on the wings.



Fourth grade

Fourth grade students in Mrs. DeLassus's Digital Literacy classes have been using Canva, an online design and publishing platform, to create digital posters of what they are thankful for. Students learned about the importance of using contrast between their backgrounds, text and elements to make their posters interesting and easy to read. Students selected images from a library that represented the things they are most thankful for. Next week, students will also use Canva to create a poster representing their knowledge of the water cycle, which they learned about in science class with Mrs. Nolby.



Other Opportunities

Rockford Fire Department Toy Drive

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.