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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 12-21-2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to send best wishes for a beautiful holiday season to each one of you! This is such a wonderful time of year to enjoy many family holiday traditions. It was so much fun to share holiday cheer with kids in the lunch room today. May your home be filled with contented hearts, happy smiles, and joyous laughter this holiday season! Please remember that school resumes on January 4th! Happy New Year!!



Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal, REAMS

News

Let the Battle of the Books begin

The Battle of the Books is starting! The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension and promote academic excellence. Each year, lists of books are chosen and questions are written for third and fourth grader students. Students read the books, discuss them with each other, quiz each other on the contents and then compete in teams of not more than three students to correctly answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format. Questions begin with the words "In which book..." so that the answer will always be a title and author.



The actual battle will take place on **May 4**, so teams have several months to read the list of titles. Students have been introduced to the program, and those who want to participate will need to get permission from parents. Permission slips have been handed out, and students will be able to sign up for their team and check out the titles after they return the permission slip. For [a copy of the permission slip](#), please click here.

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.

Kids Heart Challenge is Almost Here!

Rockford Elementary Families,

The students at REAMS are getting ready to take a road trip with the Kids Heart Challenge Explorers!



Mark Your Calendar

January 7, 2022

Kids Heart Challenge kicks off, BUT you can get an early start.



Captain KHC will lead you through how you can help

ALL students who take the CHALLENGE! will earn a wristband to wear proudly and to remind them to be healthy. They will also be helping their classroom teacher earn AMAZON gift cards.

It's as EASY as 1... 2... 3... **Click on our School Link today:**

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

1. Take the challenge
2. Complete Finn's Mission
 - Finn's Mission to learn – Hands-Only CPR and Signs of a Stroke
 - Family Move More challenges and so much more!
3. Have fun!

***** Register before January 7, 2022 for a chance to win your choice of earpods or a fitness tracker. Students who raise \$150 before our Kids Heart Challenge kick off will earn their very own Captain KHC to add to your Heart Hero collection*****

Thank you for your support of this Lifesaving service-learning experience!

Put it on the calendar

Dec. 22- Jan 3, 2022 No school. Winter Break. School resumes on Jan. 4, 2022. Enjoy the break.

Jan. 7 Kids Heart Challenge Kick off
Family Fun Night sponsored by RAA (information below)

Other Opportunities



Not an ISD 883 sponsored event

We are dedicated to using Ice Skating Institute (ISI) standards for advancement of skating skills used for both figure skating and hockey. The goal is to provide a productive and fun atmosphere for students age 3 and older, of varying abilities, to advance their skills!

- All group classes are 30 minutes with the exception of Tots Beginners which is 20 minutes.
- Helmets are strongly encouraged for all skaters and are required for Tot and Pre-Alpha classes.
- Class size is limited to 5 - 12 skaters depending on level. In the event of low enrollment some classes may be canceled or consolidated with another level or time slot.
- It is common for skaters to stay at their skating level for more than 1 session.
- We offer ISI sanctioned, hockey-specific skating instruction for tots through Mite and U8 levels. No sticks allowed, we focus on **skating skills**.
- Current Covid-19 safeguards and requirements will be communicated before the 1st class.

Available Classes

Saturday Class dates: 1/8, 1/22, 1/29 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

Two time sessions to choose from: 8:50 - 9:20 a.m or 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Registration deadline is **Jan 5, 2022**. If you have questions please call Megan at 763-238-0965 or go to learntoskate@buffalofigureskating.com.

RAAA Sports Family Fun Night

Not an ISD 883 sponsored event

Friday, January 7 PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Rockford Community Center

FREE for families!

Families with Pre-K to 4th grade students in the Rockford Schools. Come out and warm up with family and friends!

RAAA will be hosting a fun night and pizza to get your kids active. Each sport will have an activity for your kids to try and a chance to take home a prize at the end. Parents can meet others in the community and learn more about our programs and the sports we offer.

RAAA Sports are: Baseball ~ Basketball ~ Football ~ Softball ~ JO Volleyball ~ Wrestling

Please register in advance on our website: <https://www.raaasports.com/> or directly through

<https://www.raasports.com/page/show/6883931-family-fun-night>.

Registration is appreciated in advance (it helps to know how much pizza to order) but can also register your family at the door.

We look forward to seeing you there!