

ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bobbi Hume'.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bobbi A. Anderson-Hume, Ph.D.

My submission to the weekly bulletin this week is my addition to our Veterans' Day observance on Thursday.

This was my announcement to the kids:

We at RMS-CES sincerely thank all who have served our country and its people.

We celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th each year. This is because at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, in the 11th month of 1918 World War I officially ended with an Armistice, or agreement, with Germany. Every year, Veterans Day is held on this day as a way to say thank you to Veterans. A veteran is someone who has served honorably in any of the branches of the United States military.

Veterans Day is a special day, because it is a celebration, and a remembrance of what these people have given.

This day isn't about politics, or presidents. This day isn't about how you feel about any country, or war, or the military, it is about people who gave up parts or all of their lives, for us.



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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...CONTINUED

Bobbi A. Anderson-Hume, Ph.D.

I want you to stop for a moment and imagine being 18 years old. For some of you it isn't too far off. Think about all the things you would be excited for if you were 18. Cars. Friends. Boyfriends/girlfriends. Starting your first real job or college. All of the things you have waited your entire childhood for. Then I want you to think about waiting for those things for four more years. For 8 more years. Or never having those things at all because you gave your life for your country. We have students in this school right now who don't get to see their mom or their dad because they are soldiers who are keeping the promise they made when they signed up to become a veteran. Many of you are missing your brothers or sisters or aunts or uncles and you know how it feels to be without them. Imagine how it must feel for them to be away from home, in a strange place, to be without you. I cannot think of a greater sacrifice than giving a part, or all of your life, for others. And as I tell you every year, this is why we say, "Thank you for your service." When we see a man or a woman in uniform, we walk up respectfully and thank them for their service. When you see a hat with Army, Marine Corp, Air Force, or Navy, please, ask the person wearing it if they are a veteran and say thank you. It's really important to understand what they have done for you and to show your appreciation.

I want to *thank the veterans in our school today*, thank you for your service. *Thank you to my students, especially to those of you who have to do without mom or dad at home because you share them with us. Thank you.* Thank you to everyone who has shared a family member with our country, but most importantly, please, when you see a veteran, thank them. **Look him or her in the eye, speak loud and clear, and say, "Thank you for your service." And, mean it.**

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Bobbi A. Anderson-Hume, Phd.
Principal



RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities:



Hello Rockford Families!

Every year we partner with Riverworks Food Shelf to help support our community before the holiday season. Last year we raised over \$800 thanks to all of the generous donations! As we plan our upcoming celebrations, we at Rockford Area Schools, are asking that you take the time to think of others 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



Contact Annie
Mickelburg in
our District
Office

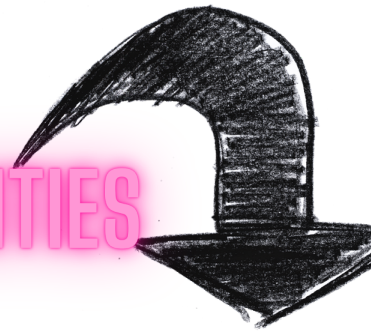


Publicity Photographs

Throughout the year, photographs and videos are taken in classrooms and at school activities. Some of these may be published in local newspapers, on the local cable station or in Rockford Area Schools' publications and websites. Parents may request that their child's photograph and identifying their name not be published in district productions or websites. The request must be made in writing and sent to the **Rockford Area Schools District Office, at 6051 Ash Street, Rockford, MN 55373.** (This does not apply to pictures of school events taken by the news media.)

PICTURE
RETAKE
DAY:
**DECEMBER
9TH**

OPPORTUNITIES



Special Education Paraprofessional:

RAS has open paraprofessional positions for the 2021-22 school year! We are looking for positive, student centered individuals to join us in supporting RAS students. If you know of anyone interested, you can find the job posting [HERE](#) Individuals would work 4-8 hours/day at our hourly rate, with possible bus route assignment. Feel free to reach out to Emily Seitzer via email, text or phone call for more information. Email: eseitzer@mawseco.k12.mn.us Office Phone: 763-477-5837 Ext 1030

Bus Route Support Staff:

RAS is looking for an individual to ride a bus route from 6:30am-8:30am. They would be paid an hourly rate. The individual would ride the bus with another adult staff member and students. During the first half of the ride, the individual would support students by talking with them, helping them buckle and stay seated, etc. On the ride back there will be no students. Feel free to reach out to Emily Seitzer via email, text or phone call for more information. Email: eseitzer@mawseco.k12.mn.us Office Phone: 763-477-5837 Ext 1030

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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.

Infinite
Campus

Click here

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:

- Click More
- Followed by Online Registration, and a new window will open.
- Follow the prompts by clicking the Annual Update button to begin.

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.

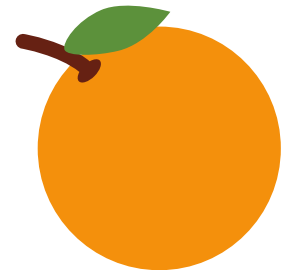
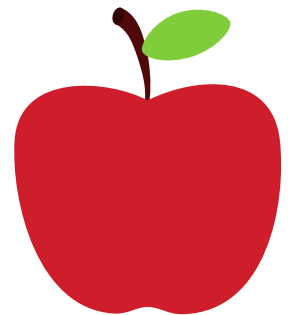
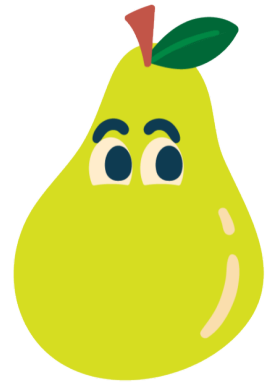
If you have any questions, please contact Annie Mickelburg at mickelburga@rockford.k12.mn.us or (763) 477-9165.

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OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA CHAPTER IS HOSTING A FRUIT FUNDRAISER THIS MONTH! MEAT STICKS, CHEESES, AND NUTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. THE ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO RMS IN EARLY-MID DECEMBER AND THEN A PICK-UP DATE WILL BE ARRANGED. THE FRUIT MAKES A GREAT GIFT FOR THE HOLIDAYS! IF YOU'D LIKE TO ORDER OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. GREGORY, THE FFA ADVISOR,
GREGORYM@ROCKFORD.K12.MN.US.

THANK YOU!

MCKENZIE GREGORY | 5-8 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION
MS FFA ADVISOR, WEB CO-COORDINATOR
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JOIN
US!

*Come out &
support the
AMAZING
cast & crew*



Our Rockford Area Schools Fall Musical Returns!
with the permission of MTI

November

19-20 at 7pm

21 at 2pm

General Admission

Tickets Available at the Door

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Reminders & Opportunities:

#yearbook

Walsworth yearbooks

2021-2022 Rockford Middle School
[Switch schools](#)

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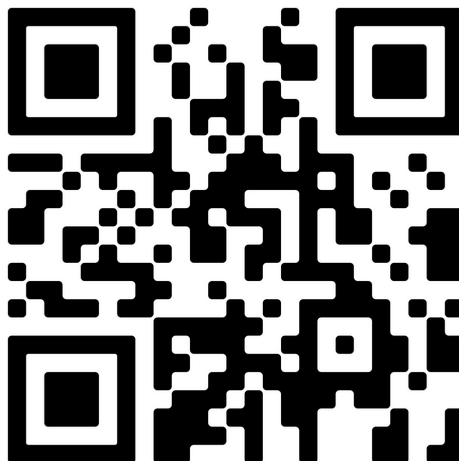
↑ **Yearbook Snap** - Submit photos for your school's yearbook!

Buy a Yearbook

Yearbook	\$15.00
Yearbook Only	

ORDER THE 2021-2022 RMS-CES YEAR BOOK [HERE!](#)

OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW



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Depression in Children & Adolescents

- **Crisis Text Line: 741741**
- **In a life-threatening emergency call 911**

Symptoms of depression in Children & Adolescents:

- Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities
- changes in appetite (increased or decreased)
- changes in sleep (sleeplessness or too much sleep),
- crying or temper tantrums
- difficulties with focusing, concentrating, thinking, making decisions, or remembering things.
- Fatigue and low energy
- worrying more
- physical complaints such as stomach or headaches
- feelings of sadness, anger, irritability, hopelessness, emptiness, worthlessness, or guilt.
- Withdrawing or isolating from family and friends, low self-esteem, extreme sensitivity to rejection or failure, and the need for excessive reassurance, thoughts or talk of death, dying, or suicide.



**NYSTROM
& ASSOCIATES**

**School-Based Mental
Health Services**

<https://www.nystromcounseling.com/our-services/school-based-mental-health-services/>

RMS-CES SPORTS NEWS



**ROCKFORD AREA ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION**

JO VOLLEYBALL

**[WWW.RAAASPORTS.COM/JO-
VOLLEYBALL](http://WWW.RAAASPORTS.COM/JO-VOLLEYBALL)**



LOOKING FOR A FUN ACTIVITY THIS WINTER WHERE YOU CAN MEET NEW FRIENDS AND DEVELOP LIFELONG SKILLS? JOIN THE ROCKFORD AREA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION JO VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR OUR 2021/22 SEASON. ROCKFORD JO VOLLEYBALL IS OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS IN GRADES 3-12 AND IS A GREAT WAY TO STAY ACTIVE AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN!



**GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND SIGN UP!
REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRATION OPENS FOR GRADES 3-8 ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021**

**REGISTRATION OPENS FOR GRADES 9-12 ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

[HTTPS://WWW.RAAASPORTS.COM/JO-VOLLEYBALL](https://WWW.RAAASPORTS.COM/JO-VOLLEYBALL)

**CONTACT US AT RAAAJOVOLLEYBALL@RAAASPORTS.COM TO
SIGN UP!**

"THIS IS NOT AN ISD #883 SPONSORED EVENT"

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Reminders & Opportunities:

A message from the nurse
regarding COVID notification:



As we get back into the swing of things and spend more time together, there are going to be cases of COVID, especially with the Delta variant making its way through. In order to not inundate you with emails, we will not be sending a general notification letter to an entire grade level after every positive case of COVID. We will be alerting you if your child is a close contact of a positive case of COVID. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child for symptoms and keep them home if any present.



Wright County
MINNESOTA

Truancy Resources

Wright 2 School

Excused vs. Unexcused Absences

Excused Absences:

Family emergency

Illness/Medical or mental health
appointments

(documentation may be required)

Religious holidays

Unexcused Absences:

Babysitting

Working

Needed at home

Child is not immunized

Car trouble

Missing the bus

Oversleeping

Weather

Habitual truant means a child under the age of 17 years who is absent from attendance at school without lawful excuse for seven full school days. If the child is in elementary school for one or more class periods on seven school days. If the child is in middle school, junior high school, or high school, or the child is 17 years old and has not lawfully withdrawn from school.

Truancy and Educational
Neglect Intervention
Program

Please click [HERE](#) to view Truancy Brochure

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A message from Kevin Keller, Ed.S.
Director of Teaching and Learning/District Assessment Coordinator

You are Invited to Join the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting on November 30th

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 November 30th, 6:00-7:00 pm*. A meeting link will be provided to those that call, email, or fill out this form by Friday, **November 26:**

RAS Curriculum Advisory Committee

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 6:00 -7:00 pm. 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>

RMS-CES CLASS NEWS

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LANGUAGE ARTS

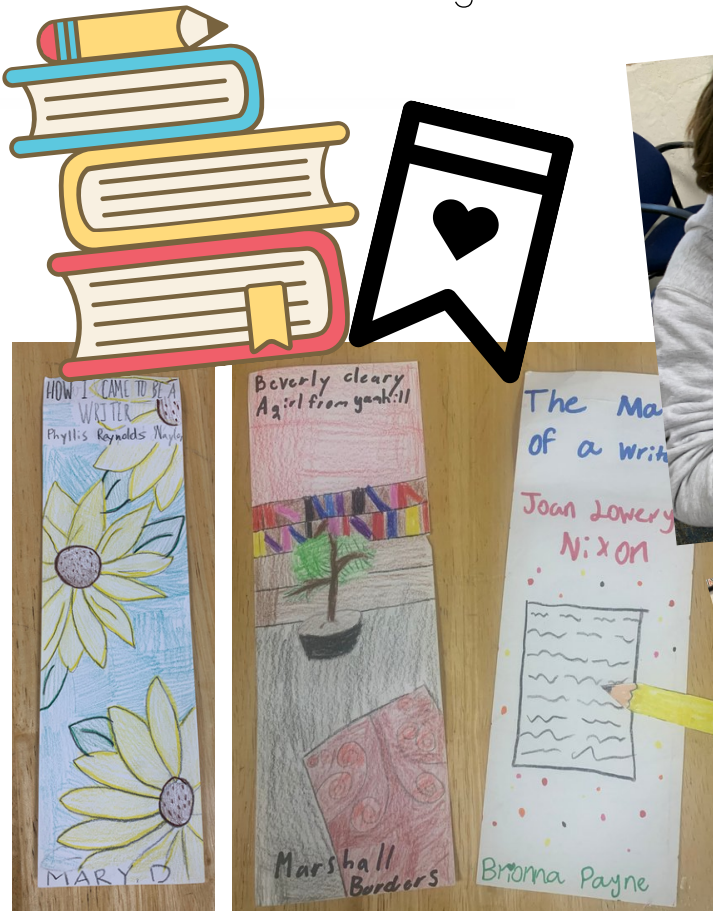
WORDS

BOOKS

Students in 5th grade Language Arts have been busy and productive with a variety of items. Most students continue to learn new vocabulary words. Their next vocabulary quiz will be next week on words such as, moocher, delectable, hospitable, cuisine, vary and international. These same students continue to work on text features and some students have created their own and shared with the class.

Other students have started a novel project. They are reading either memoirs or autobiographies. These students have recently designed and created bookmarks for their novels.

Most fifth graders have also completed their first book talks. Their next one has been assigned and is due Friday, December 3rd.



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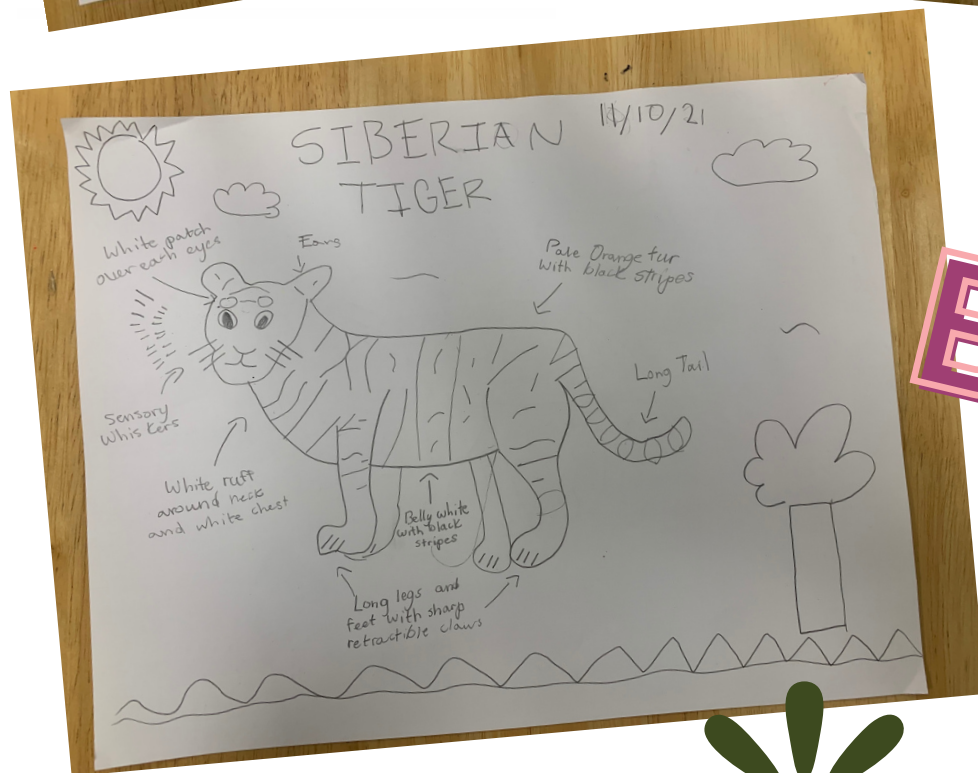
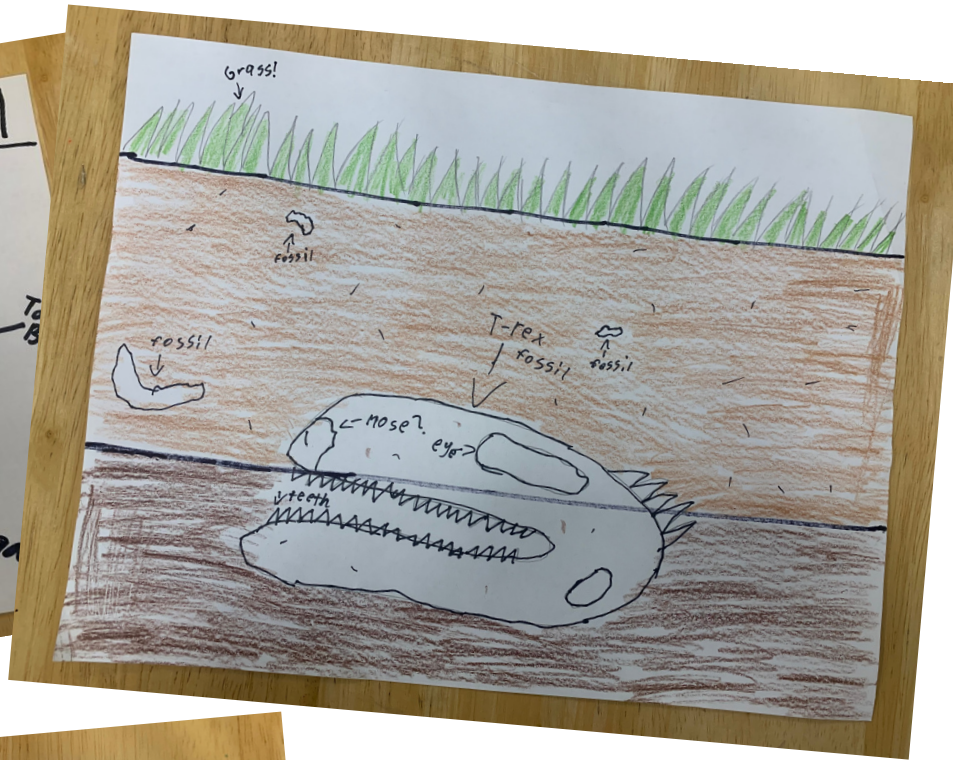
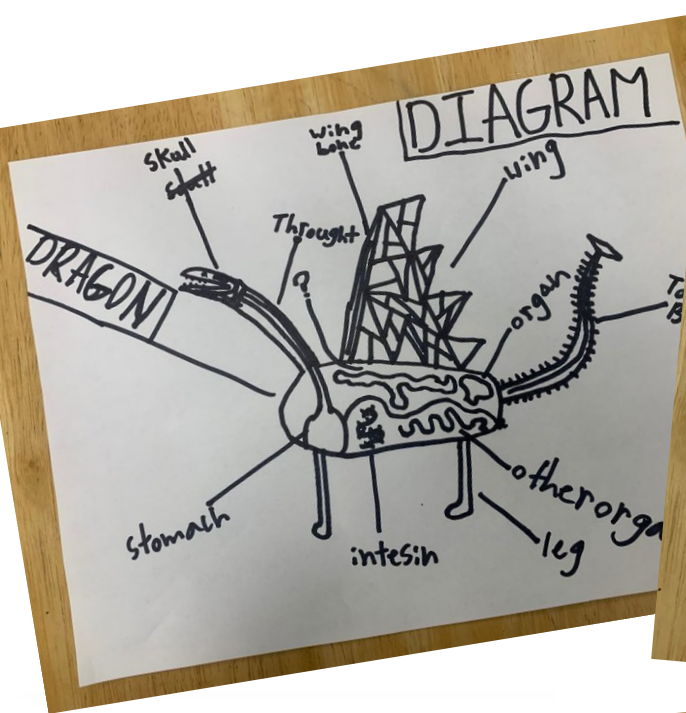
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LANGUAGE ARTS...continued



I LOVE BOOKS



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STEM



6th grade science worked to clear buckthorn from our school forest. Buckthorn is an invasive species which quickly takes over the area- **students have been working to clear buckthorn in the school forest for eleven years!** It is an ongoing process and requires yearly maintenance.



THANK YOU: THANK YOU: THANK YOU:

RMS-CES CLASS NEWS



LANGUAGE ARTS

Seventh graders finished reading "Dark They Were, and Golden Eyed" a spectacular science fiction short story by Ray Bradbury. Our focus during this story was on mood and tone. To make sure that mood and tone are forever etched in their brains - a student from each class was picked to act out a little skit with me. This demonstrated the mood or atmosphere of the class, and the tone of the author/me! Most student's mouths dropped to the ground when they found out that we were acting.

Make sure to ask your student what this was all about.

Students are continuing to work on their poems and slideshows for our in-class Fall Poetry Recital in December. It is amazing to hear them practice - it will be a fun day for all.

We will be starting a great short story by Langston Hughes called "Thank you, Ma'am" next week. During this short story our focus will be on characterization.

