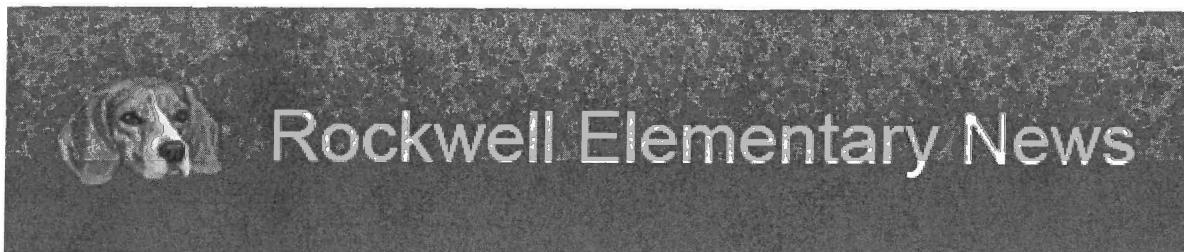


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From: miclark@lwsd.org on behalf of Michael Clark <miclark@lwsd.org>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Clark, Michael
Subject: Rockwell Elementary News October 15th, 2021



Principal's Letter

Hello Rockwell Families,

I've taken over this week's principal message to bring you this special counselor message! My name is Kristin Bauer and I am the school counselor at Rockwell Elementary. I am so happy to be part of this incredible community. I love my job and feel lucky to do what I do. As a mom of 9-year-old twins, I know that helping your child navigate the social and emotional rollercoaster of life can be hard and often overwhelming, especially with all that is happening in our world right now. As a school counselor, I work with students, families and staff to support students in achieving their academic, personal and social goals. My mission is to ensure that each child has equal access and opportunity to achieve success.

My job is to support ALL students, not just those with an emotional disability or in a crisis. I work with kids through counselor lessons, in small groups, and individually. While we are in remote learning, I will be providing by synchronous and asynchronous counselor lessons. Coming up this month K-2nd grades will receive lessons on problem solving using Kelso's Choices and 3rd-5th grades will listen to a book series that brings awareness to bullying. Additionally, in honor of October Disability Awareness Month, all students will listen to a book about disability awareness and have the opportunity to reflect on how they can be a friend to all.

I love talking to students! If your child would like to have a check-in meeting with me, you can let me know by sending me an email (kbauer@lwsd.org) or filling out the Counselor Check-In Request Form.

Also, if you have not yet completed the Family Resource Survey, I would really appreciate if you could take just two minutes to fill it out, regardless of your level of need. This survey helps me to make sure I am supporting all the families in our community.

That's it for Mrs. Bauer's special edition of the school newsletter! If you ever have any questions about Rockwell's counseling program, please check out my webpage Rockwell Counseling or reach out to me at kbauer@lwsd.org.

Take care, everyone, and have a great weekend!

- Kristin Bauer

UPDATES FROM MR. CLARK

Celebrating Unity at Rockwell Elementary

October 15, 2021

Dear Rockwell Families,

Good morning from campus, and happy Friday! I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying a three-day weekend with your kids. It was a pleasure seeing you virtually at conferences this week. We are hard at work today collaborating, planning, and growing in our professional knowledge as a school, and we looking to having our students return on Monday.

Families, I have a few updates to share this week:

Unity Day

On Thursday, October 21st, we will come together as a school to celebrate Unity Day. Our outstanding counselor, Mrs. Bauer, has a variety of fun and engaging activities planned for the day as we reinforce the important messages that all students, families, and staff are welcome at our school, and bullying has no place at the Rock. **Please encourage your student to wear orange on the 21st**, and feel free to reach out to Mrs. Bauer with any questions. Thank you!

Please Welcome Ms. Long to the P.E. Team!

Beagle families: please join me in welcoming back Cindy Long to the Rockwell team! You may remember Ms. Long from last year, when she joined us as a kindergarten teacher in the Spring. She will be with us through the rest of the semester while Mrs. Cottom has some work done on her knee. Ms. Long, welcome aboard, and Mrs. Cottom, we wish you a speedy and smooth recovery!

Earthquake Preparedness and the Great Washington Shakeout (10/21/21)

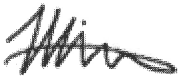
We are blessed to live in such a beautiful corner of the world. As we are located on the Pacific Rim, it's important to be ready for earthquakes living in this region. On the morning of Thursday, October 21st, we will join students and schools around the state in participating in the Great Washington Shakeout. Associate Principal Gallagher will take us through an earthquake drill via the school intercom, and as an office team, we will run through our earthquake-related routines and procedures, including practicing radio communication with the district. Please contact Mrs. Gallagher with any questions, and check out the links below for more information:

WA State Great Shakeout Website: <https://www.shakeout.org/washington/index.html>

Great Shakeout Podcast:

<https://www.shakeout.org/downloads/broadcast/universal/ShakeOutDrillBroadcastEnglish.mp3>

Take care, everyone, and enjoy the weekend!



Michael Clark

Principal



LWSD Updates

COVID Student Quarantine Update

As we near the end of the first month of school we want to thank all of our students, families, and staff for the collective efforts to keep everyone safe. We continue to need everyone to be vigilant about staying home when sick, wearing face coverings, and washing hands.

We continue to follow guidance from King County Public Health, recently updated, when it comes to determining when students can return to school when they are close contacts, test positive, or have symptoms. Isolating and quarantining students or staff that present symptoms, test positive, or have been close contacts is an important layer of safety to help prevent transmission of COVID-19 within our schools.

When provided with a range of options **we are using the safest options identified by King County Public Health**. We will continue to evaluate the impact on our students and schools and may adopt other options identified by Public Health as conditions evolve. Under Public Health guidance:

- Unvaccinated students and staff identified as close contacts and have a negative test will quarantine for **14 days** from the last date of contact with the person with COVID-19.

Students and staff who are vaccinated and do not have symptoms do not need to quarantine

- Students and staff who test positive and have no symptoms can return after isolating for **10 days**. If students and staff who test positive and do have symptoms must also be symptom free before returning.
- Students and staff with symptoms of illness, who test negative and have no close contact, can return **24 hours** after symptoms have passed **OR** if there is an alternative diagnosis by a health care provider
- Students and staff with symptoms, who test positive, and have no close contact are required to isolate for **10 days**.

In all Families can access testing in multiple ways, including

- Accessing free testing sites and private providers as a first option for testing
- For families that cannot access free sites or private providers resources, the district will soon begin offering free testing at regional sites.
- More information about our COVID Safety Plan is available here cases where students have symptoms, they must be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning regardless of the length of isolation or quarantine.

Highly Capable Universal Screening Update for 1st Grade

In order to decrease the number of assessments students are given, LWSD first grade students in LWSD will be universally screened using FastBridge for reading and math. Students that meet the screening criteria (85th percentile NPR in each area) will be invited to continue in the highly capable eligibility process. The CoGAT screener will not be administered during the 2021-22 school year.

Too Sick for School

One of the best ways to avoid community transmission of COVID-19, and other infectious illness, is to stay home when you are sick. Students and school employees who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical evaluation, which may include testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

While the school will no longer require an attestation form at the start of each day, we ask

families to please answer the following questions at home before deciding to send your child to school. If you answer "YES" to any of the following questions, keep your student home and contact your school.

1. Has your student been in close contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?
2. Does anyone in your household have COVID-19 like symptoms and/or is anyone in your household being tested for COVID-19?
3. Has your student or anyone in your household had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days?
4. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told your student to self-monitor, self-isolate or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19?

For more information, please visit our "Too Sick for School Webpage": Too Sick for School - Lake Washington School District (lwsd.org)

Several benefits come with filling out a School Meal Application; not just meals

Even though meals are free this year, we strongly encourage all parents/guardians who might be eligible for benefits to submit an application. Completing an application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one application per family.

Filling out the School Meal Application may help provide:

- Healthy & Nutritious Meals
- Fee Waivers for ASB Cards
- Fee Waivers for Athletic Participation & Extracurricular Activities
- Health and Wellness Services
- Fee Waivers for College Applications & Admissions tests
- College Scholarships

School Counselors can help connect you with benefits that you may be eligible for if you qualify for free and reduced meals.

Applications may be completed online at www.myschoolapps.com/or downloaded from our website (English | Español).

For more information, please visit our website: www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-meals.

MTAMFlyer

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED: WORK IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY!

We have immediate openings for all substitute teachers and classified substitute positions in LWSD!

Apply at LWSD Frontline Teacher Substitutes to become a Substitute Classroom Teacher.

Apply at LWSD Frontline Classified Substitutes to become a Substitute Instructional Assistant, Paraeducator, or Office Professional.

Hourly rates:

- Substitute Teacher: Starting at \$27.28/hour
- Substitute Paraeducator: \$19.51/hour
- Substitute Instructional Assistant: \$16.86 per hour
- Substitute Office Professional: \$22.44/hour

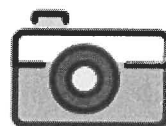
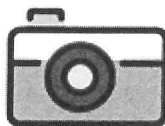
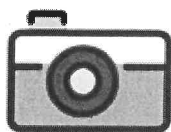
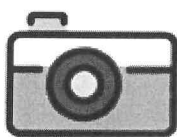
Any questions? Contact us at:

Substitute Coordinator

tayer@lwsd.org

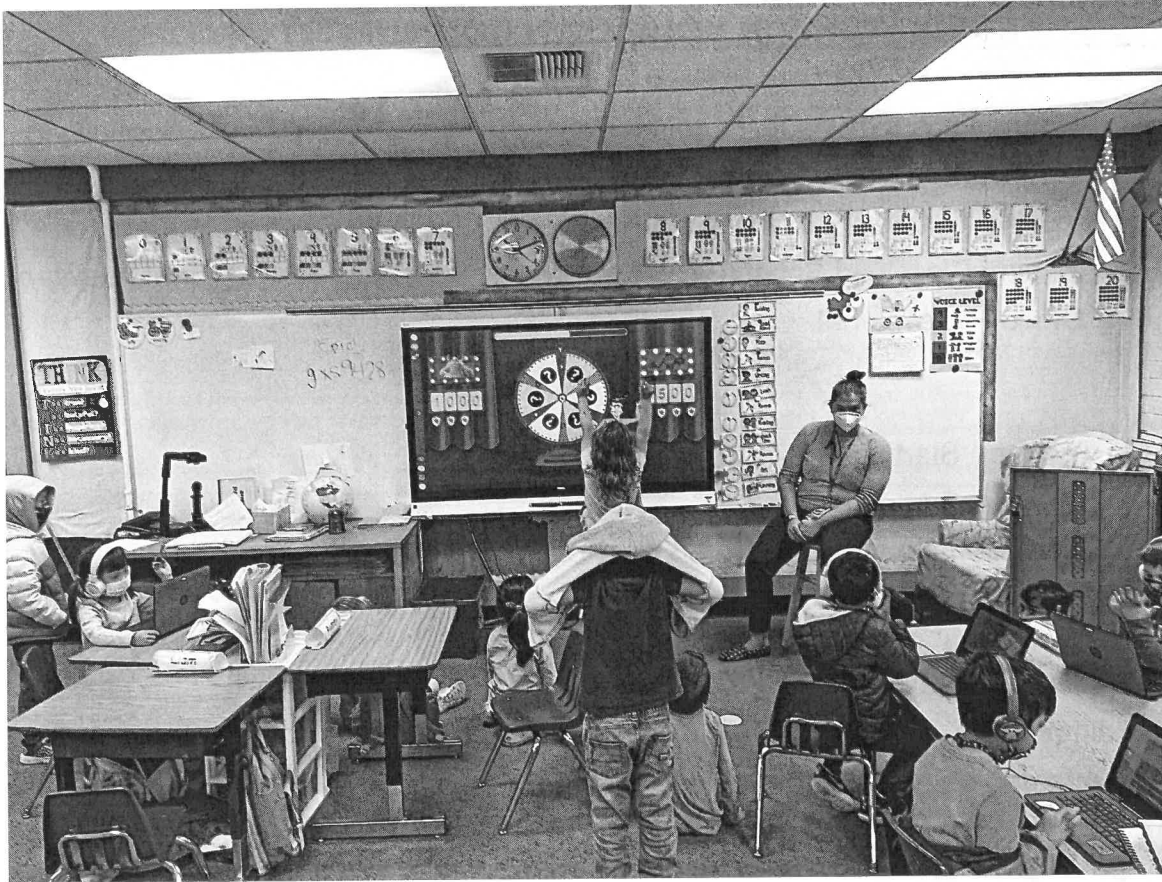
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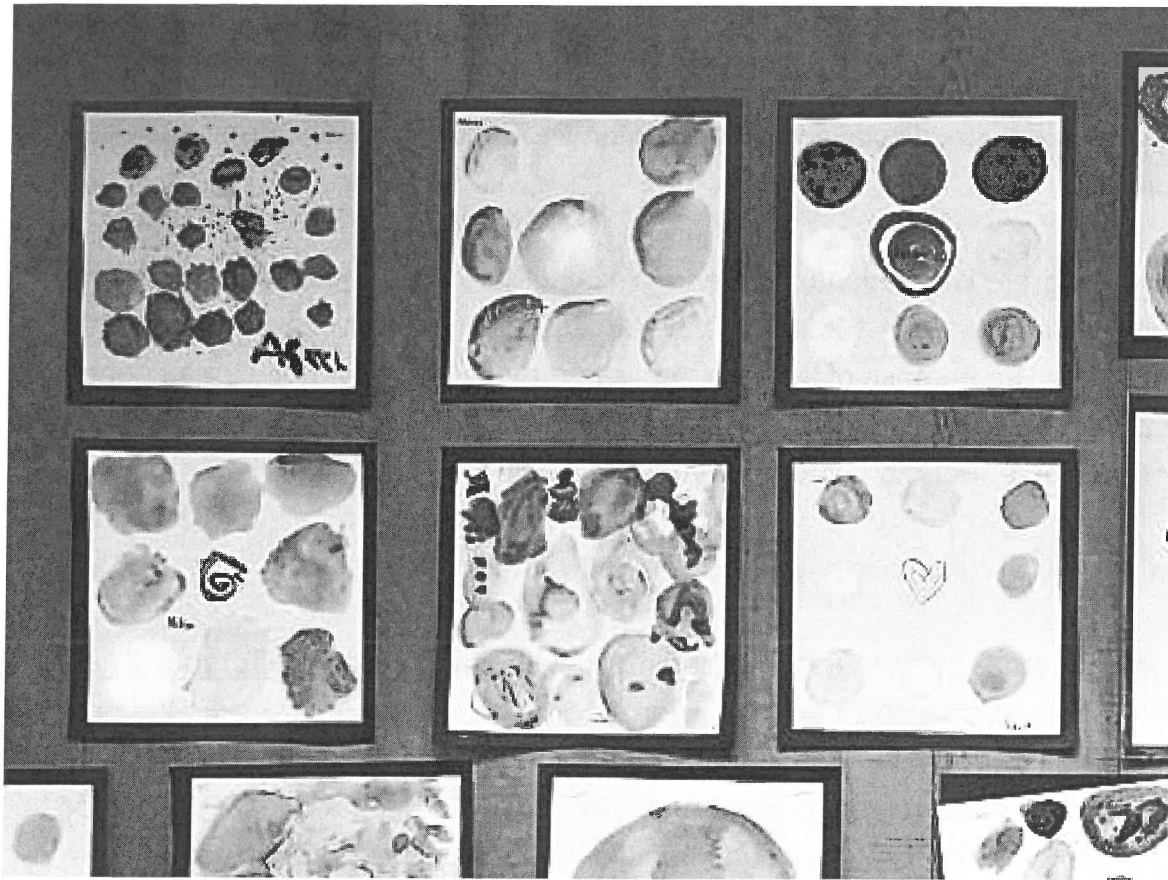
Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

Three cheers for the victors! Students in Ms. Ianni's First grade used the 'gameshow' feature of their Smartboard to practice their math fluency. I love that both the winning and losing teams cheered for the champions in the game.



Deep

Space Sparkle awesomeness! Thank you to our Second grade students for their help beautifying the office with their dot artwork.



PTSA Updates

Highlights from your Norman Rockwell PTA:



1. Attention all artists, writers, musicians dancers and film producers – Announcing the Reflections art competition kick-off this year and the theme is **“I Will Change the World**

by...". Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your work! Entries are due by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 27th. Winners will advance to the District level with a chance to have their artwork displayed in Washington DC! Additional advice and entry forms available soon.

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition which was started in 1969 and is the largest arts in education program of its kind in the United States. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works, created around a specific theme. For more information, please visit:

<http://normanrockwellpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Programs/reflections>

2. Please join us at our first general membership meeting of the year on **October 21, 2021** at 7pm. The meeting will take place through Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#) We would love to see a strong turnout at this first meeting, where we will be voting on important issues like our budget and standing rules. Principal Clark will also be making a guest appearance to share updates on programs. If you have any questions about the meeting, please email Denice at

president@normanrockwellpta.org

3. It's not too late to donate to the ABC (Annual Beagle Contribution) fund. We are still several thousands of dollars short of our initial fundraising goal. **Please donate today** to help ensure that we can run all of our academic programs and events, and so that we can support all the academic grants that are requested this year. [Click here to donate now](#) (it's step #3 in the on-line welcome packet, after you join the PTA). As you'll see in the "Big Give" letter that went home in every student's first day packets, your PTA relies on ABC contributions to run our academic enrichment programs and to give grants to our teachers that supplement **every** student's learning opportunities.

4. Make sure you're keeping track of your PTA's news! To sign up for our weekly newsletter, the Beagle Bugle, [Click here](#). Please also "like" our Facebook page so you can see updates there (look for "Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA").

5. Please consider volunteering your time to support our teachers and staff. Email volunteering@normanrockwellpta.org to find out more about our open committee chair positions, and the various ways to get involved.

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Updates

Fall Scholastic Virtual Book Fair–

this year we are offering an online virtual book fair in the fall. We are discussing the fair in library classes and the students are all very excited. Here are the details:

Virtual Book Fair dates- October 4th- 17th, 2021

Online Book Fair URL: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rockwellbeagles>

25% of all sales goes directly the Rockwell Library to purchase new books!

Want to buy some books for your classroom? Check out the Teacher eWallet accounts here.

If you don't see your teacher's name, remind them to create an account and check back later.

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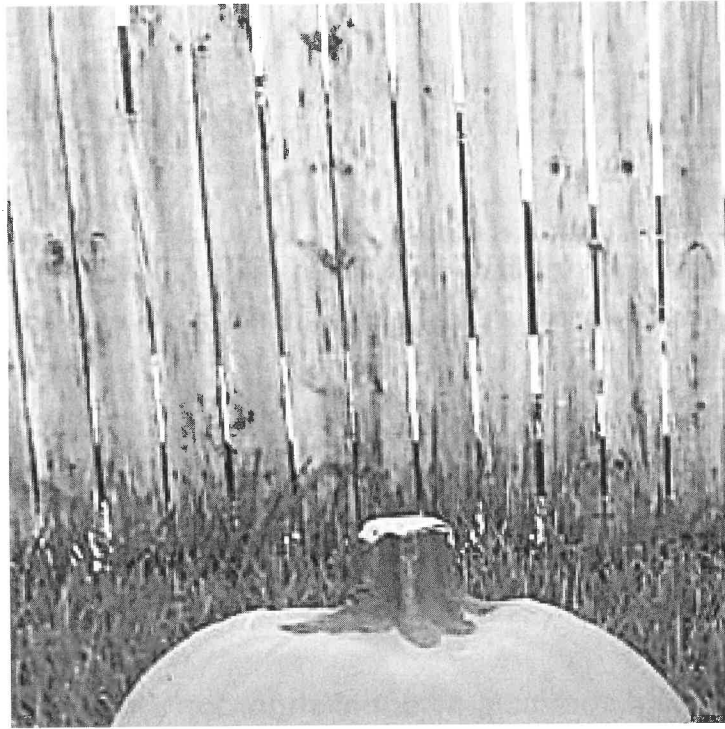
Plans for Halloween, 2021

Many of our longtime families will know that there are several Halloween traditions at our school, including an annual parade. Alas, with our current Covid and safety realities we will need to forego this event, however we will still work to provide some fun experiences for our students on the 29th. Here are a few important details about that Friday:

- Students may wear their costumes throughout the day on the 29th. As a reminder, all costumes must be school appropriate (no weapons, etc.), and students must wear their masks at all times.
- In lieu of the parade, we will create a PowerPoint for families featuring pictures of our students and classes. More details to come as we get closer to the event.
- While we appreciate the hard work of our room parents and other volunteers, in order to minimize the number of people in our building, we will not be having parents onsite during the day. Teachers may reach out to ask for assistance in planning pre-packaged materials, activities, treats, etc. (thank you in advance for your help!).

- For our friends who will not be participating in Halloween, we will have a fun movie playing in the library (our students will be seated at a socially distanced 6' apart).

Thanks, everyone, and please let Mr. Clark know if you have any questions



Fall State Testing Starts Soon for our 4th and 5th Graders

Each spring, all Washington public school students in grades 3-8 and 10 are assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and math using Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 are also assessed in science using the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). Results from these assessments provide meaningful feedback and data that teachers and other educators can use to help students succeed. The results provide data to help evaluate school-level and district-wide instructional strategies, initiatives, and other programs.

Last spring, these tests were postponed until the fall by the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This was due to the number of students attending school remotely. The fall tests will be based on the content from the previous grade level and have also been shortened in length. For example, 4th grade students will be taking a shorter 3rd grade test.

Our current 4th and 5th grade students at Rockwell will be taking the fall test on October 19th and 20th. Learn more about the state assessments on the district website. Next spring, we will be back to the regular schedule of state testing for grades 3, 4 and 5.

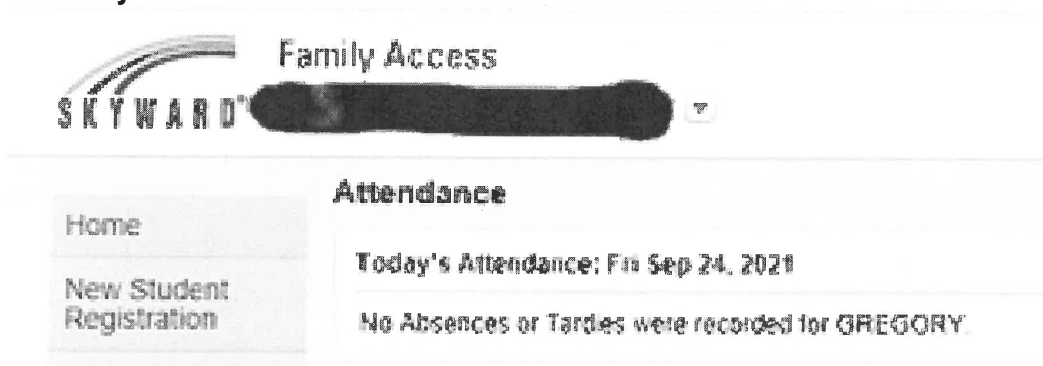
We are looking at these assessments as a data point to help us plan instruction. If your child is K-3 remind them to be extra quiet in the hallways on the morning of the 19th and 20th. If your child is in 4th or 5th grade, ensure they get a good night's sleep and breakfast the morning of testing. We are excited for our students to share what they have learned.

Attendance Information

Please update your contact information for sending student attendance. use StHatch@lwsd.org *not* MMobley.

By 8:50am, use one of the three options (in order of preference) to notify Rockwell your student will be absent:

Use Skyward –



Use Safe Arrival phonenumber: 425-936-2671

Email: StHatch@lwsd.org

Making vacation plans, changing contact information or moving? Contact StHatch@lwsd.org

Counseling Services Available for Rockwell Students

Rockwell is lucky to be partnering with YES again this year to support our Rockwell community. Youth Eastside Services (YES) is a local agency that provides mental health counseling, as well as other services, to students and families in our community. A counselor from YES will be available to provide ongoing mental health counseling to a limited number of students here at Rockwell during school hours. If you are interested in learning more about

this opportunity for your Rockwell student, please contact our school counselor, Kristin Bauer, kbauer@lwsd.org, for more information.

Kristin Bauer (she/her) | School Counselor

Norman Rockwell Elementary School

kbauer@lwsd.org | 425-936-2675 (direct)

Giving Our Beagle Best Every Day: Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Kind

“Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.” ~ Winston Churchill

Pantry Packs: Pantry Packs is a program that provides weekend packs of food for students in Lake Washington School District. Students participating in the Pantry Packs program receive a bag of food to bring home every Friday. Each Pantry Pack has enough food to feed one child for a weekend. If you would like to sign up for your child to be part of this program and receive a weekly pack of food, please complete the Pantry Pack Request Form linked [HERE](#). If you have any questions or would like more information about the program, please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Bauer at kbauer@lwsd.org.



Upcoming events

Calendar

- October 15 - October Leap (In-service) Day for Staff - No school for students.
- October 21 – PTA General Membership Meeting (Via Team) – 7:00 PM
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day – No School

Student's Rights and Responsibilities

Families: here is a link to our district Student Rights and Responsibilities page:
<https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/student-services/student-rights-and-responsibilities>. Please let Mr. Clark know if you have any questions. Thank you!



Quick Links

For information on Free Wi-Fi for families, follow this link:
LWSD Free Internet webpage

Resources for LWSD Families & Staff During School Closure

- Free Meals for Students
- Technology Support for Students & Families
Email for Students: ftaccess@lwsd.org or
Email Address for Parents: parentquestions@lwsd.org
- Educational Resources
- Child Care Resources

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