



Rockwell Elementary News



Principal's Letter

Virtual for Fall Conferences, Halloween, and Safety While Walking Home

Dear Rockwell Families,

Good morning from Rockwell, and happy Friday! October is here, and that means it's time for a variety of events, including Fall conferences and Halloween. Here is some information from the Chief Beagle on these two events, as well as a reminder about safety when walking to and from school:

Fall Conferences: October 11th, 12th, and 14th

We look forward to seeing you virtually on the week of October 11-14 (a quick reminder that the 15th is a full in-service/professional learning day for our staff, so there is no school). During conference week, school will be dismissed at 11:50 AM (1:50 PM on Wednesday), so please review with your child their plan for these unique dismissals. Fall conferences are a time to check-in and share/set goals for the year, and you and your child's teacher will have the opportunity to discuss how to support your Beagle in reaching these goals. Thank you for arriving promptly for your student's conference, as our teachers will have many meetings on these

days, and please [reach out to your child's teacher](#) if you have any questions about your conference, such as how to access the Teams meeting link.

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 me know if you have any questions.

Safety While Walking To and From School / Cell Phones

Families: I have had a few neighbors on 162nd and 116th say that they have seen students looking down at their phones while walking to and from school and inadvertently walking out into the street (one neighbor on 116th said he had to slam on his breaks). If your child carries a cell phone with them, this would be a good time to remind our students to be aware of their environments, and to put phones away while walking along busy streets (I shared this reminder during

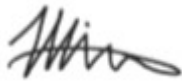
morning announcements on Thursday as well). Here are some resources on the topic from our school Safety Team:

Video: <https://www.safekids.org/video/gary-street-distracted-walking>

Article: <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/school-safety/head-up-phone-down>

Take care, everyone, have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Kind Regards,



Michael Clark
Principal



Virtual Coffee with the Principal

You are cordially invited to our first virtual "Coffee with Mr. Clark" on Thursday, October 14, at 9:00 AM via Teams. All families are welcome, and the topics for our coffee will include a debrief on our school year so far, and an overview of our Inclusion work for 2021-2022. To join the meeting, please click on the link below at 9:00 AM on the 14th:

[Link to Coffee with Mr. Clark at 9:00 AM on 10/14/21](#)

Take care, and I look forward to seeing you for remote pastries and good conversation on the 14th!

-Mr. Clark



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 \(lwsd.org\)](https://lwsd.org/too-sick-for-school)

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.

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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

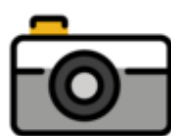
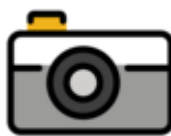
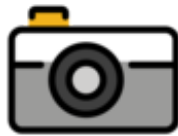
Any questions? Contact us at:

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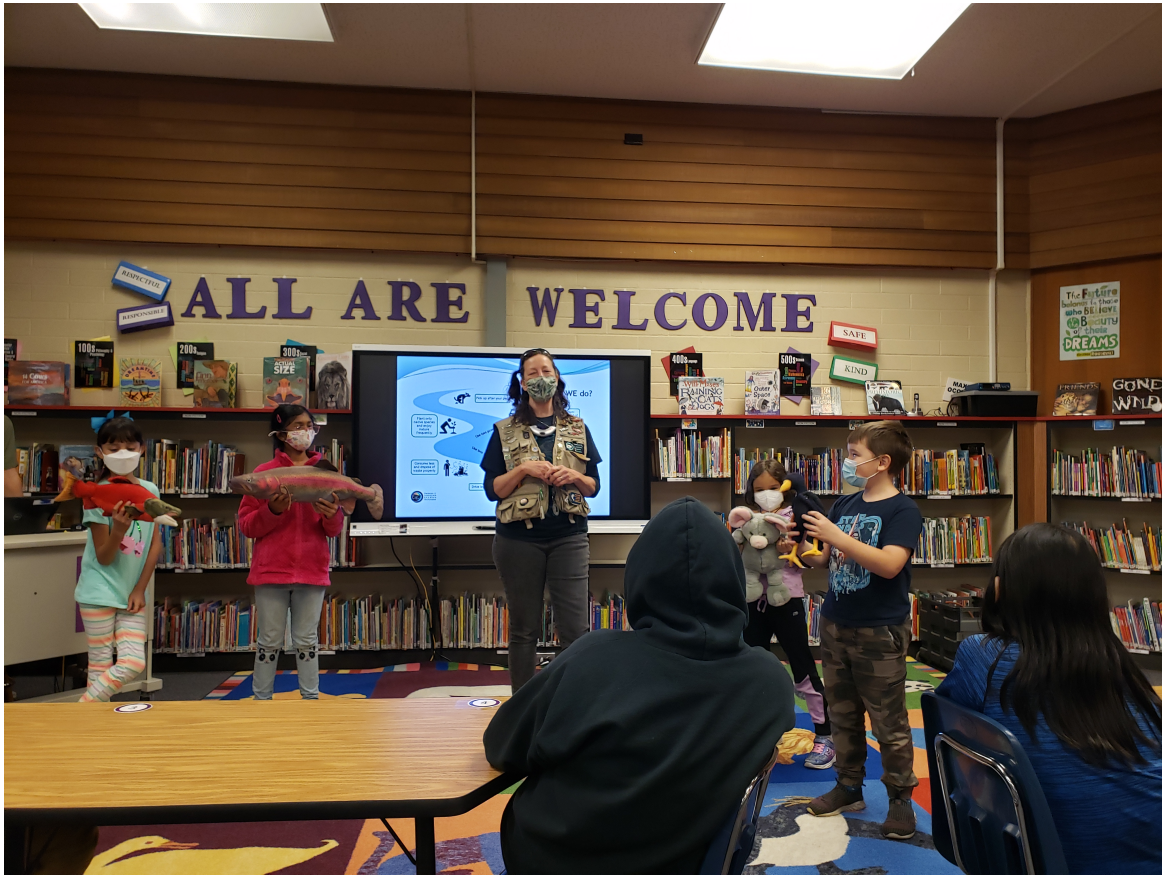
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Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

Our Fourth Graders were treated to an excellent presentation on salmon by the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery. During the event, our Beagles learned about the lifecycle of salmon, different species of the fish, and how to care for our local watershed.



PTSA Updates

Highlights from your Norman Rockwell PTA:



- 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>

- 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

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- 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.
- 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").
- 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.



Rockwell 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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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 you 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.

Hello From The Rockwell Equity Team!

This week we will talk about stereotype threat – what is it and what impact does it have?

Stereotype threat, what is it?

- Stereotype threat refers to the risk of confirming negative stereotypes about an individual's racial, ethnic, gender, or cultural group

What impact does this have?

- People may experience stereotype threat many times a day because we have multiple identities – stereotypes stemming from race, age, gender etc.

- Stereotype threat can affect an individual's life, ambitions performance or confidence in their own abilities

What is an example of this?

- The **model minority** myth is a practical example of this. This is commonly a stereotype of an ethnic, racial, or religious minority group that is assumed to have achieved a high level of educational, economical, and professional success. One common reference to this is with Asian Americans and having a high aptitude in math or other academics.
- You might ask – **what is wrong with this?** This myth ignores the diversity amongst individuals and various Asian cultures as well as the history behind where this started and how it was used to highlight the value of assimilation.
- Consider how this myth might impact the way a child might be held to a higher standard in a classroom or alternately not receive extra help if they are struggling. How might this impact a child's perception of self-worth?

Adam Ruins Everything – How America Created the “Model Minority” Myth (~5 min) – This clip explores this particular stereotype further and is worth a listen!

<https://youtu.be/Pg1X1KkVxN4>

Want to learn more about this topic? Please listen to:

How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do – Claude Steele (~8 min)

<https://youtu.be/KvLj3OIQHUE>

- Some reflection questions to consider (or discuss with a friend!):
 - Are there stereotypes that have impacted you from society?
 - What impact have they had on you as an individual?
 - How might we address these proactively with our children?



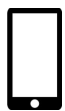
Upcoming events

Calendar

- October 11, 12, 14- Fall Conferences - School is out at 11:50am
- October 15 - October Leap (InService) Day for Staff. No school for students.

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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