



Rockwell Elementary News



Principal's Letter

November 19, 2021

Wishing You and Your Family a Restful and Meaningful Thanksgiving Break

Dear Beagle Families,

Greetings from Rockwell, and happy Friday! I hope this message finds you well. Team, with Thanksgiving break just around the corner, I want to take a moment to say.....thank you. Thank you for being such an amazing and resilient school community. This is a time to reflect upon our many blessings, from health and happiness, to the gift of education and learning. I am thankful to lead such a talented and dedicated school team, and I'm equally thankful for all of our families who are supporting our learners in partnership each and every day. Even with slow moves toward normalcy, we are still all going above and beyond right now for our students – I see you and appreciate you. While Thanksgiving may still look and feel different again this year with added safety considerations, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and I'm thankful for stories I'm hearing from students about receiving their vaccination shots. There

WILL come a time that we'll find ourselves on the other side of all of this, and we're making our way to that reality day-by-day. There is so much for which to be grateful.

Take good care, and here's wishing you a restful and meaningful Thanksgiving Break next week.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mike', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Clark
Principal



“Freedom from Want,” from the *Four Freedoms*, Norman Rockwell (1943)

FROM THE OFFICE:

We are in the rainy season in Washington. We are a school that goes out to recess, we are using our covered areas for lunch so please consider the following when sending your child to school.

1. Wear warm layers.
2. Consider waterproof shoes.
3. Wear waterproof jackets/coats.
4. Pack a set of dry clothes (include masks/socks). We don't have extra changes of clothes and will not be sending students to the health room to change.
5. An umbrella goes a long way to keep your child dry.

Some changes we are making to recess to keep students drier.

1. Banana tree, sand field and sand pit are closed for now.
2. Please stay off the grass (it is wet and muddy), use the paved paths instead.
3. Little Toy, Big Toy and blacktop will be open.
4. We will have some undercover activities during the last recess of the day.



LWSD Updates

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://www.lwsd.org/too-sick-for-school)

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](https://www.lwsd.org/apply) 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

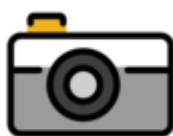
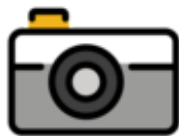
Any questions? Contact us at:

Substitute Coordinator

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Director of HR, Data and Operations

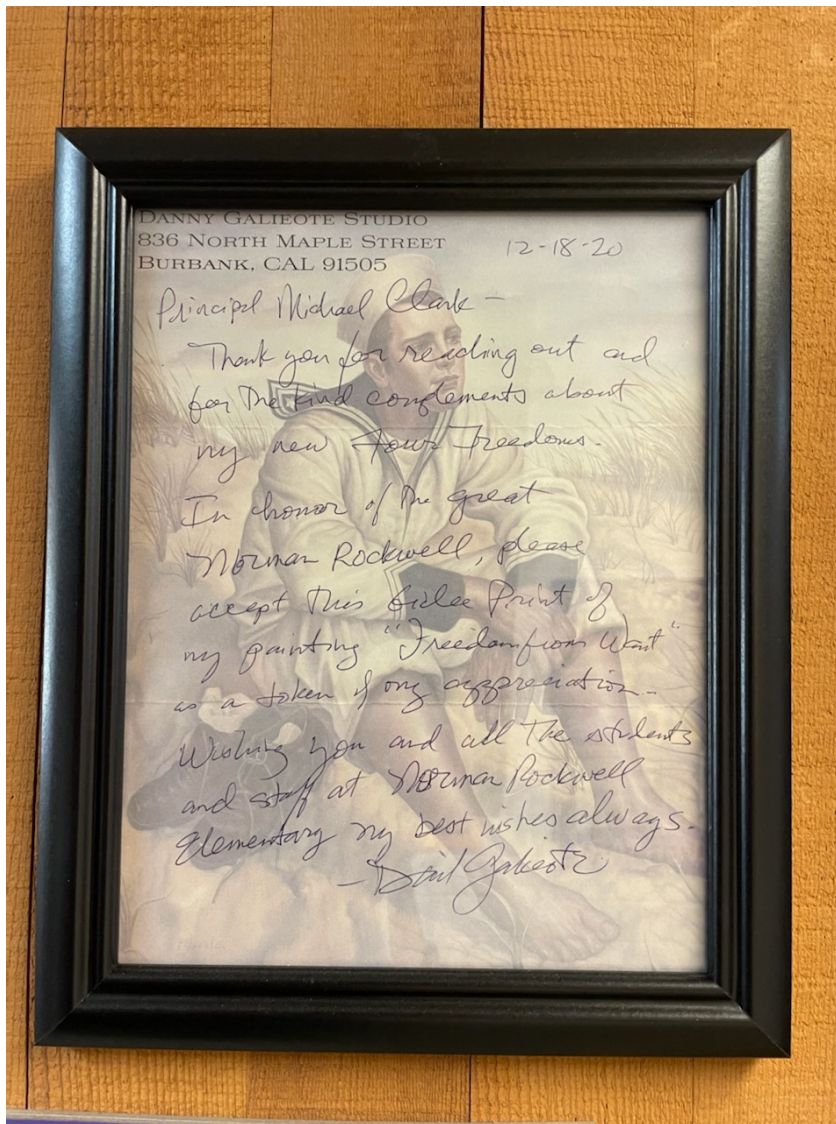
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Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

Several artists have re-imagined Rockwell's iconic "Freedom from Want" over the years, including the Pop-American Regionalist, [Danny Galieote](#), who gifted our school a signed copy of his work last year. Mr. Galieote's painting reflects the beautiful richness and diversity of our Redmond community. Also included below is a picture of the letter he wrote to our school community with his donation.





PTSA Updates

5th Grade Cover Contest

Interested in drawing, sketching or doodling the Norman Rockwell Spirit?

It's a Rockwell tradition for the graduating classes to submit designs for the yearbook **front & back** cover.

Enter the yearbook cover contest and your design could be selected!

Deadline: Friday, January 7th, 2022

Requirements:

- Black pen or black marker only please

- Please use two 8x10 papers to draw your pictures (front & back cover)

How to Submit:

There are two ways to submit artwork. Students can:

- Give to their teacher
- Scan & email yearbook@normanrockwellpta.org
- Accepted file formats include: jpg, SVG, TIFF, PNG and PDF (zip files also accepted). Files can be up to 100MB per file.



Math Challenge Tournament 2021 Rockwell Registration Code: 239

The Math Challenge Tournament organized by Ellipsis Academy will be held online this year on Saturday, December 11, 2021. All registered students can start the test anytime between 10am – 5pm PST (Pacific Standard Time). Once students have started the test, they will have one hour to complete it in one sitting. This tournament is open to Grade 1 – 6 students. Students in Grade 1 will be competing at a Grade 2 level.

If you are interested in participating in this tournament, you can find more info at <https://www.ellipsisacademy.com/fall-2021-math-challenge-tournament.html>.

How to register:

- You can start registering now. Registration will close on Monday, Nov 29th.
- Our school participates in the MCT School Give Back Program. 15% of the registration fees will be given back to our school's PTA, if students/parents provide our school's 3digit code during registration. **Rockwell's code is 239.**

- Any student may use the Rockwell code to register including, on-line students, siblings attending other schools and more.
- Go to the website:
<https://ellipsisacademy.as.me/?appointmentType=26993570>

Please contact us if you have any question or if you need additional information about this tournament.

Janelle Urfer

Fiona Zhang

Rockwell



Updates

Picking up your child(ren) from school:

In the interest one of our core values of safety we are asking families to partner with us about picking students up from school during the school day.

Picking students up during lunch and recess impacts the focus of the supervisors and by extension student safety.

Please schedule your pickups of your child(ren) outside the following times:

Attendance Hotline: 425-936-2671



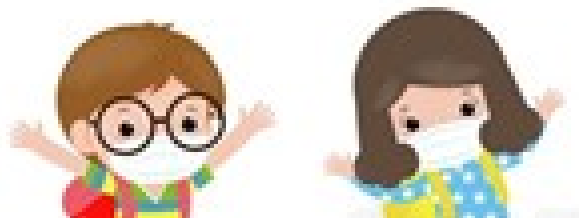
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<u>Lunch</u>
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11:30-11:
11:40 – 12

Picture ReTakes will be December 1st

Like many businesses, LifeTouch/Shutterfly is experiencing staffing and supply shortages.

We appreciate your patience as we reschedule our retake day.



Extra masks in the student's backpack

November is the rainiest month of the year in Washington state. This means students will be outside in rain more and their masks get wet too.

Please have a **few extra masks in their backpacks** so they can change when needed, and keep track so you can remove used ones as necessary.

Thank you, and enjoy the extra hour this weekend.

[Sayori Hinitz](#), PPE Coordinator

ATTENDANCE HOT

LINE

Do you have a doctor appointment? Illness? Traveling?

It is my job and honor as attendance secretary to keep track of every student in the building, but I need your help to ensure every student is accounted for.

Action required By 8:50am!! Call the **ATTENDANCE HOTLINE 425-936-2671** and please include the student's first and last name, or report the absence in [Skyward](#). As a last resort, email StHatch@lwsd.org and CC the teacher.

Thank you for ensuring all students are accounted for every day!

StHatch@lwsd.org

Equity Team Update - The History of Thanksgiving - Should We Think About This Differently?

Hello from the Rockwell Equity team!

The history of Thanksgiving - should we think about this differently?

You may have grown up learning about Thanksgiving and the history in a very different manner than kids today. There are differing views amongst Native Americans as well on the holiday itself - as a group, they are not a monolith in their opinions. How can we learn more? The first step is to be curious and seek to understand. Take a look at the article here to understand how you can support Native Americans and your own learning journey.

The Real History Of Thanksgiving Isn't The One You Learned In School— Here's How To Celebrate Smarter, You can uplift Native Americans during this holiday and beyond.

<https://www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/a33984895/native-american-thanksgiving-holiday/>

The following blog article is one you may find helpful to understand more about Native American perspectives:

A Thanksgiving Message from Seven Amazing Native Americans

<http://www.project562.com/blog/a-thanksgiving-message-from-seven-amazing-native-americans/>

This is a great time to discuss the history and remind those around us to be curious to learn more about the Native American community, their culture and challenges.

Do you have feedback or thoughts to share? Please do send them to Mr. Clark, we would love to hear from you



Upcoming events

Calendar

- November 24 – Half-Day Early Release – 11:50 AM
- November 25-26 – No School: Thanksgiving Break
- December 1 – Lifetouch Picture Make-Up Day
- December 9 - Vision and Hearing Screening



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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