



Rockwell Elementary News



Principal's Letter

December 17, 2021

Wishing All of Our Rockwell Families a Restful and Peaceful Break

Dear Rockwell Families,

Good afternoon, and welcome to Winter Break - we've made it to the finish line of 2021!! I hope this message finds you safe and well, and that you are looking forward to some family time in the weeks to come. Families and staff: as we head into Winter Break, I want to take a moment to say thank you SO MUCH for your

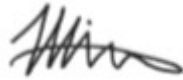
incredible generosity during our “Rockwell Cares” drives! In partnership with our PTA and Student Leadership team, we brought in over 1,192 pounds of food and over \$4,000 in gift cards that will support families in need right here in our Rockwell and Redmond communities. I appreciate your support in teaching our students the important lesson that we are indeed our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, and that giving our Beagle Best includes helping others, both now and throughout the year.

Just like our students, I have a wish list for this season and the New Year as well. Here is the Principal’s wish list for December, 2021:

- I wish for safety and health for every member of the Rockwell community.
- I wish for more stories from our students about how brave and excited they were to get their vaccination shots.
- I wish for (and will continue to work toward creating) a school in which all students, staff, and families feel safe and welcome; a school in which they see themselves reflected every day.
- I wish for a world-class education for every child we serve (and I’m proud to lead a team that’s delivering just that).
- And finally, I wish for our students to experience all the joys of childhood and look back upon their elementary years fondly as they grow up and move on to new adventures.

Take good care, Beagle families, and enjoy every second of your time together during break. We’ll see you again in the New Year on Monday, January 3.

Kind Regards,



Michael Clark
Principal



Mr. Clark, Mrs. Gallagher, and the entire Rockwell team wish you and your family a wonderful break together, and every joy in the New Year! We'll see you in 2022!

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Updates

**International Travel and returning to school:**

We recommend families follow the CDC travel guidelines [International Travel | CDC](#)

It is recommended to test 3-5 days after return from your travels. Please note: The test you take to leave the other country does not count towards fulfilling this guidance.

Please send negative test results to StHatch@lwsd.org and SHinitz@lwsd.org
Clearance to return to school will be provided upon processing negative test results.

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 when 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



AM RECESS

10:30 – 10:45	K, 1, 2 Recess
11:05 – 11:20	3, 4, 5 Recess

LUNCH and RECESS

Lunch	Recess	Grade
11:15-11:40	11:40-12:10	K
11:30-11:50	11:50-12:20	1
11:40 – 12:00	12:00- 12:30	2
11:50- 12:10	12:10- 12:40	3
12:00-12:20	12:20 – 12:50	4
12:10- 12:30	12:30 – 1:00	5

PM RECESS

2:00 – 2:15	K, 1, 2 Recess
2:35 - 2:50	3, 4, 5 Recess

DISMISS: 3:20 PM

WEDNESDAY DISMISS: 1:50 PM



December Character Trait of the Month: CREATIVITY

Enjoy your winter break and have fun as a family! Find a large cardboard box and unleash your inner child as you work together with your family to create something new! What can the box become? Perhaps it will be a spaceship, an ice

cream shop, a fairy castle, or a race car. Using craft supplies, work together to use Creativity to turn the box into a new creation.

Bonus: **Not a Box** by Antoinette Portis would be a fun, family read prior to this activity!



LWSD Updates

Fall Smarter Balanced Assessment scores available through Skyward/Family Access

Students in 4th-9th and 11th grades recently took the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in English language arts and math. Students in 6th, 9th and 12th grade took the Washington State Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). The primary purpose of these tests was a brief check-in on how students are doing compared to some of the state standards.

This test was different from prior years' tests in three ways. It was given in the fall instead of last spring, there were fewer questions overall and this test did not assess as many areas as previous tests. For these reasons, we recommend that these fall results not be compared to other year's test results.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has completed the scoring for these tests and they are now available to school districts. We have uploaded the achievement level and scale score to Skyward/Family Access. Families will receive a more complete graphical report from OSPI in

February. Scores for sub-sections of the assessment (such as reading, writing, and math problem solving) are not available for the fall assessment due to the shortened length of the test.

State tests provide a snapshot of how your child performed during testing and are not indicators of classroom performance. Classroom performance should be the primary measure of your child's skills and knowledge. If you have a concern about your child's testing performance, please talk with his/her teacher.

To access the test scores:

1. Login to Family Access.
2. Select "Test Scores" on the left menu.
3. Select "Show Scores" for the assessment.

Skyward Family Access support is available on the LWSD website.

Regular spring state testing will resume in March-June 2022.

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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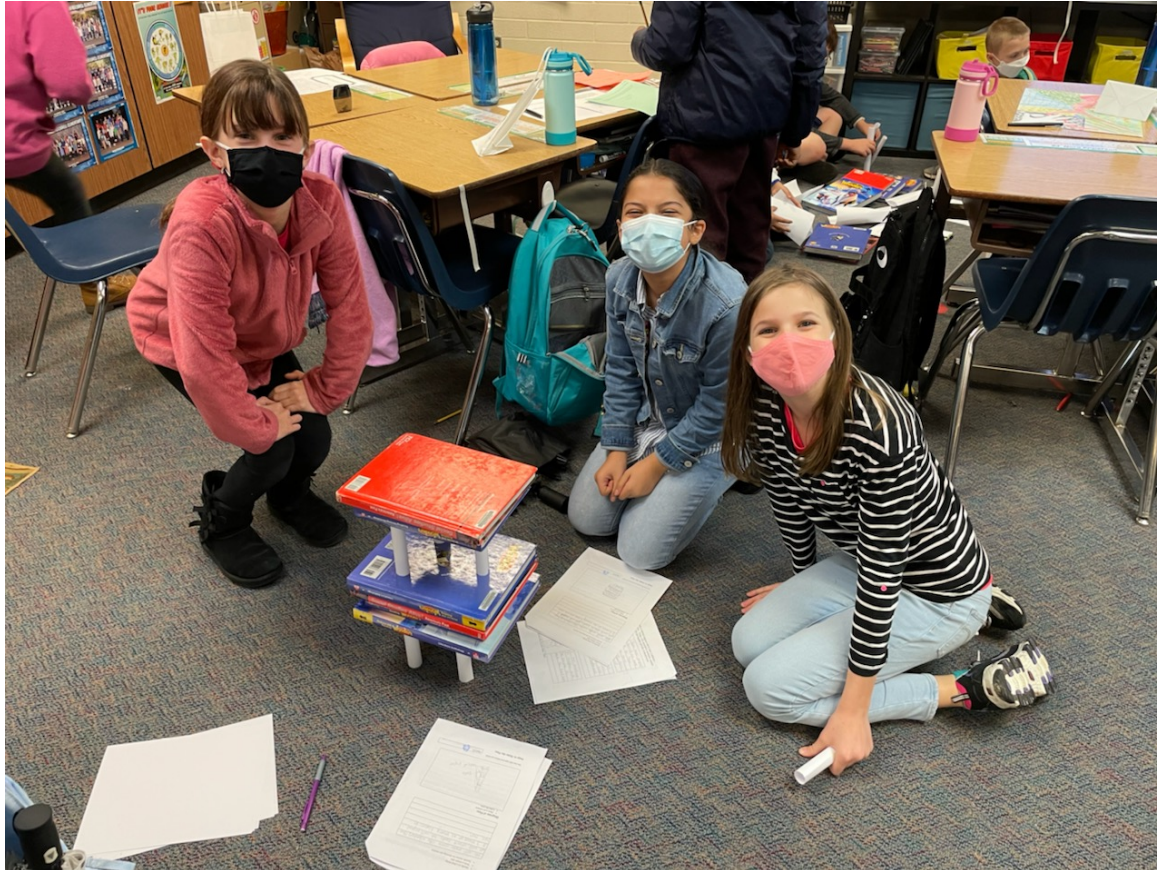


Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

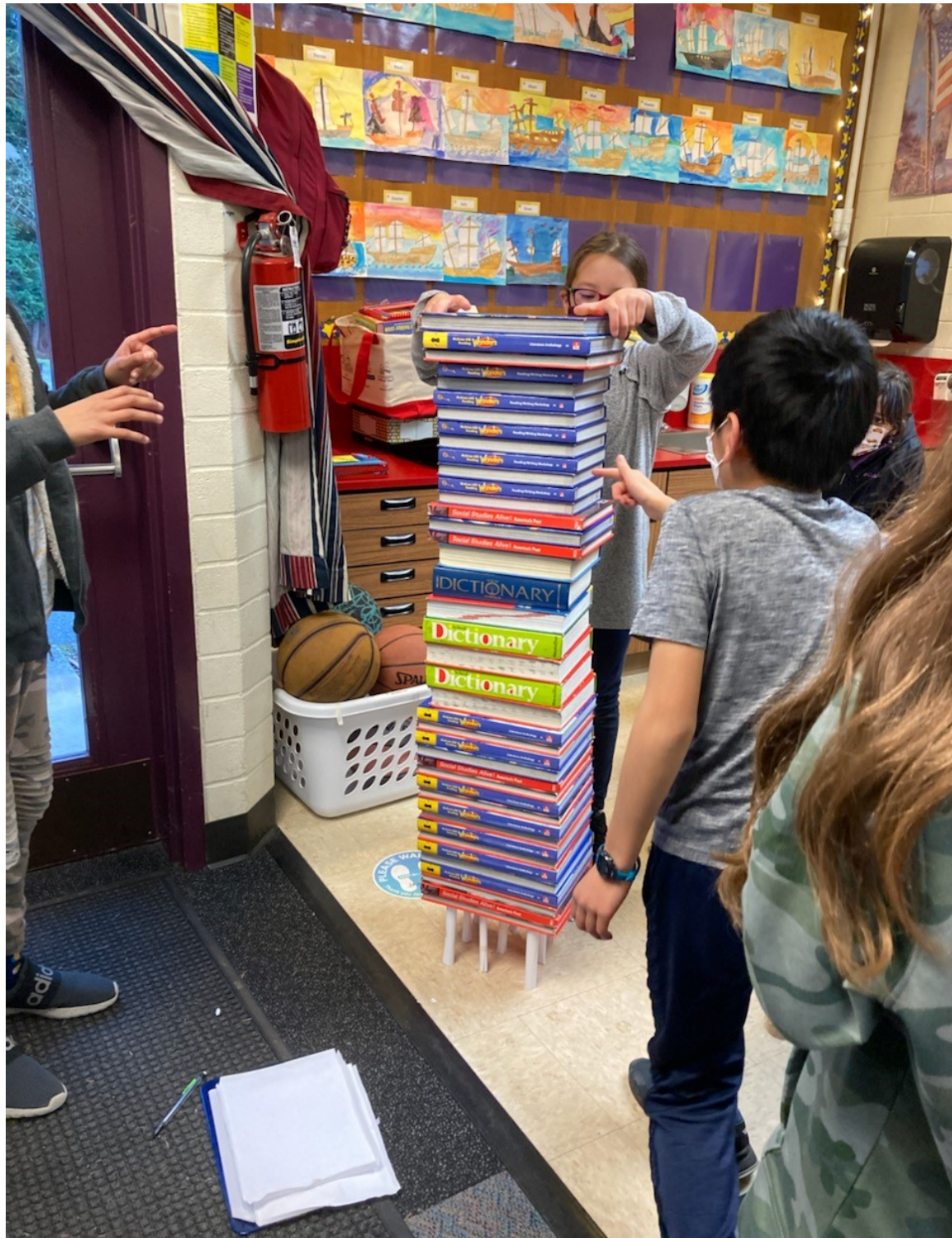
Technology fun in the library! Our Fourth grade Beagles played a Kahoot game during their library time to test their knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System.



Sci-Fri Fun in Fifth grade! Last week, our Fifth grade Beagles worked together as teams to plan and build structures that would support multiple textbooks.







Thank you again for your incredible generosity during our “Rockwell Cares” drive. Together, we brought in 1,192 pounds of food for Hopelink and over \$4,000 in gift cards to support members of our community.





PTSA Updates

1. The PTA started a brand new program this year called Recess Wranglers. The program has parent volunteers helping outside during lunch recess. The added eyes, ears, and hands have been tremendously helpful for school staff, as lunch recess is usually the most chaotic recess of the day. Staff tell us that the Recess Wrangles program has been a huge success. Thank you so much to everyone

who volunteered to help in November. We're looking for additional volunteers to help during lunch recesses in December. You must be a LWSD approved volunteer, and also must provide Stacy Hatch (in the front office) proof of vaccination. Please sign-up here: [Recess Wranglers: Recess Wranglers - Dec \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

2. Please join us at our next general membership meeting on January 20, 2022 at 7pm. The meeting will take place through Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#). We will be voting on important budget issues, and would love input from as many PTA members as possible. 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.



Upcoming events

Calendar

- December 20 – Winter Break Begins – See You in 2022!
- January 3 – First Day of School in the New Year

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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