



Rockwell Elementary News



Principal's Letter

January 7, 2022

Happy New Year, and Welcome Back to the Rock!

Hello Beagle Families,

Greetings from the Rock, and happy New Year! I hope your 2022 is off to a great start. It was a unique return with snow days and late starts, but all our students and staff did a great job being flexible and navigating the course. We are starting

to settle in to the second half of the year, and I'm excited for everything we'll achieve together in the months to come.

Safety is always our number one priority (especially in light of the omicron variant), and we have spent concerted time this past week revisiting school routines and procedures, including those related to safety. I appreciate the premium our families have placed on caution and safety, and [if your child is not feeling well](#), please continue to keep them home and contact us for guidance on next steps.

Here, also, are a few important safety-related reminders and updates:

- [Here is a link to the Covid Information for families page on our district website.](#)
- Please continue to send students to school with extra masks in case the mask they are wearing breaks or gets dirty. We do have extras in the office, but we are going through quite a few of them.
- Please consider using the [Wellness Screening Feature](#) each day in Skyward. This helps us with attendance, as well as with any potential follow-up or contact tracing. [Here is a link to a video](#) on how to use the feature.
- Please continue to practice effective handwashing and other hygiene practices at home.
- We are experiencing districtwide staffing shortages – this can impact things such as transportation and crossing. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these challenges, and please wave at Mrs. Gallagher and I as you see us at intersections. 😊

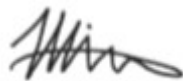
January Conferences

Also, families: a quick reminder that January conferences will take place via Teams later this month on the 25th, 27th, and 28th.

- Please read your child's classroom newsletter and keep an eye out for teacher emails with details on how to sign up for your student's conference slot.
- We will dismiss at 11:30 AM on the 25th, 27th, and 28th. Please make sure your child knows their plan for getting home on these days.
- Interested in a sack lunch on conference days? [Please complete this online form](#) by 12:00 PM on January 19th.

Take care, everyone, and as always, please [reach out to me at Rockwell](#) (425-936-2670) if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to share – I enjoy hearing from families. Here's wishing us all health, success, and joy in the year to come.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Clark', with a stylized, flowing script.

Michael Clark
Principal



Happy New Year from Rockwell elementary! We wish you and your family a safe and prosperous year ahead.

Rockwell



Updates

Crossing Safety

As we come back to school, now is a great time review with your child(ren) safety expectations for walking to and from school. Please make sure they understand to walk on the sidewalk, cross at cross walks, watch for traffic when they cross, and listen to adults who may be at crossings. Due to staffing shortages, we have had a few times when one of our crossings have not been able to be covered. Safety is one of our core values and we continue to do our best to fully staff our crossings. Thank you for reminding your child(ren) about safety as they walk to school each day!

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR WHEN PARKING

Reminders about safety during our student drop-off and pick-ups at the beginning and end of the school day:

- ALL pedestrians must use crosswalks.
- A quick reminder that the speed limit is 20 miles per hour around our school before and after school. This speed will help us keep a close eye on our Beagles and give us plenty of time to respond in case one of our students makes an unexpected choice.

At school Drop off/Pick up

- Eight of our front parking spaces are marked with diagonal and vertical yellow stripes and are not to be used for parking during drop off and pick up.
- When dropping off students by car, please use the upper right lane and continue to pull all the way forward. Once students pass the mailbox, they may get out on the passenger side ONLY.
- Do not let children out of your vehicle until you pass the mailbox.
- Please keep the upper left lane open to through traffic.
- Please remember to never block the bus lane; wait at the road curbside if necessary.
- Children should be dropped off after 8:35 am as there is no earlier supervision in the car lane.
- Thank you for keeping handicap spaces open for designated vehicles.
- Please do not park in the small lot to the right of the bus lane, as this is staff parking

Reminders for those who park on the surrounding neighborhood streets

- When turning from 162nd to 110th, please make sure to use your blinker and wait for the crossing guards to return before making your turn.
- Do not block any of the driveways, mailboxes, (or fire hydrants) of our neighbors
- Do not park on corners as it creates poor visibility at the crosswalks, making it hard to see small children who may not be as careful if they are running late. Park

- Only park your vehicle parallel with the street and faced in the direction of the lawful traffic flow.
- Plan for extra time and bring your patience and kindness.

Thank you ALL for keeping our students safe.

[Chapter 10.52 STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING \(codepublishing.com\)](#)

[RCW 46.61.570: Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places—Reserving portion of highway prohibited.](#)

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

PurposeFULL
People

January Character Trait of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY

This month we are talking about Responsibility! The dictionary talks about Responsibility in a few ways: duty, accountability, and the independence to make decisions. We are using a slightly different definition at school: Responsibility: to take action and understand how our choices affect others, ourselves, and the world. Every day we make choices and take actions. Being responsible means we know how those choices impact all people and things involved! Sometimes we get to choose what we are responsible for, sometimes we earn new privileges through consistent and healthy choices, and sometimes we are responsible for things simply because we are a part of a community (and we all have to do our

part!). We will spend time talking about what it means to be responsible for our classroom. We will practice self-control and develop helpful practices. Together, we can take Responsibility for a more kind, generous world!



LWSD Updates

A Message from the District Equity Department

Do you have ideas you would like to share about increasing equitable practices and improving student experiences and outcomes in the district? Have you not had the opportunity to have your voice heard before on these topics? Are you willing to engage in conversations about race, gender, sexual orientation, different abilities, etc.? Are you willing both to speak up and to listen? Do you represent the diversity of our district including diverse racial backgrounds, language expertise, Special Education and ELL services, diverse socio-economic backgrounds, LGBTQIA+, etc.?

We are seeking additional members for the Lake Washington School District Equity Team. We encourage all staff, family members, and community members to indicate their interest by filling out this form, particularly those who may not have had the opportunity to be represented previously.

Questions? Feel free to contact Keriann Levinson in the Equity and Family Engagement department at klevinson@lwsd.org.

A Message from Redmond Middle School for Fifth Grade Families

RMS will host a virtual information night for incoming 6th grade families. Families will be able to learn about Redmond Middle School and what to expect in 6th

grade. The information session will be held on January 18, 2022, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please use this link to connect to the virtual session: [RMS Neighborhood School Information Night](#). The session will be recorded if you are unable to attend; just use the same link to access the recording. Families can also submit questions that they would like to have answered during the presentation. Please submit your questions here: <https://forms.office.com/r/CaqyhJTnae>.

Thank you, families, and please contact RMS Associate Principal Richard Snyder (rsnyder@lwsd.org) with any questions.



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

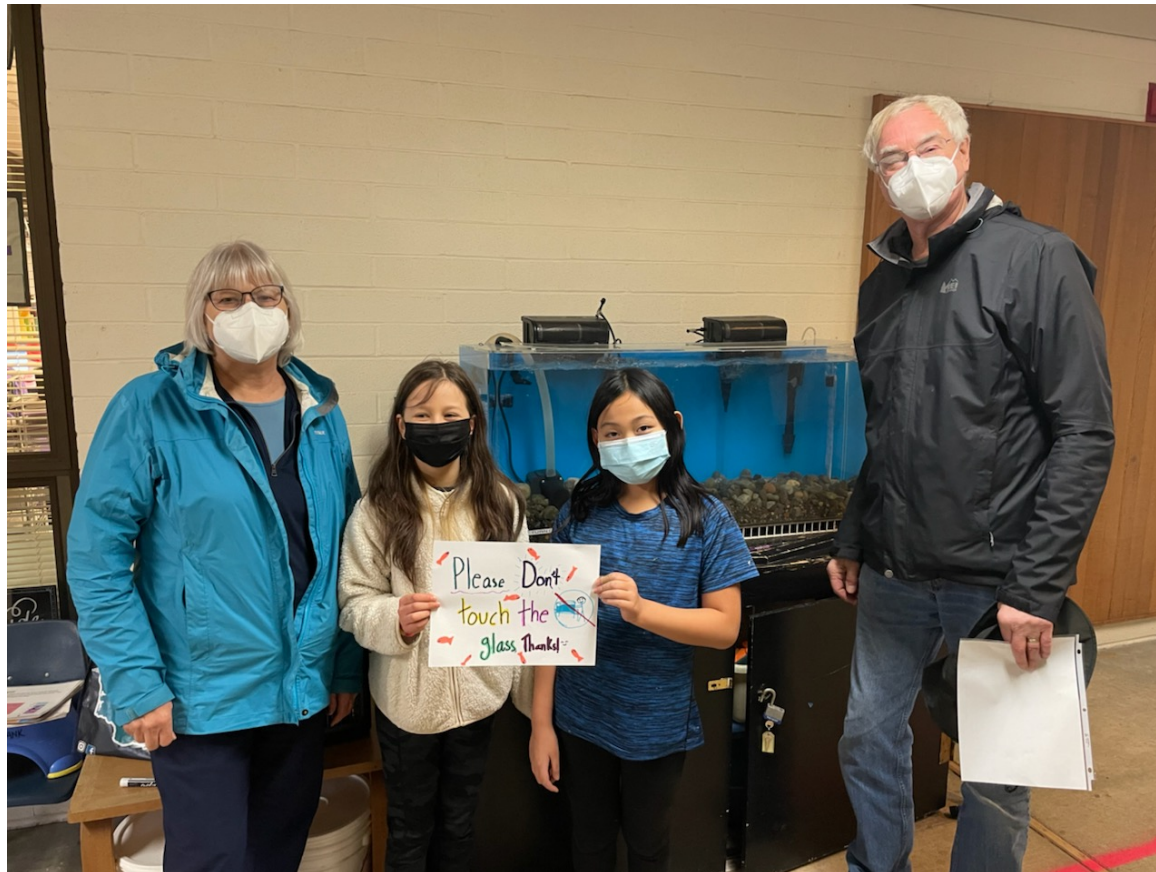
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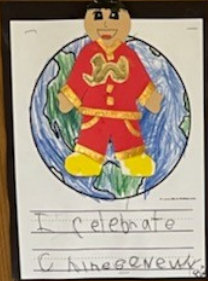
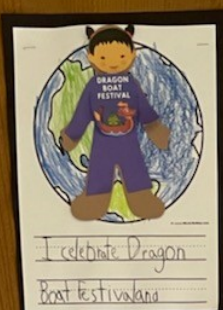


Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

The salmon are back!! Each year, our Fourth grade beagles learn about the lifecycle of salmon, and as part of that experience, the students in that grade raise and release hundreds of salmon into our local rivers. While we had to pause this tradition last year, our salmon are back, and eggs were placed in the tank this past week. Our students will have the pleasure of seeing the fish grow over the next several months. I'd like to say a big thank you to the Thome family, who have spent countless hours cleaning and preparing the tank for our new arrivals!



Celebrating the beautiful diversity of our community: just before break, our kinders learned all about the many traditions celebrated in our Rockwell community. As part of the project, the kinders drew a picture of themselves representing a tradition observed in their family.



PTSA Updates

1. The PTA would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to the Rockwell community for your support with the holiday gift drive. We raised \$4,500 to support Rockwell families who are facing economic distress. We requested donations of \$25 gift cards from Target and Fred Meyer so families could use the cards for household items or holiday gifts. Our amazing Rockwell families donated 180 gift cards to help support our students in need. Thank you to everyone who donated, and thank you so much to all the folks who volunteered to stand at the flag pole, drive-up line, and at the back of the school during those cold December days to collect gift cards from families. The PTA is humbled by the generosity of this amazing community.
2. 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 and December. We're looking for additional volunteers to help during lunch recesses in January. 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 - Jan \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

3. 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
4. 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.
5. 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").
6. 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

- January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Observed – No School
- January 25, 27, 28 – January Conferences (1/2 Day Early Release)

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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