



Rockwell Elementary News



Principal's Letter

January 14, 2022

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. King

Dear Rockwell Families,

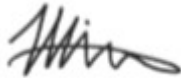
Greetings from Beagle Central, and happy Friday! I hope this message finds everyone safe and well. It was an excellent week of Rockwell learning, and I appreciate the flexibility and perseverance of our students and staff as we continue to respond to the needs of the moment. We continue to reteach and

practice safety-related routines and procedures, and I appreciate the thoughtful questions and comments I've received regarding our Covid-related planning. As always, if you have any ideas, questions, or comments to share, please feel free to reach out to me directly at Rockwell [via email](#) or phone (425-936-2670).

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, as we will take the day to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our leadership students and teachers put together an excellent virtual assembly that we showed to the students throughout the day. Please ask your student what they learned about Dr. King, as well as their thoughts about what they can do as a student and citizen to "keep moving forward" to a create school and country filled with kindness and justice for all.

Take care, everyone, and enjoy the weekend.

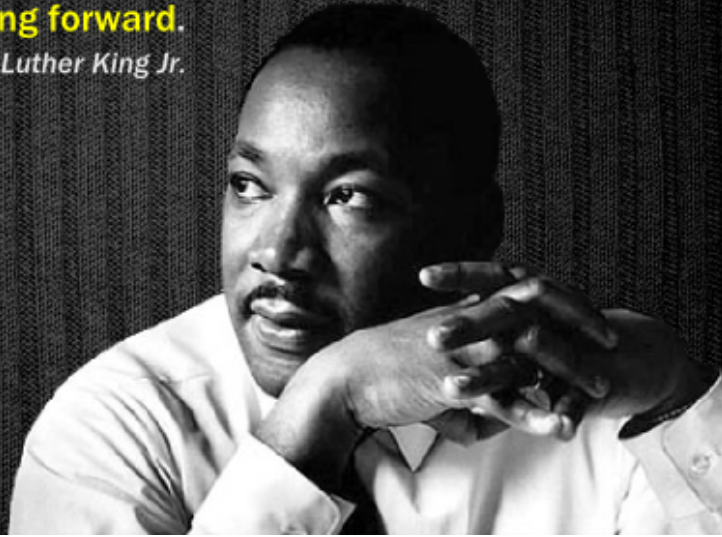
Kind Regards,

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

Michael Clark
Principal

If you can't fly, then run,
if you can't run, then walk,
if you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do,
you have to **keep moving forward.**

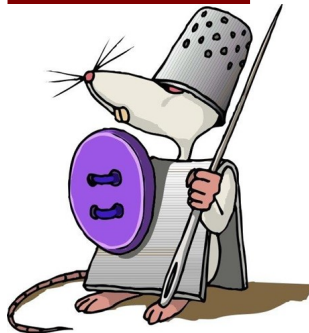
- Martin Luther King Jr.



Rockwell



Updates



Hello Beagles from the Library!

We have come to that time of year.... The Battle of the Books competition season. Students in 4th and 5th grade have been reading from a list of 12 titles since September. These awesome readers have formed teams and worked together to accomplish this feat. Now comes the time to test their knowledge of these books. Starting this week, students are competing with their teammates against other teams in their classroom. There are 2 battles in Round 1. At the end of the round, the team with the most points from each classroom will be deemed the champion of that class and advance to Round 2. Let's celebrate these awesome teams and wish them good luck!

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 focusing on the character trait of Responsibility. Here are some questions you can discuss as a family to begin a conversation about what is looks like to be responsible.

- You really want a new game, but you need a new pair of shoes. How do you decide between wants and needs so that you can spend your money responsibly? Talk about wants and needs in your life and how you've learned to tell the difference!
- What are the responsibilities you have at home? How do people know what they are responsible for? Which responsibilities are you really good at?



LWSD Updates

Three measures on the February 8 ballot to support excellence for every student

Local levies help bridge the funding gap between what the state provides our schools and what we actually need to support students. Local levies pay for staff at each school, technology for students and classrooms, help us maintain our schools and add classroom space.

Lake Washington School District is asking for three local levies on the February 8 ballot. Each measure will help support excellence for every student. Two measures renew current levies that are set to expire later this year. Propositions 1 and 2 will continue funding for school staff, programs, and opportunities for our students, like performing arts, extracurriculars and athletics. Proposition 3, our Building Excellence Construction Levy, will help us meet our current and future growth by adding classroom space across our fast-growing district.

You can learn more about Propositions 1-3 here <https://www.lwsd.org/education-levies>

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.



Kindergarten Registration

It will soon be time to begin Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year. The initial registration period for children who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2022, will begin on February 24, 2022. Registration for all K-12 LWSD students is [online](#). All necessary documents can be accessed on the LWSD website and completed documents can be uploaded securely. Parents who are unable to upload documents may send them by U.S. mail or drop them off at their neighborhood school. Important: While K-12 student registration will continue throughout the school year and summer. Parents are highly encouraged to register students as soon as possible. Registering early helps LWSD ensure that class sizes are balanced and adequate staff are hired in time for the new school year.

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

Director of HR, Data and Operations syuhan@lwsd.org



Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

On Monday, we will take the day off from school to observe the birthday of a very important American, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I'd like to say a big thank you to our students and staff who put together this year's MLK assembly, and for students who would like to learn more about the life and work of Dr. King, we have some wonderful books in our library.



I'd like to say a big thank you to our Rockwell First graders for providing this month's office artwork! Nice job, Beagles!



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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