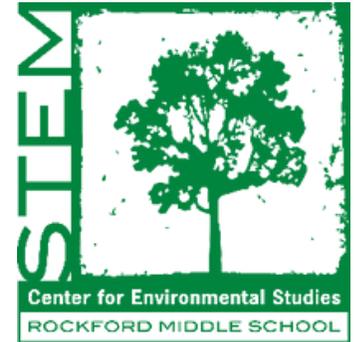


# ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



Rockford Middle School - Center for  
Environmental Studies  
Interim Principal  
Robert Danneker  
DannekerR@rockford.k12.mn.us

Dear RMS-CES Students and Families,

There were only two things on the minds of both students and staff this week: finishing Quarter 3 strong and the upcoming Spring Break! I want to thank all students and staff for their strong efforts to conclude the academic quarter with everyone's best efforts, and I wish all students, families, and staff the best during Spring Break!

We had a number of exciting events take place this week. The University of Minnesota's Raptor Center presented to all Grade 7 science students on Monday, with a bald eagle and a peregrine falcon serving as the guests of honor! Also on Monday, the School Board approved a student retreat for next year's 7th Graders to Osprey Wilds – look for more information to come on that. Finally, on Tuesday, we hosted 8th Grade conference night – it was great to see those who attended!

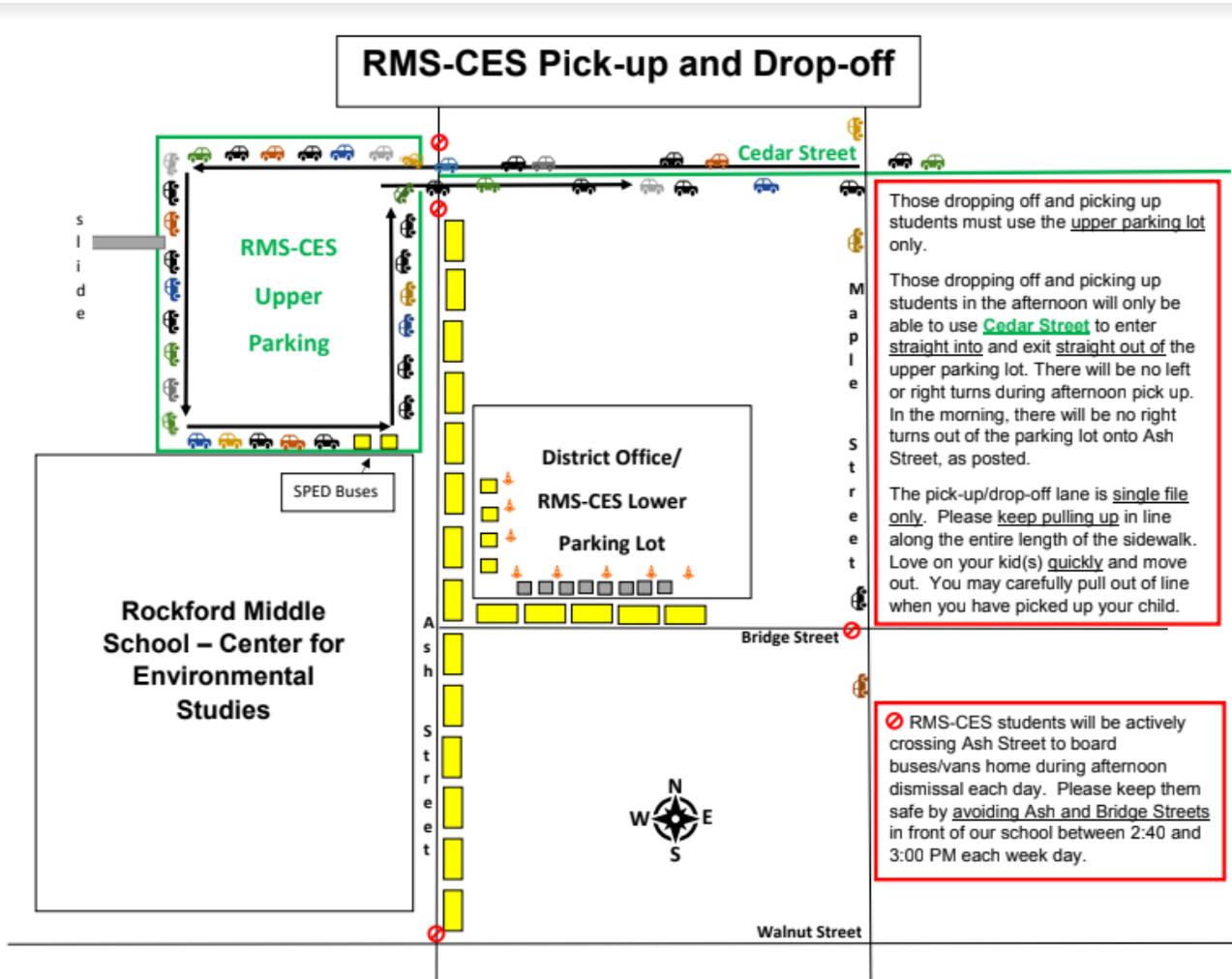
Enjoy Spring Break week, and we'll see everyone back rested and ready to begin Quarter 4 on Monday, April 4!

Sincerely,

Robert Danneker  
Director of Students Services & Interim RMS-CES Principal  
Rockford Area Schools  
dannekerr@rockford.k12.mn.us  
RMS-CES Office: 763-477-5831

## ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

### PLEASE REVIEW THE BELOW MAP FOR THE CORRECT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURES



# THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE!

## ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



### Congratulations Jamie Madson on receiving a Teacher Mini-Grant!

The Rockford Education Foundation (REF) has granted your request to purchase the following for the 2021-22 School Year:

*\$1,721.00 - A Plant for Every Classroom*



# RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

## Reminders & Opportunities:



Registration for the 2022 summer RAAA youth fastpitch softball season is now open at click [HERE](#) to register!

### Registration Deadlines

- 8U Travel, 10U and 12U registration closes on Feb. 28
- 6U and 8U House registration closes on March 31
- All late registrations will incur a late fee added to their registration

Contact Christa Larson in our District Office

### Publicity Photographs

Throughout the year, photographs and videos are taken in classrooms and at school activities. Some of these may be published in local newspapers, on the local cable station or in Rockford Area Schools' publications and websites. Parents may request that their child's photograph and identifying their name not be published in district productions or websites. The request must be made in writing and sent to the **Rockford Area Schools District Office, at 6051 Ash Street, Rockford, MN 55373.** (This does not apply to pictures of school events taken by the news media.)

## ORDER THE YEARBOOK



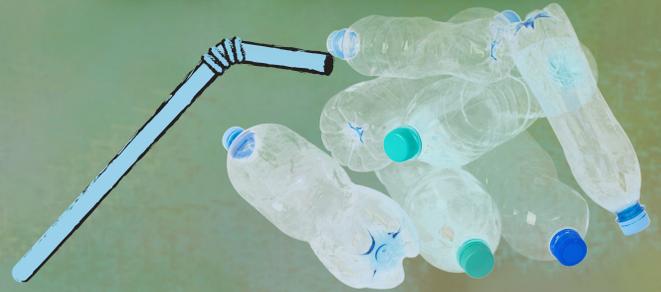
ORDER THE 2021-2022 RMS-CES YEAR BOOK [HERE](#)  
OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW



SCHOOL STORE  
LOCATED AT ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL

School Store March 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		Store Hours: 5:30p-End Game HS Boys BB Game				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Store Hours: 5:30p-7:30p Spring Sports Meeting			Store Hours: 6:00p-End Game HS Boys BB Game		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Store Hours: 7:15p-End of Concert Band Concert				
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# ECO GO GREEN



A great way to help our environment is to stop using single use plastics (plastic utensils, cups, water bottles, straws, etc..)

For more info on how to be more Eco-Friendly, please click [HERE](#)

# RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

## Reminders & Opportunities:

### Food Services



Click [HERE](#) for a link to our website page regarding all things Food Service related (menus, EBT benefits for families, lunch acct info and links to applications)



Wright County  
MINNESOTA

### Truancy Resources

#### Wright 2 School

##### Excused vs. Unexcused Absences

###### Excused Absences:

Family emergency

Illness/Medical or mental health appointments

(documentation may be required)

Religious holidays

###### Unexcused Absences:

Babysitting

Working

Needed at home

Child is not immunized

Car trouble

Missing the bus

Oversleeping

Weather

*Habitual truant* means a child under the age of 17 years who is absent from attendance at school without lawful excuse for seven full school days. If the child is in elementary school for one or more class periods on seven school days. If the child is in middle school, junior high school, or high school, or the child is 17 years old and has not lawfully withdrawn from school.

Truancy and Educational  
Neglect Intervention  
Program

Please click [HERE](#) to view Truancy Brochure

# RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities:

## ANNUAL STUDENT/REGISTRATION UPDATE

This year, Rockford Area Schools has implemented an Annual Update which can be found in the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Keeping this information up-to-date will help families stay connected and be informed on upcoming plans and other important announcements.



Infinite  
Campus



Click here

This online update will replace the emergency medical form you have received in the past. Most of the information will auto-populate from data already entered in Infinite Campus. Required fields are marked with a **red asterisk(\*)** and information highlighted in yellow needs to be updated. There are also fields required by the Minnesota Department of Education such as technology access and ethnicity.

Once you are logged in to your  
Parent Portal:

- Click More
- Followed by Online Registration, and a new window will open.
- Follow the prompts by clicking the Annual Update button to begin.



We are asking all families to complete this year's update **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

Going forward, the Annual Update will take place yearly in August.

If you have any questions, please contact Christa Larson at [larsonchrista@rockford.k12.mn.us](mailto:larsonchrista@rockford.k12.mn.us) or (763) 477-9165.

# RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs. Mally Wirth

Counselor's  
Corner



**Mental Health is**  
**REAL. COMMON. TREATABLE.**

**TAKE TIME TO CARE FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH**

### Strategies To Balance

 <p>Talk with your, family, friend, counselor, doctor or teacher</p>	 <p>Be active, exercise, and move your body</p>	 <p>Eat a balanced diet</p>
 <p>Get restful sleep</p>	 <p>Be mindful, and take time for yourself each day</p>	 <p>Build in routines and start small</p>

Feeling anxious, overwhelmed, stressed and not sure where to turn?

*We offer hope and healing.*

For a no cost mental health screening, to schedule an appointment, or for referrals and resources call 952-826-8475.

   [www.prairie-care.com](http://www.prairie-care.com)

**NYSTROM**  
& ASSOCIATES

**Crisis Text Line: 741741**

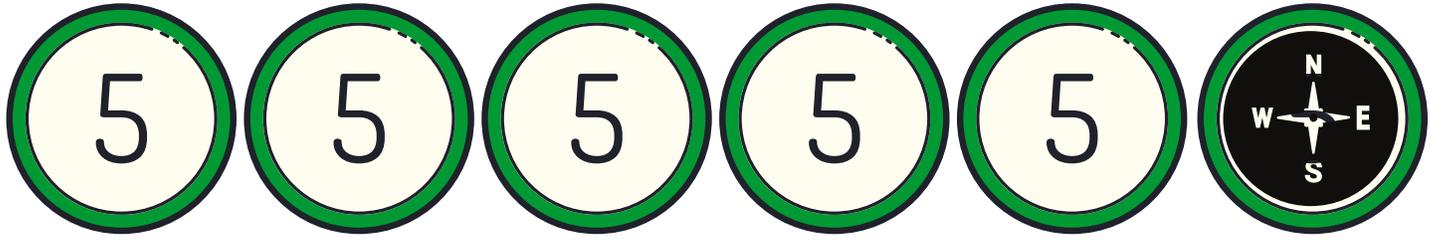
**In a life-threatening emergency call 911**

**School-Based Mental Health Services**



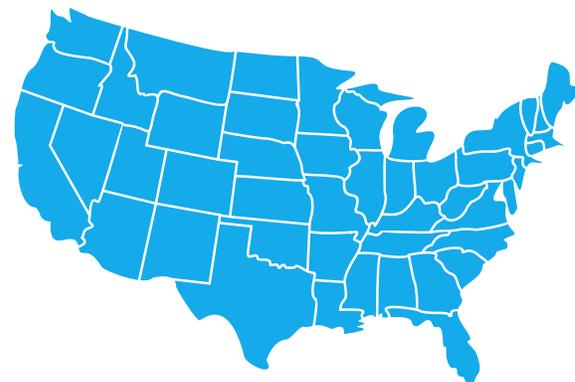
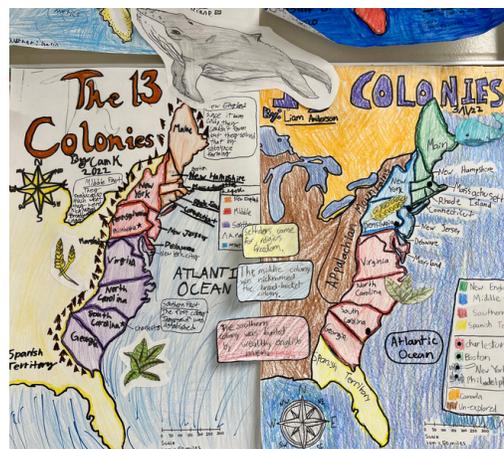
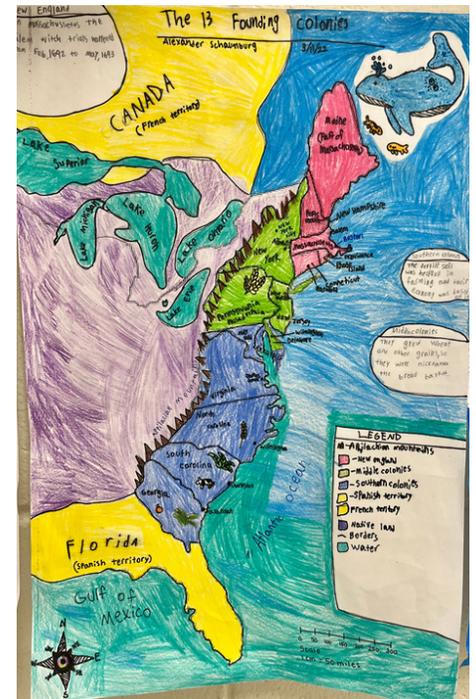
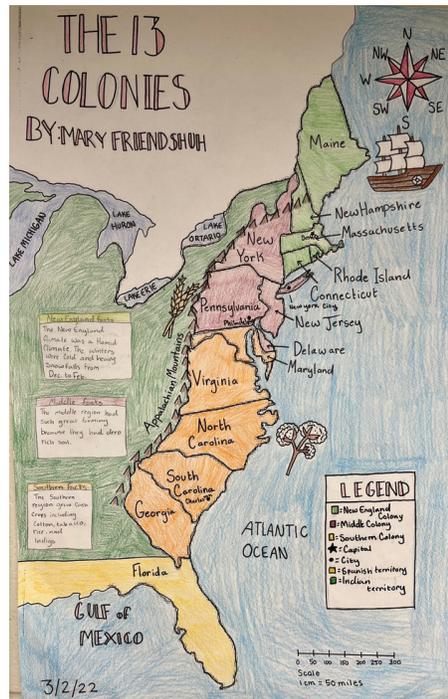
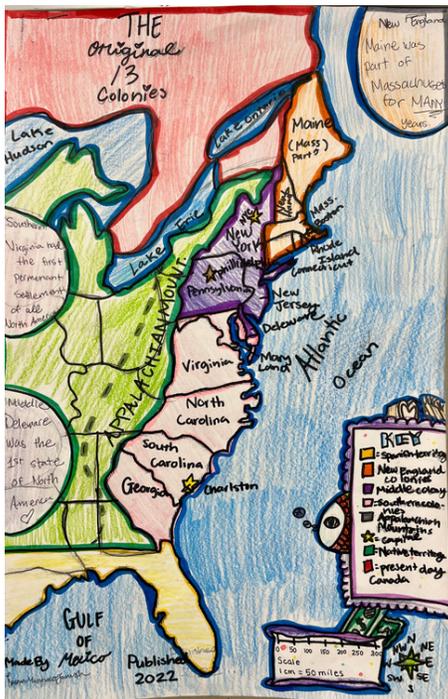
<https://www.nystromcounseling.com/our-services/school-based-mental-health-services/>

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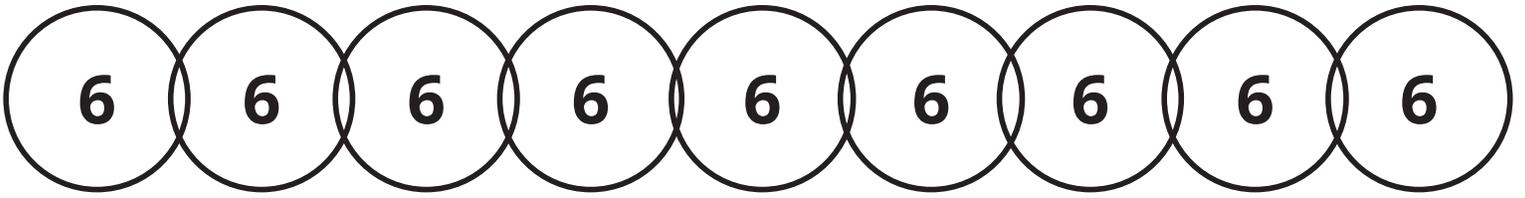


## SOCIAL STUDIES with Ms. Reeck

Recently, 5th graders completed a min-unit in which they learned the T.O.D.A.L.S. parts of a map. T.O.D.A.L.S. stands for: *Title, Orientation, Date, Author, Legend, and Scale*. Students applied these skills towards creating a map of the 13 original colonies. While each map started with the same skeletal outline, the end results were all unique and reflective of the author's personality.



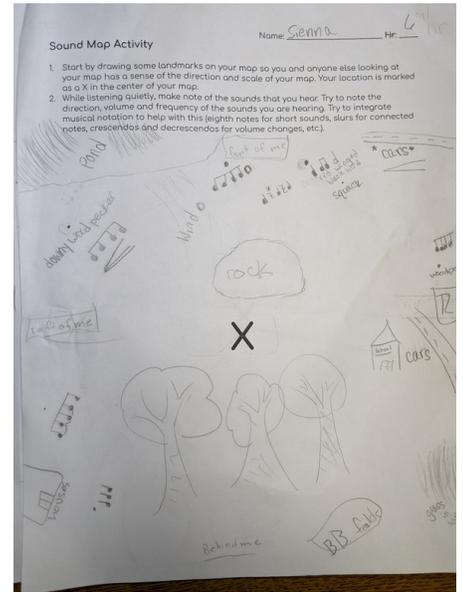
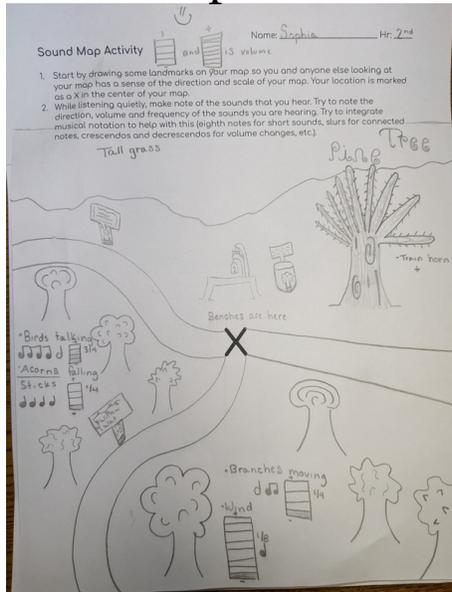
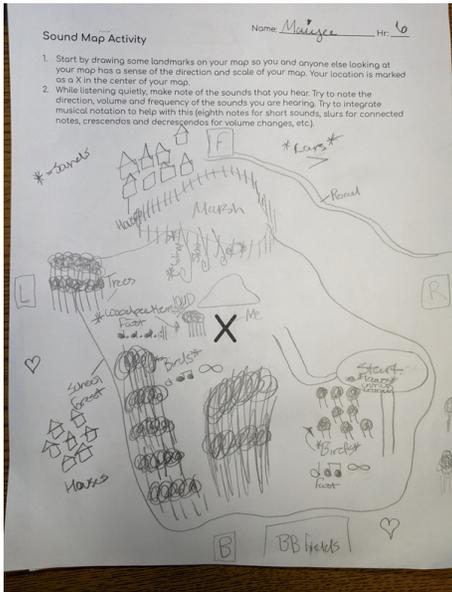
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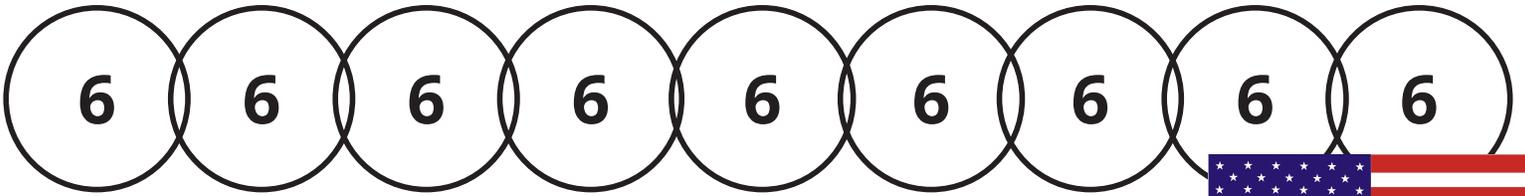
## SCIENCE with Ms. Werth

This Monday, the 6th graders headed out to the school forest during science to observe and map the sounds we could hear. Students found a spot by themselves, sat down, and started listening. Paying attention to the direction, duration, and tone of the sounds, students created a map of where the different sounds they heard were relative to their location.

Included are some examples the students created.

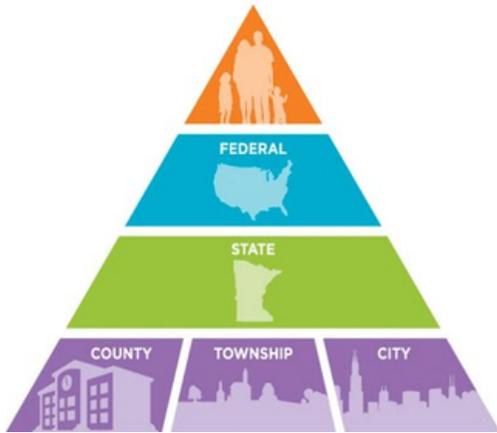


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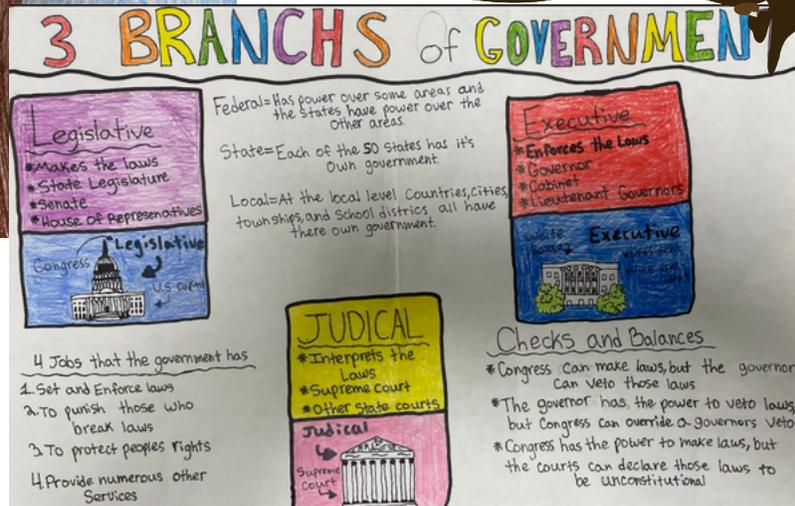
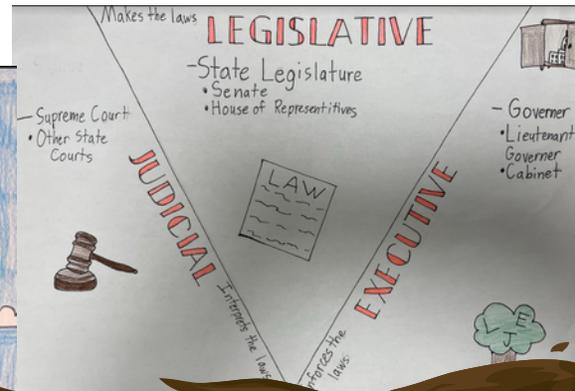
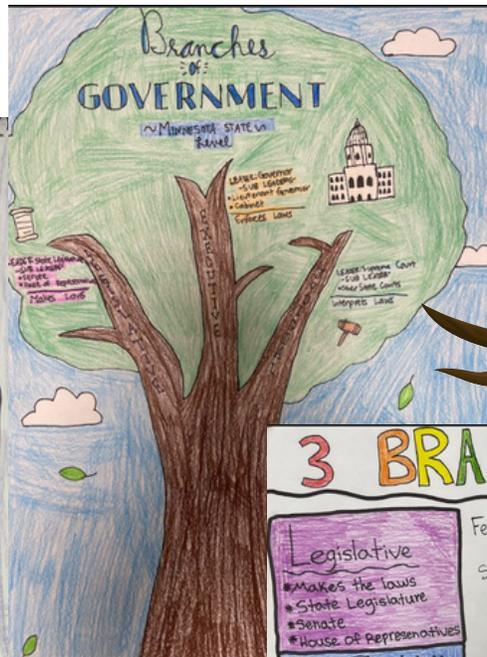
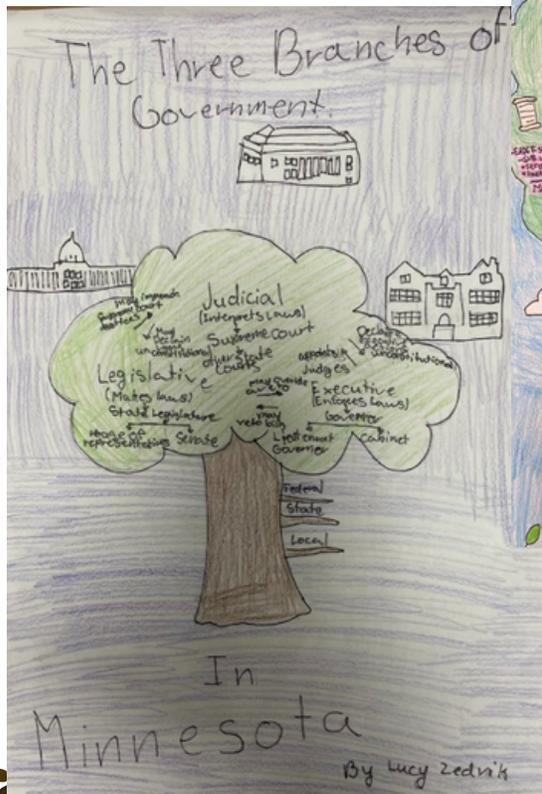


## SOCIAL STUDIES with Ms. Wilts

### Levels of Government



Sixth graders have been studying how government is part of our everyday lives. We learned that the three levels of government are **federal, state and local**. We also reviewed what the responsibilities are of the three branches of the government at the federal and state level. Students ended their study of the government by creating a poster describing the three branches of government at the state level.

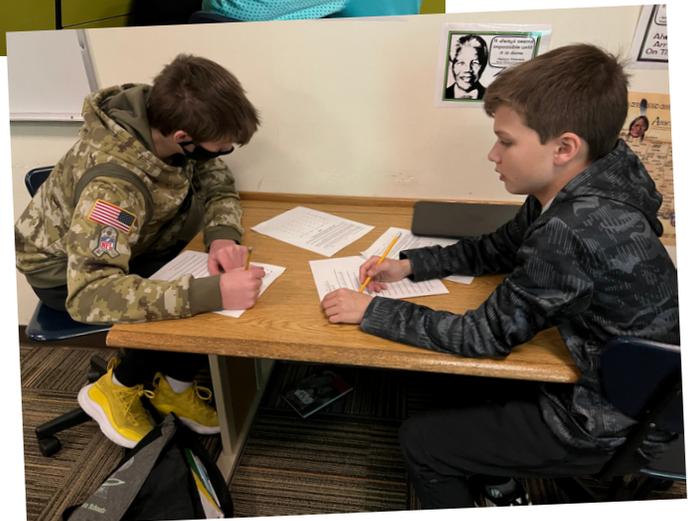
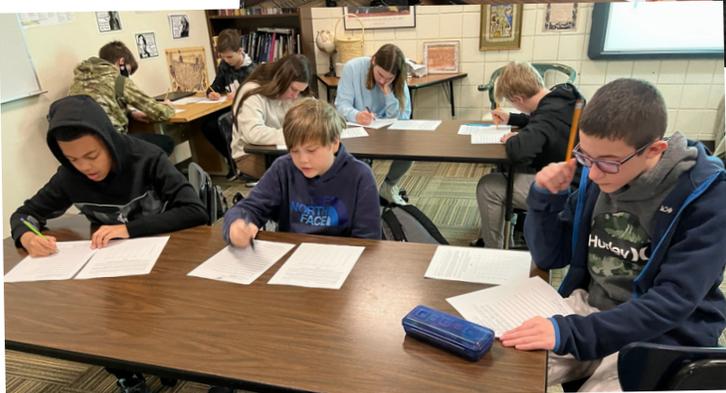
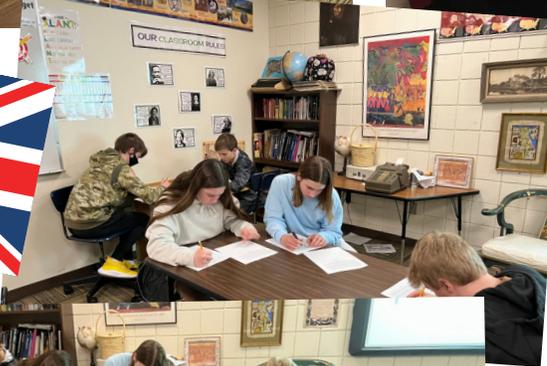
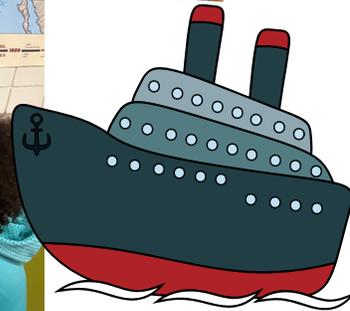
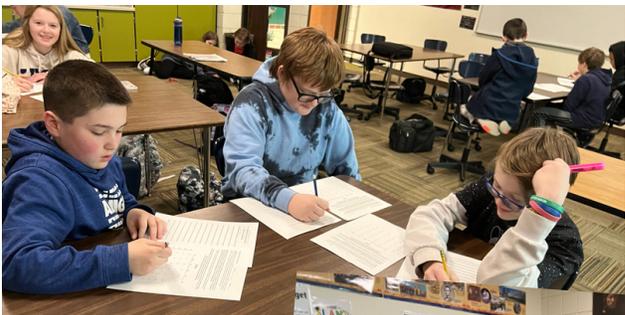


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## SOCIAL STUDIES with Ms. Kaufman

**This week in 7th grade Social Studies students analyzed the events that led to the United States' entry into WWI. They were presented with evidence regarding the sinking of the Lusitania and formed their own opinions as to whether the ship was carrying supplies for the British or not. Students then put on their detective hats to decode the Zimmerman Telegram, and evaluated the implications of the message and if entry into WWI was justified. The week ended with a study on some of the unsung heroes of the war, carrier pigeons.**



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## SCIENCE with Ms. Sarsland

The University of Minnesota Raptor Center visited 7th grade science this week.

A Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon came as educational ambassadors.

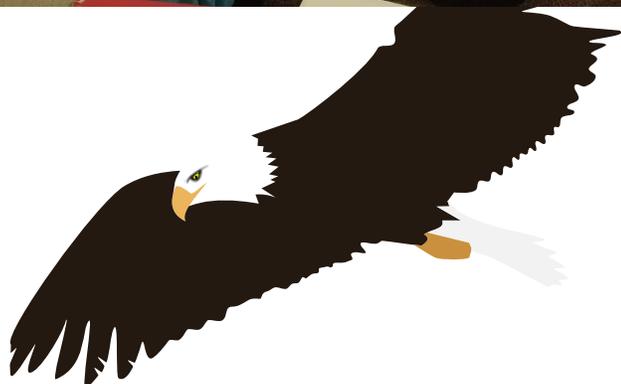
Students asked several questions and learned about interesting facts. They also shared information about bioaccumulation in DDT. Students enjoyed learning about their successes. It was a fun day!



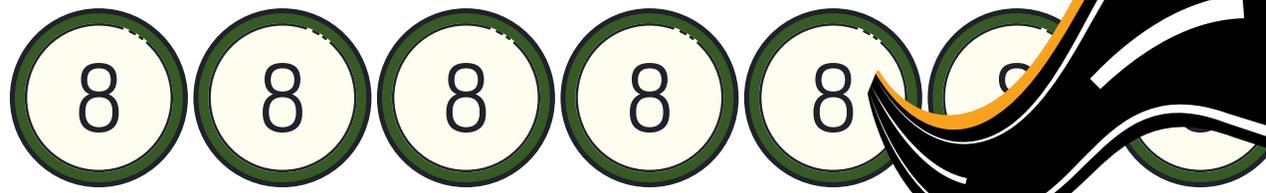
# RMS-CES CLASS NEWS



## SCIENCE with Ms. Sarsland...continued



# RMS-CES CLASS NEWS



## SOCIAL STUDIES with Mr. Hill

For about 2 weeks, 8th grade students were "travelling" through Europe while researching, planning, and budgeting for a 6-day road trip through Europe. Students also had to create a detailed journal/diary of their trip, and some students even made physical scrap books!

This week, students switched regions and started learning about North Africa and Southwest Asia. Over the next few weeks they will learn about the physical geography of the region, a little bit of ancient civilization history, and also cover modern issues like the scarcity of freshwater and crude oil.

