

ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



Rockford Middle School - Center for
Environmental Studies
Interim Principal
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Dear RMS-CES Students and Families,

I would like to thank everyone who planned, attended, and participated at the RMS-CES Showcase this past Thursday (April 28)! What an amazing event with so many things to do and so many people to see! I want to especially thank our planning team of Sarah Gunderson, Jamie Madson, and Beth Russell for everything that took place behind the scenes to make the event go off as planned! As well, thank you to the wonderful RMS-CES staff for supporting in so many different ways during the event – well done!

Next week, we continue the process of identifying the next RMS-CES principal. In-person interviews will take place multiple times during the week. Then, on Monday, May 9, we will be hosting forums throughout the afternoon for students, staff, and community members to participate and learn more about the candidates from themselves directly. The community forum will be held from 5:00 - 7:00pm in the RMS-CES Media Center. Interested community members can submit candidate questions ahead of time by using this Google Form, please click [HERE](#). The deadline to submit the questions is May 4th, 2022 at 11:59pm.

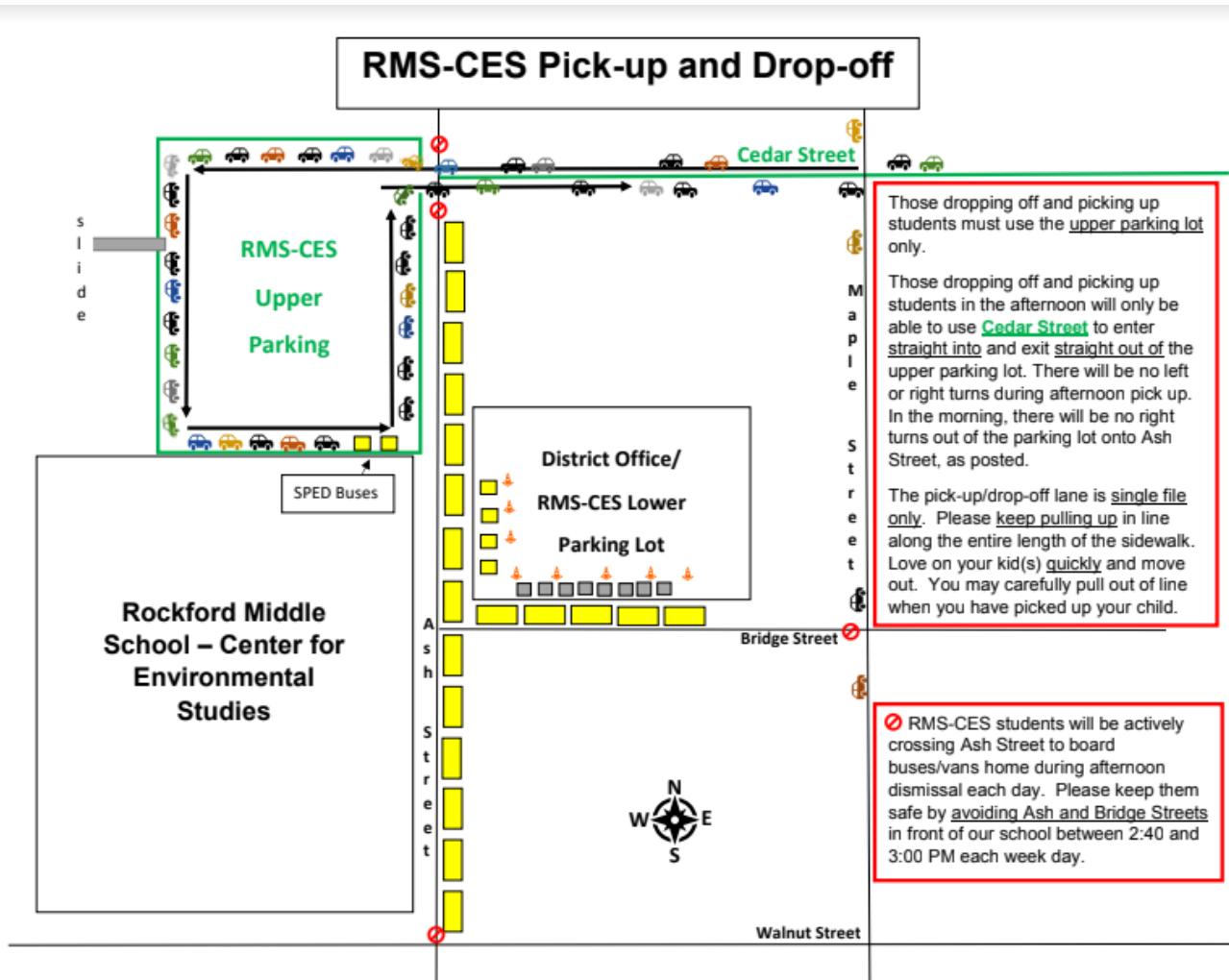
Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

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



THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE!

RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities

MAY

**May 12th-Final Band
Concert @ RHS**

**May 20th-Final 7th/8th
Grade Choir Concert @
RHS**

May 27th-Commencement

May 30th-No School

JUNE

**June 3-LAST DAY OF
CLASSES**



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 Parents may request that their child's photograph and identifying their name not be published in district productions or websites.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.)

Contact Christa
Larson in our
District Office

**Looking for something to do this
weekend? Please click [HERE](#) to
view the Activities Calendar!**



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**GO
GREEN**

All About the Earth

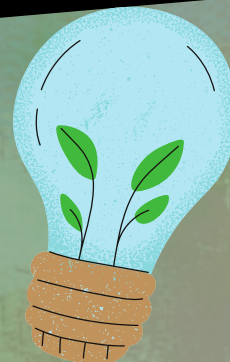
April 29

Earth Month Week 4 April 25-29

- Bird Watching
- Donate to an Environmental Cause
- Start Sustainable Habits
- Connect With Nature
- All About The Earth



Take the time
out of your day
to learn a little
more about this
wonderful planet
we call, Earth!



**A bit of
trivia about
Earth, click
[HERE](#)**

RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities:



Art Supplies

The RMS-CES Art Department is looking for scrapbooking paper. Please drop off at the RMS-CES Middle school office or send with your student!

Thank you!

Summer Break is fast approaching!

Let the countdown begin!

Summer

It's a good time to check your student's assignments in your parent portal on Infinite Campus...be sure they are caught up!

SCHOOL
DAYS
LEFT



Save
the
date

RMS Principal Search

Monday, May 9th-Community Forums:

As you know, we are in the process of hiring a Principal. We would like to invite you to participate in a Community Forum with the final candidates for the position.

WHEN: 5:00pm - 7:00pm in the RMS-CES Media Center.

Questions will be submitted through a google form that was sent via email or click [HERE](#) to submit your questions.

The deadline to submit the questions is May 4th, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

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

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.**

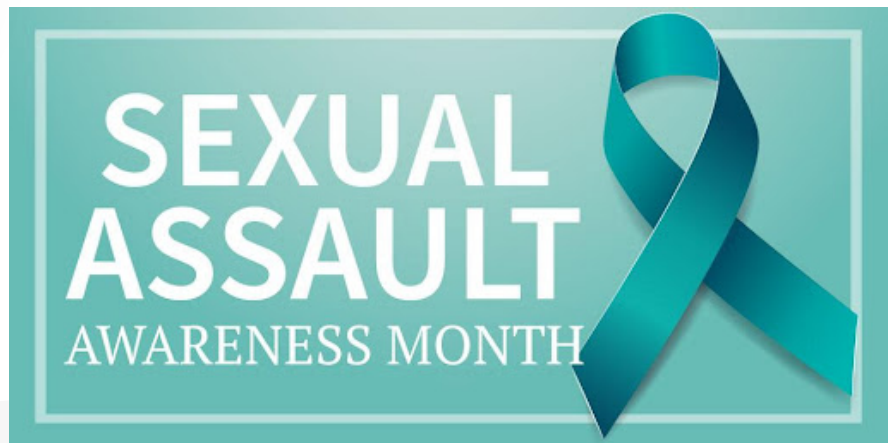
Going forward, the Annual Update will take place yearly in August.

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

RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs. Molly Wirth,

*Counselor's
Corner*



Sexual Violence Resources

National Sexual Assault Hotline

1-800-656-4673 – Available 24/7

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN)

<https://www.rainn.org/>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)

<https://www.nsvrc.org/>

Sexual Violence Center – Minneapolis, MN

612-871-5111 - <https://www.sexualviolencecenter.org/>

MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) – St. Paul, MN

651-209-9993 - <https://www.mncasa.org/>

SOS Sexual Violence Services

651-266-1000 – Available 24/7

Violence Free Minnesota (VFMN) – St. Paul, MN

866-223-1111 - <https://www.vfmn.org/>

Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES)

– <https://clues.org/>

MN Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC)

651-646-4800 – <https://www.miwsac.org/>

Tubman Chrysalis Center – Minneapolis, MN

612-870-2426-<https://www.tubman.org>



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/>

RMS-CES CLASS NEWS

RMS BAND with Mr. Ferdig

On Saturday, April 23, 8 members for the Rockford Middle School band program participated in the 14th Allegro Honor Band. **Rockford students included:** Laura Ickes on flute, Madeline Jacobson on clarinet, Peter Thomas on trumpet, Aric Beardsley on french horn, Lauryn Wittnebel on french horn, Tristen Armstrong on trombone, TJ Barrows on trombone, and Khloe Hunter on trombone. All eight students are in grade 8.

The honor band took place at St. Michael/Albertville Middle School West. This year's guest conductor was Scott Rabehl, high school band director at Buffalo High School.

Students are selected by director recommendation. The ensemble consisted of students from eight area schools.

Congratulations to our fine musicians!

CONGRATULATIONS



RMS-CES CLASS NEWS

RMS Talent Show

*On behalf of the RMS Student Council, we are
excited to invite you to the*

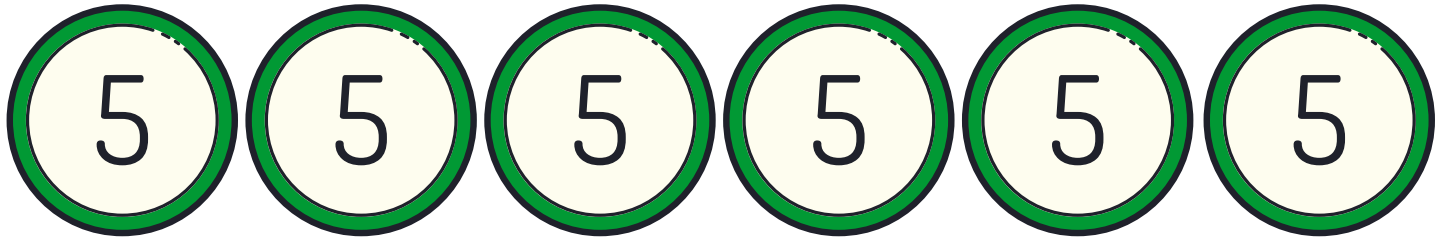
2022 RMS Talent Show!

*Watch **HERE***

Congratulations to all of our Talent Show performers, and we hope you enjoy the show!

Our very talented students (and staff!) have been working overtime to bring you these 35 minutes of pure entertainment. There is a wide variety of talents on display, and even a bonus vocal performance by our very own counseling staff that you won't want to miss.

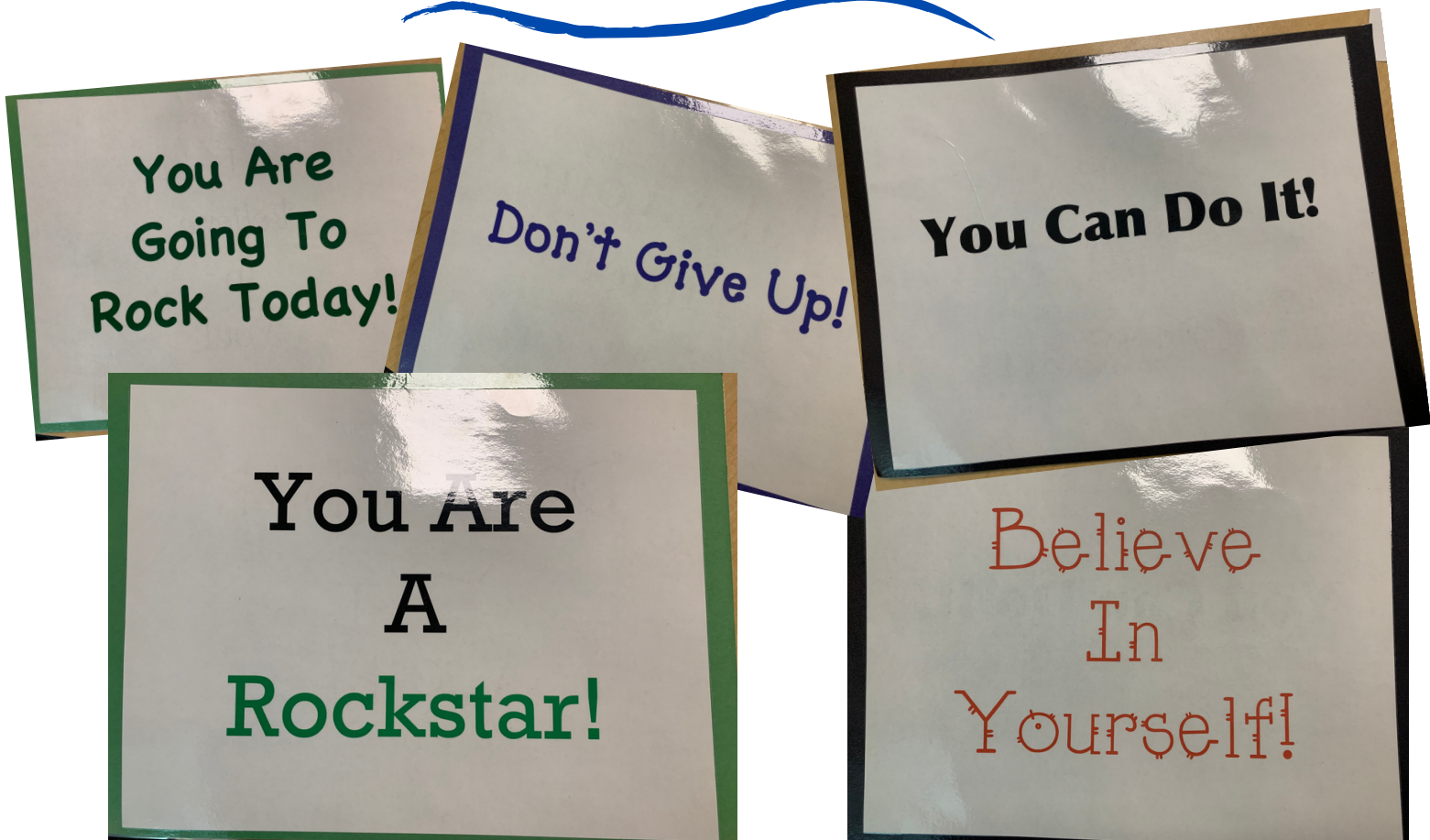
RMS-CES CLASS NEWS



LANGUAGE ARTS with Ms. Mateyka

Fifth grade Language Arts students were busy this past week completing the MCA Reading test. Many students felt prepared with getting a good night's sleep before testing and coming to school nourished with breakfast. Fifth graders warmed up their bodies and brains before testing with a few physical/breathing exercises. Students took their time, checked their work and showed what they have learned. "Brain food" was also provided each day with the students enjoying Mrs. Mateyka's word puns (not really!)

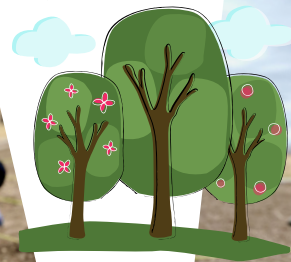
Students persevered and didn't give up!



RMS-CES CLASS NEWS



On Thursday, 4/28, 19 students embarked on an Arbor Day adventure! RMS-CES partnered with the City of Greenfield and planted 100 trees at Greenfield City park. The fifth graders dove right in with their garden gloves to get the job done efficiently and neatly. It was a fun afternoon celebrating Arbor Day and making our city a little bit greener!



RMS-CES CLASS NEWS



LANGUAGE ARTS with Ms. Korzendorfer



This week sixth graders took their MCA reading test. Prior to the test students worked through an item sampler to practice using the different tools and screen options available to them. By the end of the week they had some brain breaks with board games. Thanks for all your hard work!



Once testing is complete, students will dive into the novel *The Broken Blade* by William Durbin and make connections with their fur trade unit in Social Studies. Sixth graders will also analyze graphic episodes published by *Boys Life* magazine from the early 2000s.



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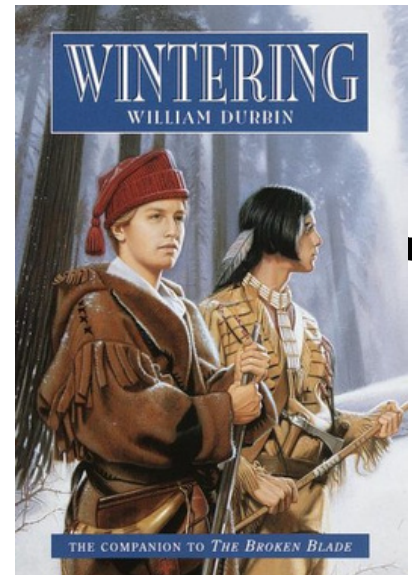
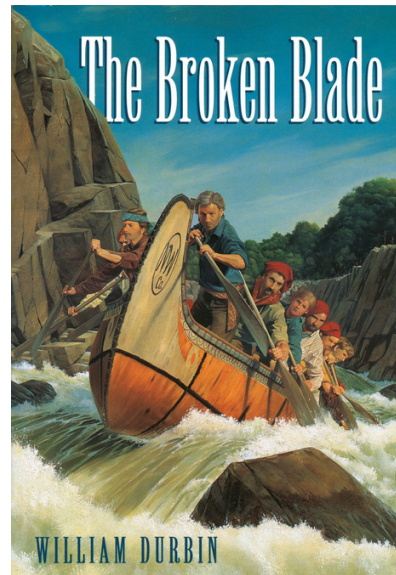
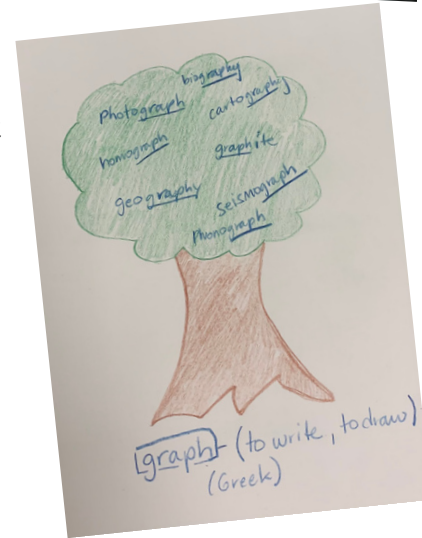
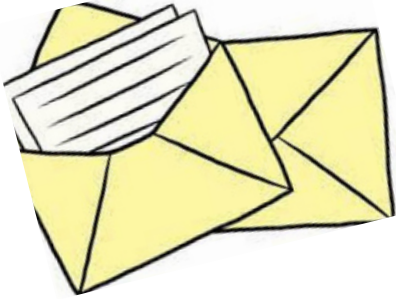


LANGUAGE ARTS with Ms. Korzendorfer

Thirteen year old Pierre takes his father's place as a voyageur on a 2400-mile, 12-week trip from Montreal to Lake Superior in 1800. Filled with guilt over the accident, Pierre works hard paddling a canoe filled with trade goods. At first, Pierre counts every one of the difficult strokes, suffering raw hands, teasing, loneliness and backbreaking portages. Then things start to change. *Author William Durbin is a Minneapolis-born teacher and writer who has lived in the lake country of northeastern Minnesota for many years. He taught English at a rural high school and composition at a local community college. William wrote a sequel called Wintering.*



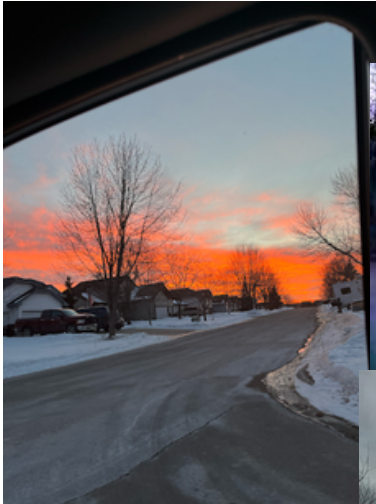
Sixth graders will end the school year studying Greek & Latin roots and affixes and will compose a friendly letter to their future self that will be delivered to them their senior year. Students will be able to reflect on their growth from sixth through twelfth grade.



LANGUAGE ARTS with Ms. Hendrickson

Anne Frank once said, “In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart”. On Monday, the curtain will rise on Act II of the play, and we will continue to focus on two Universal Themes: Goodness in People and Hope. Throughout Act I, we established a timeline for the play based on students writing Plot Event cards that correlate with our Holocaust Timeline. We also practiced our empathy skills and considered what being stuck inside for two years – while hiding for our lives – would be like, and completed a “What I’d Miss Most” activity. As evidenced by their work here, a picture truly speaks 1,000 words.

As we wrap up our journey with Anne Frank, students will continue to track evidence of Universal Theme and prepare for their 1-Pager Final. We will also view the Academy Award-Winning 1959 film version of the play and compare and contrast both works. I am really proud of how well these kids have handled a heavy historical event and have treated each part of it with respect as they discovered another connection between history and literature.



What I'd Miss Most...

