

**November 11th, 2022**



Dear RMS-CES families,

I am so incredibly proud of the RMS-CES student body today as we gathered as an all school assembly for the first time since our eighth grade students were in the fifth grade. Students were incredibly respectful and kind as the colors were presented and students read their essays showing appreciation for veterans. I am choosing to let some of our amazing students speak to what veterans day means to them.

"Veterans deserve to be honored because they have seen many things, some bad, some good. Veterans also deserve to be honored because we can never repay them fully. They have given up alot to protect our country and our freedoms. Another way we can honor veterans is to provide them care and support. We should also always remain strong and united with our veterans" **shares seventh grader Kiera Brooks.**

**Seventh grader Avery Ross states,** "The first word I chose that describes Veteran's is selfless. I think the word "selfless" describes veterans in so many good ways. The fact that they have the bravery to fight for our country, even if it risks them losing their life, is just so incredible."

"All Veterans show bravery today by not being afraid to fight for people they don't even know" **shares eighth grader Anya Yaedke.**

**Eighth grader Cadence Coopers writes,** "Our veterans and current soldiers are THE REAL DEAL, the real life superheroes. I will finish by saying thank you. So, THANK YOU to each and every one of our veterans, thank you for your service, for so selflessly stepping up to protect my freedom. Your dedication to our country and to us that live in it....that's the TRUE definition of bravery!"

Have a great day!

Paul Warzecha, Principal



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DATES TO CHECK OUT:

November 11th, 2022-Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022-Friday, November 25th, 2022-**No School-Fall Break**

Friday, December 23rd, 2022 through January 2nd, 2023-**No School-Winter Break**

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Rockford Area Schools** will be hosting a bi-annual World's Best Workforce meeting on Monday, November 21. This is a community informational and input session regarding district programming. If you are interested in participating, please contact Robert Danneker, Director of Teaching & Learning at [dannekerr@rockford.k12.mn.us](mailto:dannekerr@rockford.k12.mn.us)

### **ButterBraid Fundraiser**

Sales have started! Parents received a link via email to register their student for the online fundraiser. Students will receive \$6 of every sale they make.

[Butter Braid Link](#)

**Sale Dates: October 28- November 21**

**Delivery Date to RMS-CES: December 8**

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Russell at [russellb@rockford.k12.mn.us](mailto:russellb@rockford.k12.mn.us)

### **FOOD SERVICE REMINDER:**

Please check your **parent portal** for notifications (letters) regarding current food service balances.

**Registration for WINTER activities** is now open for Rockford Area Schools students in grades 7-12!



Please [click here](#) to register your student for an activity. Reminder: Families are invited to join us for the Winter Sports meeting on Monday, November 7th at 6pm in the RHS Auditorium.

For information on participation requirements of winter activities offered at RAS, please go to the [Activities Registration](#) page of the district website.

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### EVERY MEAL SIGN UP

This is a completely FREE program for the district and families of the district. Anyone has the opportunity to receive a bag of nonperishable food every week that is delivered to your child's school and can be picked up by the student or delivered to the class depending on the age or what is preferred.

Click on the following link for the English version: <https://forms.gle/Q6SSZrJi5VHnPRhHA>

Click on the following link for the Spanish version: <https://forms.gle/AggGauqyGoLw5jrs7>

If you have any further questions about the Every Meal program in general, the website is listed below  
<https://www.everymeal.org/>

### RAS FALL MUSICAL "The Wizard of Oz"



RMS-CES RAS Fall Musical "The Wizard of Oz"

Come see the show November 18th, 19th or 20th



Please click [HERE](#) for more information about becoming a substitute in RAS!

### Hello Rockford Families!



Every year we partner with Riverworks Food Shelf to help support our community before the holiday season. Last year we raised over \$1,000 thanks to all of the generous donations! As we plan our upcoming celebrations, we at Rockford Area Schools, are asking that you take the time to think of others who are less fortunate. Please make a donation that works for your family to help relieve the stress of others during this time. If you are able to donate, we are asking all families and staff to donate money on-line directly to Riverworks. With the financial support, they will be able to purchase the food

to fill their shelves. Please follow the directions below to donate. Any dollar amount helps! Thank you for supporting our community and partnering with Rockford Area Schools.

Happy Holidays! *This is not an ISD883 sponsored event*

**Here's how to give:**

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1. Go to [riverworksonline.org](http://riverworksonline.org)
2. Click on the DONATE tab in the upper right hand corner
3. Click on the DONATE ONLINE tab
4. Click on the FUND drop down menu
5. Select ROCKFORD SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FUND DRIVE

### JOSTENS SCHOOL PICTURES



**[VIEW AND ORDER PHOTOS HERE](#)**

### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH FORMS:

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to fill out this [FORM](#). Students who qualify may be eligible for **Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)** to purchase food for days they are not in the school building. Our school also receives state funding for technology based on qualifying families! For more information or a Spanish version, click [HERE](#).

### LOST & FOUND

Please have your child look for any items they may be missing!

TIP: Please label your student's lunch box, water bottle, hoodie, hat, etc....



### MENTAL HEALTH-Exercise & Mental Health

Please click [HERE](#) (English) [HERE](#) (Spanish) for our monthly newsletter from the School Based team at Nystrom & Associates.

### YEARBOOK'S FOR SALE



The 2022-2023 yearbooks are on SALE now!

*Please click [HERE](#) to order!*

Cost is \$20

### RMS-CES ATTENDANCE LINE



Please use our [ATTENDANCE LINE at 763-477-7525](#) to call your child in absent.

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Please click [HERE](#) for information about our 2022-2023 Meal Rates Return for Nutritious School Meal.

### **INFINITE CAMPUS ANNUAL UPDATE:**



#### **Be sure to complete your Annual Update!**

It is very important to ensure the school district has current household and contact information for all students. Before school starts, be sure to log in to your Parent Portal account to complete the Annual Update. This online update will replace the emergency forms you have received in the past. Keeping household information updated will help families stay connected and be informed of upcoming events, and will ensure you receive information regarding any important announcements.

To complete the annual update, log in to your Parent Portal Account and select "More". From there, select "Online Registration", then select "22-23 School Year Annual Update for Existing Students". The

information that is in our system will auto-populate for parents to review or update. Please be sure to submit your annual update as soon as possible.

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.

## ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION



### **RMS-CES WISH LISTS**

Please click [HERE](#) to view the RMS-CES WISH LISTS...

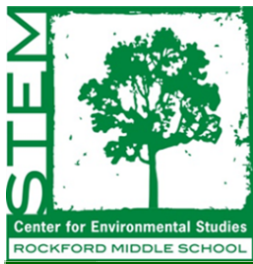
Donations can be dropped off at the school's front desk with the teacher's name attached or sent to class with your child. Thanks for your support!

### **RMS-CES - MEDIA CENTER RENOVATION**

Please click [HERE](#) for information on a **FUND-A NEEDS**

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## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

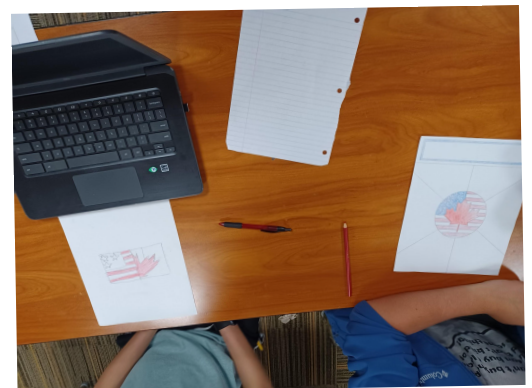
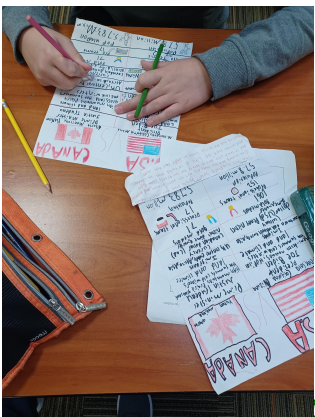
### CHOIR WITH MS. AUGSBURGER

*The RAS choirs had a successful first performance of the year on November 1 at the District Choral Festival. All our choirs sang very well, and we enjoyed hearing the 4th grade and RHS Concert Choir too! Mark your calendars for the next RMS-CES Choir Concert: Thursday February 23 in the RHS Auditorium. 5th/6th grade at 6 pm, 7th/8th grade at 7 pm.*



### 8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES-MR. RILEY

This week in Eighth Grade Global Studies, students showed creativity by creating "One-Pager" posters to demonstrate their understanding of how the United States and Canada many different geographical features of the United States and Canada.



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### 6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES-MS. WILTS

Sixth graders have been learning how the Dakota and Ojibwe Native Americans kept their history alive through oral history which is the purposeful repeating of stories about the past. Last week students enjoyed some time outside as they learned how the Dakota showed generosity, or *ohanwaste*, towards others by listening to the story, “The Badger and the Bear”. Students also learned how the Dakota showed respect, or *wo ohoda*, by listening to the story, “The Ghost Wife”. Oral histories serve many purposes—they tell the history of the people, convey their beliefs, teach moral lessons, and entertain.



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### 7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES-MS. KAUFMAN

This week in 7th grade social studies students adjusted to their new schedules and prepared for our upcoming test on westward expansion. They worked together to complete a study guide, made sure they had all of their class notes, and played a review game. Ask your student what they learned about westward expansion!



In recognition of Veterans Day our student council put together exciting ways to honor veterans this week. Each morning we started our school day with a recording of a different veteran reciting the pledge of allegiance. Throughout the week students and staff put up Veterans Day Hero posters to honor the veterans in their lives, past or present. Students worked hard to create thank you cards to veterans that will be delivered to various senior living facilities in the area. We hosted an essay competition where students had the opportunity to answer

the following questions: What does it mean to be brave, and how do veterans show bravery today or in the past?

What does it mean to honor someone? Why do veterans deserve to be honored, and how can we do that? Choose three words that you think describe America or veterans and explain your choices. The week ended with a Veterans Day assembly where local Veterans came with the flags, and as a school we honored the service and sacrifice of all veterans.

