



# Rockford Middle School

## Center for Environmental Studies

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**February 3rd, 2023**

Dear RMS-CES families,

One memory I have of my childhood was going to yearly checkups and inevitably being asked to stand against the wall with my back touching the cold metal as the nurse would look at the top of my head for a measure and every fiber of my being stretching as if to be sure that I was as tall as I could be. Perhaps you have a similar memory or story about getting your height marked as you grew. This week we finished our Winter FAST testing and the parallel to gauging academic growth is not too different than measuring height. Please know that we use these tests to routinely monitor and adjust student support so each learner is growing! School staff will utilize the data from these tests to continue to provide support to our students.

It comes as no surprise that Minnesota is cold this time of year. It is easy to assume that we have less access or opportunity to environmental based lessons, but in actual reality they are only presented differently and we often need to be intentional to seek them out. I would encourage you to have conversations as you experience your weekend about anything they might encounter from formations of ice, weight of snow on a structure, or what might be happening underneath all the snow, etc.

Just another reminder that one week from today will be the Snow Day Dance/Activity night on February 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rockford Middle School. We have already started selling tickets for \$5 presale or \$6 at the door with discounts given for a donation to the food shelf. In addition, our student council has decided that a portion of the proceeds will go to support our local communities.

Please know that early next week we will have our staff review the Bus Expectations while riding as a proactive review for all students. Please feel free to review this [poster](#) with your child for reference and let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Warzecha'.

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### DATES TO CHECK OUT:

#### Feb.

3rd-Reading & Math Make Up Testing Day  
8th-7th Grade Baker Field Experience  
9th-6th Grade Baker Field Experience  
10th-RMS-CES Middle School Activity/Dance  
15th-Battle of the Books  
20th-No School-Presidents Day  
27th-8th Grade Baker Field Experience

#### Mar.

8th-5th Grade Baker Field Experience  
24th-31st-No School-Spring Break

#### Apr.

7th- No School  
20th-STEM Art & Academic Showcase

### ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION



### Send some LOVE to teachers by donating items from their Classroom Wish Lists!

Every year staff spend a lot of their own money purchasing items for their classroom. The Rockford Education Foundation has set up wish lists for all three schools so parents can easily help out. Valentine's Day is a great time to do this!

#### Steps to Donate:

1. Click here to view [Classroom Wish Lists](#)
2. Use one of these Valentine donation [cards](#) to send along with your donation (or use your own card if you wish)
3. Deliver to the school front office or recipient's classroom

Note: if ordering from a teacher's amazon wish list, please ship to home and then bring to school with your donation card.

> Donate between February 1 - 14

\*These are not ISD883 sponsored events

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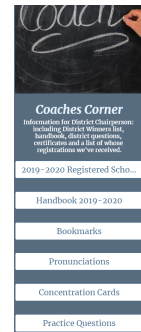
### NEWS AND NOTES

#### Attention RMS-CES Battle participants!

The Battle of the Books is February 15! If you would like to test your book knowledge, visit [AKASL Battle of the Books](#) for access to practice questions. Scroll down to the Coaches Corner to find Practice Questions.

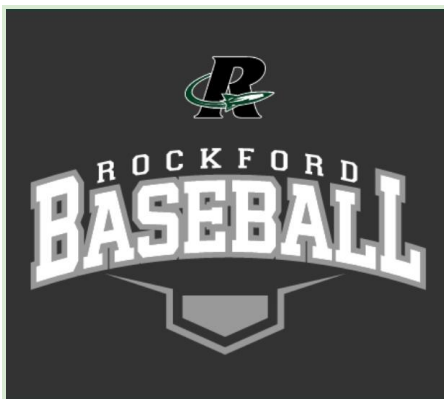
Download "5/6Practice" or "MSPractice" (grades 7/8) questions using password **MovingOn2023**.

Please ignore the questions for the following books, as they are not included in our Battle: *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* and *Norse Mythology*



### SCHOOL STORE HOURS:

Please click [HERE](#) to view the February Calendar for the school store hours



#### THE 2023 RAA BASEBALL SEASON IS COMING

5-14 YEAR-OLDS = REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 16  
8-14 YEAR OLDS - REGISTRATION CLOSES FEB 24  
5-7 YEAR OLDS - REGISTRATION CLOSES MAR 24

REGISTER NOW:  
[HTTPS://WWW.RAAASPORTS.COM/RAAA-BASEBALL](https://www.raaasports.com/raaa-baseball)

Please contact us at [raabaseball@raaasports.com](mailto:raabaseball@raaasports.com) if you have questions.

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### SOFTBALL REGISTRATION



Registration for the 2023 summer RAAA youth fastpitch softball season is now open at

<https://www.raaasports.com/summer-registration> !

#### Registration Deadlines

- 8U Travel, 10U and 12U registration closes on Feb. 27
- 6U and 8U House registration closes on March 31

You'll find all the details on the [registration page](#).



With snow and cold season upon us and in the event of school cancellation due to inclement weather, please be reminded that Rockford Area Schools will use e-learning days to support student learning during school cancellations.

Please find information, expectations, and an FAQ regarding our use of e-learning days under the "Resources" tab on the district's [website](#). A direct link to our e-learning days webpage is [here](#).

### ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER



Need ideas for getting outside w/the kids this WINTER ?

[Explore Minnesota](#)

[Minnesota Parent - Things to do this Weekend with Your Family](#)

Whether it's flip-flop weather or snow boot season, Minnesota's always got something good going on. From sun-drenched music fests along a lively urban waterfront to a celebration of ice fishing in a friendly small town, Minnesota events and festivals keep the fun going all year long. Join in to celebrate art, culture, music, food, sports, seasonal fun and more.



#### **FOOD SERVICE REMINDER:**

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

### **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

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



### Substitute Opportunities at Rockford

Age requirement: 18

Must have a HS degree, Teachers on call will provide additional needed training!

Paid Weekly!

For more information, click [HERE](#) or call Teachers On Call/Email

800-713-4439/<http://www.teachersoncall.com> more information

### **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-ADHD**

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.



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!***



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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.

## CLASSROOM CORNER

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