



Rockford Middle School

Center for Environmental Studies

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February 24th, 2023

RMS-CES Families,

I am hoping that each of you has had a chance to remove all the snow from the week and get back to normal. I appreciate your extra efforts as parents this week to help your child navigate e-learning and all of the weather related changes in routine. I want to make a point to thank our buildings and grounds crew for their diligent work with the challenging weather to help make sure that our sidewalks, parking lots, steps, and paths are as clear as possible. In addition, a special thanks to our many bus and van drivers who work so hard to get students to school safely and in a timely manner. Also, please know that our Choir concert was postponed yesterday due to the weather and will be moved to Tuesday, February 28th. Fifth and Sixth Grade Choirs perform at 6pm and Seventh and Eighth grade perform at 7pm. The event will be at the RHS Auditorium and is open to the public!

I want to make you aware that by Friday, March 3rd, each grade level will be doing one lesson during Boost (35 minutes) per week to teach social-emotional skills to our students. At the middle school, we will be using lessons through a company called Character Strong who specializes in relevant lessons appropriate for each grade that help build skills around the areas of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship building skills, and responsible decision making. These lessons will meet SEL benchmarks as laid out by the Minnesota Department of Education. Each grade will have a slightly different plan of how and when to teach this lesson, but it will happen during the boost time frame. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are blessed to have effective student and staff leadership in this building. This week I was able to meet with my staff Building Leadership Team as well as three different student leadership teams including Student Council, Culture of Kindness Group and Safety Team. Each of these leadership groups brings creative ideas to help us continue to grow as a building in ensuring that we have a safe and secure learning environment, that we intentionally continue to focus on building a positive school culture, and that our programming for students is rigorous and relevant.

Have a great weekend!

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Cost is \$20

DATES TO CHECK OUT:

Feb.

27th-8th Grade Baker Field Experience

27th-Spring Sports Meeting, 6pm at RHS

28th-RMS Choir Concert, 6pm at RHS

Mar.

8th-5th Grade Baker Field Experience

24th-31st-No School-Spring Break

Apr.

3rd-Start of Qtr 4

7th- No School

20th-STEM Art & Academic Showcase



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NEWS AND NOTES



Spring Sports Registration is now OPEN to students in grades 7-12. RAS offers the following spring sports opportunities: baseball, golf, lacrosse, softball, tennis (boys), track & field and trapshooting. Registration information and required forms can be found on the [Activities Registration](#) page of the district website.

Interested in playing a spring sport? Meet our spring sports coaches on Monday, Feb. 27th at 6pm at RHS! Meeting locations are noted on the [Activities Registration](#) link.

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SCHOOL STORE HOURS:



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



THE 2023 RAAA 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 if you have questions.

Not an ISD 883 Sponsored Event

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 ?

[Three Rivers Programs](#)

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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
<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....



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MENTAL HEALTH-ADHD

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



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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!

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 or 763-477-9165.

CLASSROOM CORNER



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5th Grade Language Arts-Ms. Mateyka



6th Grade Language Arts-Ms. Korzendorfer



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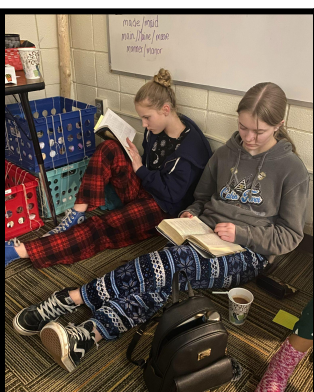
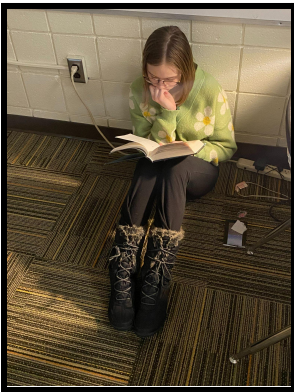
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7th Grade Language Arts-Ms. Udalla



8th Grade Language Arts-Ms. Hendrickson





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