



Rockford Middle School

Center for Environmental Studies

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RMS-CES Families,

We had a wonderful evening on Tuesday at the Concert. To listen to how the sound as individuals and a choir changes with each year was a great representation for how students grow and change with time as they move through Middle School. I am so very grateful for how this community comes out to support our kids in concerts, activities and athletics.

I want to take a moment and put a special thanks to our student council for their efforts to give input around the search for our new Superintendent who will be joining us next school year. I'm grateful that students had the opportunity to ask questions and meet each of the final three candidates. A special thank you to all stakeholders who took part in the superintendent search process. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our new Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Ridlehoover!

As you know, safety is our top priority. I wanted to make each parent aware that we started the process of designing improvements to our secure entry at the middle school. This will give us the opportunity to have an increased sense of safety and security throughout the school day along with having welcoming spaces to our community. These updates will occur over the summer months, but I wanted to make sure you were aware.

Have a great weekend!

Paul Warzecha, Principal

DATES TO CHECK OUT:

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

May

29th-No School

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NEWS AND NOTES

SCHOOL STORE HOURS:



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



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](#)

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/>

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WORK WITH KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY YOU LOVE!

PREFERRED GRADE FLEXIBILITY!

JOIN OUR TEAM

CHOOSE WHAT DAYS YOU WORK!

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.

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CLASSROOM CORNER

5th Grade Math-Ms. Nolby



This week in math, 5th graders started by multiplying mixed numbers. We reviewed how to change mixed numbers into improper fractions in order to multiply them. They also practiced simplifying fractions and writing them in the simplest form. The rest of the week was spent practicing and reviewing various types of multiplication problems.

Some 5th graders participated in The Perennial Math Competition. There are 4 monthly tests per season. Each test consists of 6 multi-step questions. The top scores were earned by Joey P., Mylah O., Colton E., and Abby K. Congratulations on your math success!

Middle School Speech Team Update-Mr. John Bowen

The Rocket Speech team's season is well underway! Our team has competed at several area invitationals with several students placing at those meets.

Speech is a Minnesota High School League Activity made up of thirteen different event categories. These range from performing a selection from novel to engaging in persuasive speaking about a current event. Students can write their own pieces or perform pieces of their choosing. Speech gives students of all interests a wide variety of ways to express their creativity, boost their confidence, and be involved in a unique extracurricular activity that will prepare them for college and beyond.



RMS-CES VOLUNTEER CLUB-Ms. Kaufman

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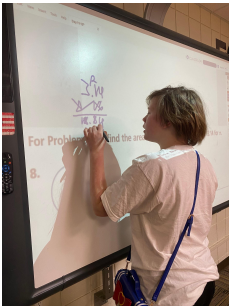
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This week the RMS Volunteer Club had the opportunity to give back to the community by volunteering at the RiverWorks Food Shelf! Students learned the important role the foodshelf plays in our community and the services they provide. While at the food shelf Volunteer Club members made and hung up decorations, cleaned, organized, and stocked shelves. Students found fulfillment in working together to give back.



7th Grade Math-Ms. Sharp



This week, 7th graders reviewed how to write and solve one- and two-step inequalities. They used key vocabulary words to determine which inequality sign to use and whether there needed to be addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division to accurately represent each situation. They practiced flipping the inequality sign when they solved by multiplying or dividing by negative numbers, and they practiced how to graph their solutions on number lines. Students took their test to conclude their Inequalities unit and started their next unit on Geometry. Students determined how to solve for the circumference and area of circles this week, and will practice this more next week.

RMS-CES CHOIR-Ms. Augsburger



Thanks to everyone who came to the choir concert on Tuesday night.
The students all did an amazing job!

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7th Grade Art-Ms. Gunderson

7th graders are working on their class mural titled "Views from the 23rd year of this tradition. Our hallways and walls showcase the from all the classes that them. We are in the early glazing the tiles and make sure imagery lines up throughout the mural.



The newest addition is the hung in the Media Center mural was completed time of covid and it finally came together. The students who worked on this mural are now 9th graders at the highschool.



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