



# Rockford Middle School

## Center for Environmental Studies

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RMS-CES Families,

We have had another great week! Just a friendly reminder that we only have nine days left of the third quarter before we head into spring break. The coming days are a great opportunity for your child to make sure they are getting any missing work turned in and communicating with teachers on any questions or concerns related to the learning that happened during third quarter. In addition, your child may have some end of quarter assessments they will be doing in the near future depending on the class.

Although I have not yet experienced it, I have heard from staff, students and parents about what sounds like an incredible event in our **RMS-CES Showcase, which is set to happen on April 20th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the middle school. At that time we will welcome all of our stakeholders to take part in a variety of different programs that highlight our school, including band and choir performances, the Ash Street art gallery, STEM challenges, student work, make and take plantings in our greenhouse, community partnerships, live birds from the Raptor Center, a food truck, the book fair, and more! *Please save the date for this special event!*

RAS students will be completing the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) beginning in April. This is a reminder that the full RAS Assessment Calendar can be found on the district website here. As well, please feel free to review additional information regarding the MCAs from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the MCAs, please contact your building principal or our Director of Teaching & Learning Rob Danneker.

Have a great weekend!

Paul Warzecha, Principal

### DATES TO CHECK OUT:

**Mar.**

**24th-31st-No School-Spring Break**

**Apr.**

**3rd-Start of Qtr 4**

**7th- No School**

**20th-STEM Art & Academic Showcase**

**May**

**29th-No School**

**Rockford Area Schools**

**Congratulations**

**KS95  
TEACHER OF  
THE WEEK!**

Congratulations on being recognized as teacher of the week on KS95

**Jerald Ferdig**

**RMS-CES and RHS Band Teacher**

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### NEWS AND NOTES

#### SCHOOL STORE HOURS:



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

### Attention RAAA Athletes:

## We NEED 8U House and 6U TBallers for Softball!!!

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

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

Registration Deadline

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](#)

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

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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....**



### 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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### 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](tel:763-477-7525) 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.

## CLASSROOM CORNER

### **RMS-CES VOIUNTEER CLUB**

The RMS-CES Student Council, under the leadership of advisor and Middle School teacher, Abbey Kaufman, collected 203 pounds of donations for [Riverworks Food Shelf](#) to support our local community. Students could bring in an item to donate to the food shelf and receive a discount to the dance in February. We are so proud of our Middle School students who donated food and our student council members leading it all!



### **5TH GRADE BAKER FIELD EXPERIENCE**

5th grade students had a great day at Baker Park on Wednesday! Students came well prepared to be outside for the entire day. 5th graders participated in a Maple Syruping class in which students learned about the history behind and process of making maple syrup. They also had plenty of opportunity to taste syrup harvested and processed at Baker Park with the famous "stick bread" roasting.





Students also participated in a **Winter Survival Challenge!** Students discussed the things humans need to survive in the wild as well as the "Rule of 3's". Then, students had the opportunity to work in teams to build a shelter in the snow. Lastly, students learned about and practiced making a fire in the wild. Rockford students were kind, enthusiastic, and respectful during their visit!



### 5th Grade Language Arts-Ms. Mateyka



Fifth grade readers recently had their version of the traditional Super Bowl Game within the classroom. Students picked which team they wanted to be on (Philadelphia Eagles or Kansas City Chiefs.) Students scored points for their team by reading for 20 minutes (a touchdown) and writing main idea sentences of what they read (optional field goal points.) Most Valuable Players (MVP's) were recognized from each team for scoring the most points in their classroom hour. These readers were awarded with a Barnes and Noble gift card and gatorade. Nice job readers!

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