



Rockford Middle School

Center for Environmental Studies

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RMS-CES Families,

Monday marks the official end of winter, but I'm not entirely sure that winter got that message yet. Typically temperatures this time of year vary drastically, and we would encourage students and families to be mindful of the forecast and continue to have students bring a jacket as some classes use our outdoor spaces throughout the year. We are hopeful that all weather related delays and closures are behind us as we head into spring.

Please know that as we wrap up our quarter in four short days we want to end on a positive note with good habits. We have noticed that several students have been leaving their backpacks, course materials, and jackets on the floor outside their lockers. We have done some building sweeps to bring items to the lost and found and reconnect them with the owners, but we encourage all students to use their locker throughout the day.

Spring break is right around the corner... and if you are staying close to home, you may be looking for things to do. Check out [Three Rivers Parks](#) for a variety of maple syruping activities, explore the [Bell Museum](#) for a star party, visit the Sherlock Holmes exhibit at the [History Center](#), or experience teen activities like painting and lego lab at the [Rockford Public Library](#). Enjoy the break, and spend time outdoors!

Amidst all that third quarter brings I am grateful for the effort of our students, the creative work from our teachers and the relentless support from our parents.

Have a great weekend!

Paul Warzecha, Principal

DATES TO CHECK OUT:

Mar.

23rd - End of 3rd Quarter

24th-31st-No School-Spring Break

Apr.

3rd-Start of Qtr 4

7th- No School

20th-STEM Art & Academic Showcase

May

29th-No School

SAVE THE DATE RMS-CES SHOWCASE

4:30-7:00

April 20, 2023

Scholastic Book Fair
Choir Performances
Jazz Band Performance
Raptor Center
Ash Street Art Gallery
Greenhouse
Food Truck
Community Partners
Student Projects
Make and Take Items



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Happy St. Patrick's Day from RMS-CES



Our awesome Kitchen staff are having fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day-Thanks for all you do! We appreciate you!

*Our **Sunshine** committee also hosted an OREO Buffet for a fun Friday!*



NEWS AND NOTES



EXCEL GIFTED & TALENTED SMALL BUSINESS SIMULATION

Please click [HERE](#) to view and click on the small businesses that will be available on April 20th at the Arts & Academics STEM Showcase.

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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.

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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/>



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](#) 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

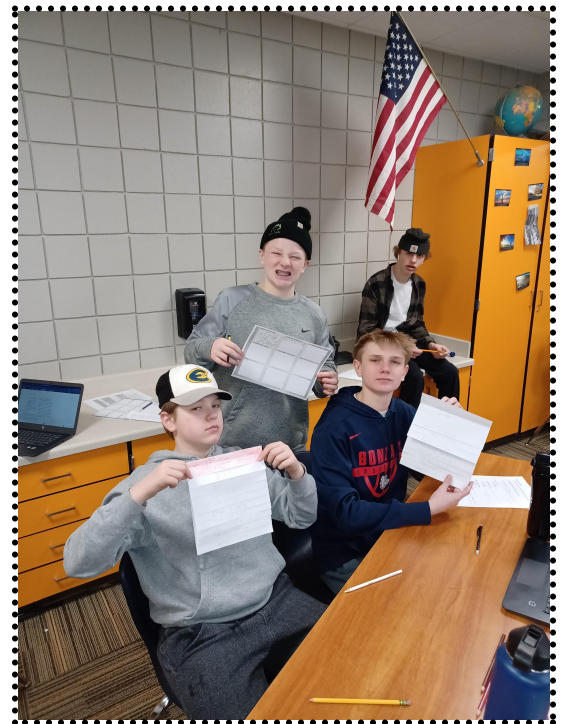
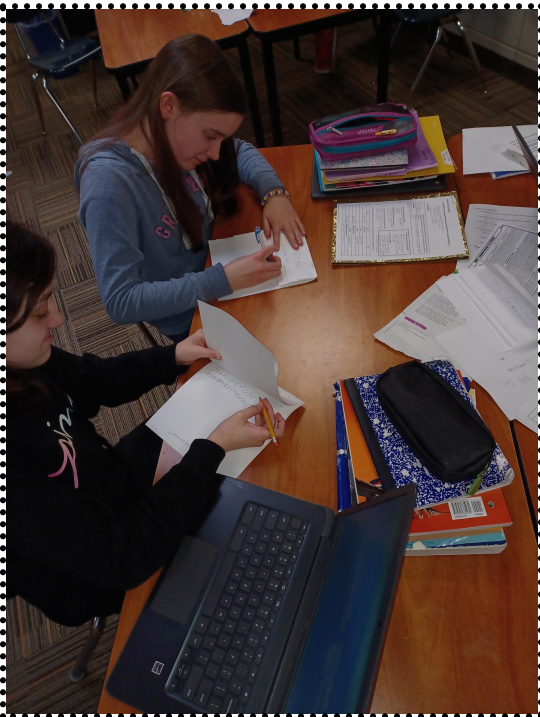
5TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES-MS. MILLER

5th graders started their Mapping unit this week! On Wednesday, our learning target was "I can explore the World", as students got to follow along a virtual field trip through Google Earth. Students "visited" major landmarks like Buckingham Palace, the Sydney Opera House, the Great Wall of China, the White House, along with many others around the world. They'll begin a map project next week where they can create their own Nation, designing it and adding symbols based on what they've learned about TODALS.

8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES-MR. RILEY

This week in 8th Grade Social Studies, students learned about the **Second World War**, focusing mainly on its causes, and its impact on Europe and the world. They investigated the United States responses both before and after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the war in Europe and the Pacific. Here are pictures of students who created a flipbook of knowledge to help describe and understand the importance of vocabulary related to World War 2.

In past weeks, 8th grade Social Studies students "Became the Expert" on individual countries throughout Africa, focusing on physical geography, human made features, histories and government methods, in order to present and educate their classmates about the country they studied.



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FIELD TRIP TO THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS ART-MS. GUNDERSON

RMS-CES Art students had the opportunity to visit the Minneapolis Institute of Arts on Wednesday. Thirty students were chosen to attend the field trip after completing an application that asked them to reflect on prior and current art making experiences.

During our tour, students were guided through the Native American Art Gallery by docents that offered great insight and discussion. ***A huge thank you to the Rockford Education Foundation for supporting and funding this adventure!***

