

ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



Dear RMS-CES Families,

I love seeing all the **Rocket Pride** as a part of our Homecoming week celebration. We were so very excited to top off homecoming week by announcing our ten new student council members who were elected by their peers to represent them to make positive changes and decisions for the betterment of RMS-CES. I am so very impressed with the inspiring messages from students who applied for the student council positions by making a short video. Their passion to lead and make their world a better place is appreciated! Below are a few reminders as we move forward.

Attendance Matters: Regular attendance is essential for academic success. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time every day. If they are unable to attend for any reason, please notify the school promptly. Good attendance habits instilled now will benefit them throughout their educational journey.

Homework and Assignments: Middle school is a time of increased academic responsibility. Encourage your child to manage their time effectively to complete assignments and study for tests. Establishing a homework routine at home can greatly assist with this.

Communication: We believe that open communication between parents, teachers, and students is key to success. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers or our school administration. We are here to support you.

Respectful Interactions: We understand that life to a teenager is identifying how to get the things you want and need and we recognize there is an incredible opportunity to help our students create positive intentions and utilize skillful interactions to leave a meaningful impact on the world around them. We see this as a partnership between staff, students, and parents.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Paul Warzecha



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Principal

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for Enviromental Studies**
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Picture Retake

Day will be
Friday, October
13th

CLASSROOM NEWS



This Week In Grade 2R

This week in Grade 2 we are exploring new concepts in math and science. We are looking at multiplication and how numbers relate to one another in different ways.

In science, we are exploring the solar system and learning about all the planets within it. Did you know Mars is called the red planet? Ask your child facts about planets this week! They love it!

Upcoming Events

Art Week - Nov. 7th

Thanksgiving - Nov 24th

Art Exhibition- Nov. 28th

Reminders

Please remember that we have a field trip coming this week to the planetarium. Your child will need to have the permission form signed and returned by Friday.

After School Activities

Math Club - Mondays

Creative Art - Wed & Thu

Theatre Club - Tuesday

Photography - Friday

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Molly Malecek Scholarship Fund (enter Molly Malecek Scholarship Fund in the comment section)

Molly Malecek Yerger Deep Portage Scholarship Fund

One of the foundations of the Deep Portage trip is to provide an opportunity for every student to attend. Molly Malecek Yerger was the director of Deep Portage. Molly's kind demeanor and strong belief in the benefits of environmental education is woven into the mission of RMS-CES. After Molly's passing in 2016 a scholarship fund was established in her memory by the Rockford Education Foundation. These funds are used to provide scholarships for RMS-CES students attending Deep Portage. If you are interested in contributing, please follow the link below

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Optional Survey Open Until 9/22

Indigenous Education for All (IEFA) is new legislation that will educate all students in Minnesota about the 11 Tribal Nations with whom we have geography in common. MDE is gathering feedback from students, (including former students), parents, educators, community leaders (including elders) and residents of Minnesota. The Indigenous Education for All Needs Assessment Survey.

will be open until September 22.

Information gathered from this survey will inform the legislature and MDE about your needs to implement Indigenous Education for All. We would also like to hear how we can support the work to implement Indigenous Education for All to better serve each student in Minnesota schools. If you have any questions regarding this survey or Indigenous Education for All, please contact Indigenous.Education.For.All.MDE@state.mn.us.



Please call our attendance line to report your child absent.

763-477-7525

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**TAHER IS HIRING! TAHER IS LOOKING FOR A FEW AMAZING
PEOPLE TO JOIN THEIR ROCKFORD KITCHEN TEAM!**



**WE
ARE HIRING**

- * Work in the Rockford Schools
- * No nights or weekends
- * Same schedule as the school
- * Free meals and uniforms
- * Rewarding work in a fun atmosphere

APPLY TODAY: bit.ly/RockfordHero

TAHER INC.
Professional
Food Service Management

RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities



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Classroom Wish Lists



YEARBOOK

Please order your RMS-CES yearbook for the 2023-2024 school year, please have your student turn in \$20 to the office. or Order online at www.yearbookforever.com

Thank you!

The nurses office could use kleenex donations. please send with your student to drop off in RMS-CES office



RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities:



Attention: Governor Walz signed a bill into law to provide breakfast and lunch at no charge to students at participating schools, beginning in the fall for the 2023-24 school year.

APPLICATION FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS:

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to fill out this [FORM](#). Our school also receives state funding for technology based on qualifying families! For more information or a Spanish version, click [HERE](#).

FOOD SERVICE REMINDER:

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

Please note, per our School Board approved [School Meals Policy](#), Low Account Balance and Negative Account Balance email reminders will continue to be sent.

Since Rockford Area Schools are not receiving additional meal funding at this time, it remains the parent(s)' or guardian's responsibility to ensure adequate funds are available in the meal account.

ATTENTION
PLEASE!



It is very important to ensure the school district has current household and contact information for all students. Please be sure to log in to your Parent Portal account to complete the Annual Update. The 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 it will ensure you receive information regarding any important announcements.

To complete the annual update, please do the following:

- 1) Log in to your Parent Portal Account
- 2) Select "More."
- 3) Select "Online Registration"
- 4) Select "23-24 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.

ATTENTION
PLEASE!

ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION



ROCKET LAUNCH — MONTHLY GIVING —

Dear Rocket Families-

Supporting educational opportunities is the Rockford Education Foundation's mission. Each and every year we rely on generous donors to help us continue this work through fundraising events and recurring monthly donations from Rocket families.

Recurring monthly donations from parents and supporters creates sustainable revenue for programs supporting all three schools. We invite you to support our mission with a commitment at a level that works financially for your family.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

****A Gift for NEW Members ****

Sign up between now and September 30th for \$10/month or more and receive this signature white YETI® Tumbler!

Questions: Email Kelly Grimm at kelly@rockfordfoundation.org



FROM THE ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION: (THIS IS NOT AN ISD 883 SPONSORED EVENT)

RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities

ADULT ENGLISH CLASS

FREE ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

begin on September 20 and go through May
(following the Rockford school calendar).

Come at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays to

ROOM 804 AT THE ROCKFORD COMMUNITY CENTER.

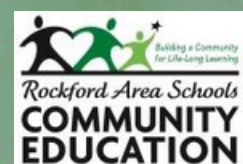
Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

All levels welcome!

Call Rockford Community Education

at (763) 477-4563 or

email Shannon Kolhei at jskolhei@gmail.com.



Come
Join
Us!



School Store Hours

**GET YOUR ROCKET GEAR AT OUR VERY
OWN SCHOOL STORE!**

**CLICK ON THE QR CODE FOR DAYS &
TIMES**



RMS-CES FALL SPORTS NEWS



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

HOMECOMING - 2023

TAILGATE PARTY

Rockford High School Commons



SEPTEMBER
22ND
5:00PM
to 7:00PM

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| A La Carte: | \$8.00 |
| Pulled Pork - \$6 | MEAL DEAL |
| Hot Dog - \$3 | Pulled Pork or |
| Chips - \$1 | 2 Hot Dogs |
| Beverage - \$3 | + Chips & Beverage |

FOOD * FRIENDS * FUN



NOTE: this is not an
ISD 883 sponsored
event

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE
ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ROCKFORD HOMECOMING
 SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK
 SEPT. 18 - 22

MONDAY: CHARACTER DAY
 TUESDAY: CLASS COLORS *
 WEDNESDAY: TIME TRAVELER
 THURSDAY: JERSEY DAY
 FRIDAY: ROCKET PRIDE

*CLASS COLORS:
 5: PINK 6: BLACK
 7: BLUE 8: GREEN
 STAFF: ORANGE

TIME TRAVELERS



ROCKFORD SPIRIT DAY



JERSEY DAY



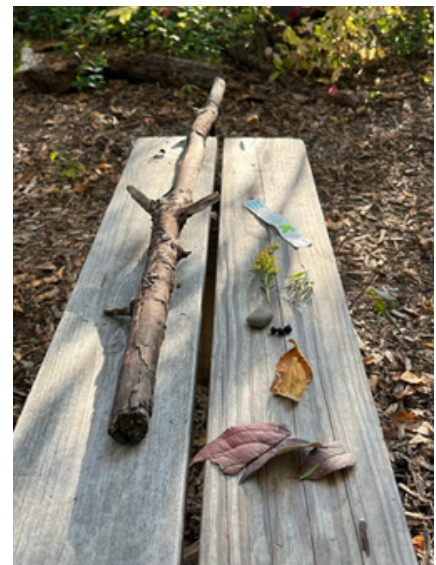
5th SOCIAL STUDIES



5th Grade students were hunters and gatherers recently in the School Forest. They have been learning how Native Americans lived off the land. Students also learned how the tribes had to figure out which resources were safe and which were dangerous. Fifth graders also discussed how the Native Americans had to adapt to changing seasons for survival.

The tribe that inhabited the Rockford area was the Wahpekute (Wah-pay-koo-tay,) which is a band of the Dakota nation. Students seemed pretty intrigued when teachers would explain that hundreds and thousands of years ago, Natives lived and survived right on the land that our School Forest is on.

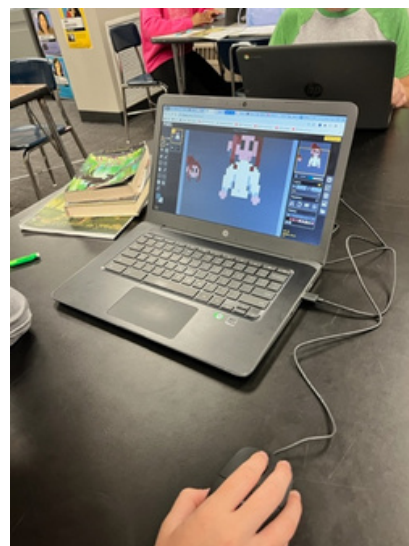
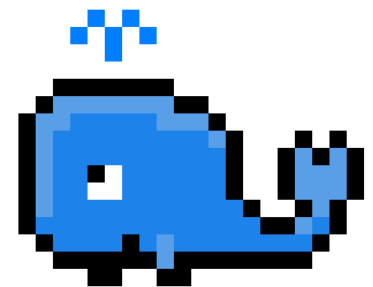
Students completed a "Gatherer Scavenger Hunt."



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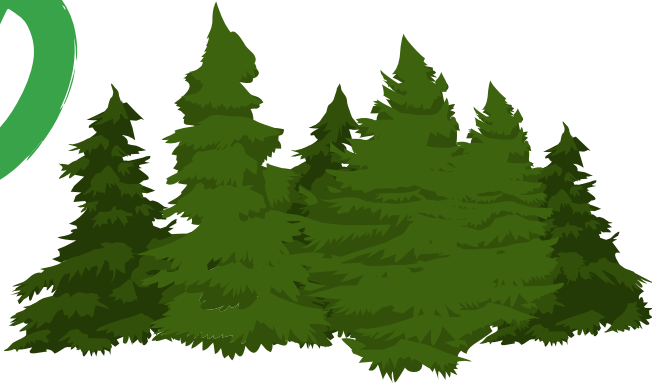
Digital Skills with Ms. Russell

8th grade Digital Skills students recently completed an **animation unit**. One of the assignments was to create an idle sprite animation, which is an animation loop that a character does when the user is not actively playing the game. Some students chose to bring their sprite animation into our next unit, video game design.





Social Studies with Ms. Miller



8th grade Social Studies students spent their class in the school forest looking at physical features of our area. In class we have discussed the 5 Themes of Geography, one of which being Humans & the Environment. Students were asked to write about or draw a section of the school forest, and then reflect on the positive and negative human impacts of our local school forest environment.

