

# ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

## DEEP PORTAGE 2023



*Dear RMS-CES Families,*

As we wrap up the end of the quarter, I would encourage everybody to spend some time reviewing any missing work your child might have and make sure they are studying for any upcoming tests or quizzes. This is a great opportunity to track outstanding work using the planner provided to each student. Parents can track their child's work using a combination of both the parent portal as well as the academic planner view.

We know the importance of a safe and welcoming environment. Recent news in Maine might bring feelings of uneasiness as it pertains to safety but I would like to assure you that Rockford Middle School is as safe now as it has ever been due to recent updates in building security which include but are now limited to secured entries, process for ensuring all adults in the building are properly identified, direct training to staff and students about our ALICE protocols, a full-time wright county sheriff officer who frequently sweeps the buildings and checks exterior doors and most of all a supportive community that will say something if they see something. Please know moving forward that we will make sure that safety is our biggest priority.

On Wednesday of this week, we are proud to report that our media center furniture has arrived and has been installed. We will continue to find the best arrangement for this furniture, but we are so very excited for our students to experience a mix of tables and chairs as well as soft seating, STEM Tables, and a few new bookshelves. The Media Center Furniture is a donation of our very generous Rockford Education Foundation filled with parents, community members, and staff whose efforts have a direct impact on our students and their learning. If you would like to learn more about their organization you can click on the following [link](#).

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## Change to Chill

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW MORE...

*The October CTC Newsletter*



Please call our attendance line to report your child absent.

763-477-7525

# ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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



**WE  
ARE HIRING**

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

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# RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

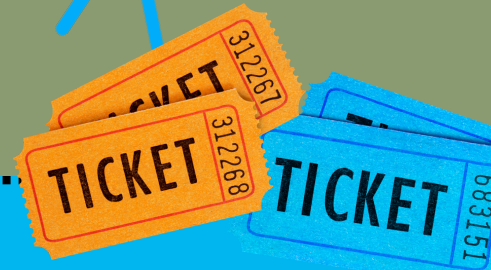
Reminders & Opportunities



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## Classroom Wish Lists



*From the Rockford Education Foundation:*  
(This is not an ISD 883 Sponsored Event.)

**Tickets are on sale now for the 2023 Fall Event!**

**Join us for the Rockford Education Foundation's biggest fundraising event supporting the Rockford Area Schools!**

**Theme: Saturday Night Live (costumes encouraged!)**

**Event Details:**

**Friday, November 17th, 2023**

**6:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove**

**Purchase Tickets: [www.rockford23.givesmart.com](http://www.rockford23.givesmart.com)**

**\$75/per person (part of your ticket is a donation)**

**Fundraising Goal:**

**Full-fill the wish lists from all three schools!**

**Next week we will roll out all the Fund-A-Need opportunities to support your school!**

**Thanks to our champion sponsors!  
Apple Roofing and Total Strength Fitness**



# 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](mailto:larsonchrista@rockford.k12.mn.us) or 763-477-9165.

ATTENTION  
PLEASE!

# RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

## Reminders & Opportunities

# ADULT ENGLISH CLASS

Come  
Join  
Us!



### 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](mailto:jskolhei@gmail.com).



## School Store Hours

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



### School Store October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Store Hours: 5:30pm - 8:30pm C/JV/V Volleyball	6 Store Hours: 6:30pm - End of Half *at field V Football	7
8	9	10	11	12 Store Hours: 5:30pm - 8:30pm C/JV/V Volleyball	13	14
15	16 Store Hours: 4:00pm - 7:00pm RHS Conferences	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Store Hours: 4:30pm - 7:30pm RHS Conferences	27	28
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Dates and times subject to change based on event changes. Any changes will be updated and posted on our social media platforms.

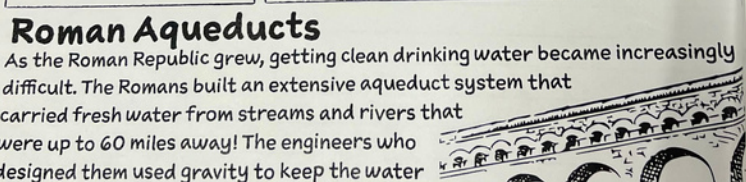
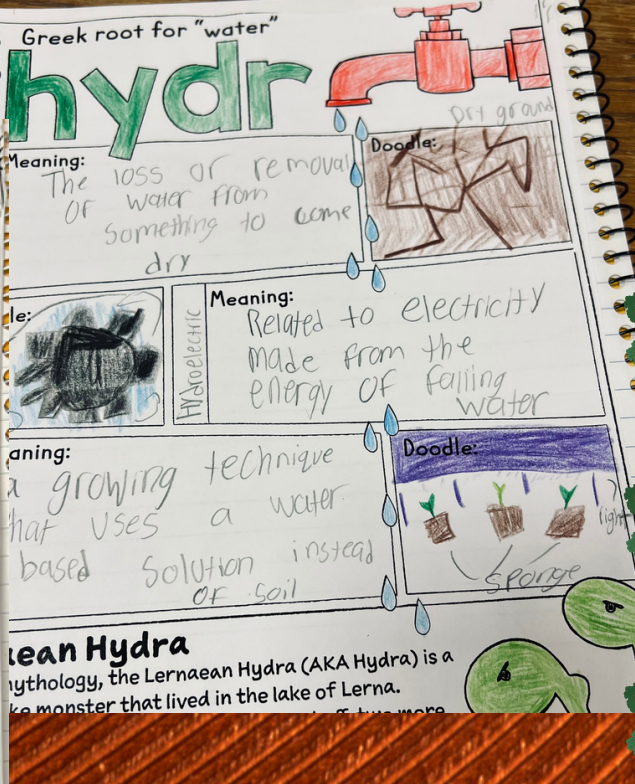
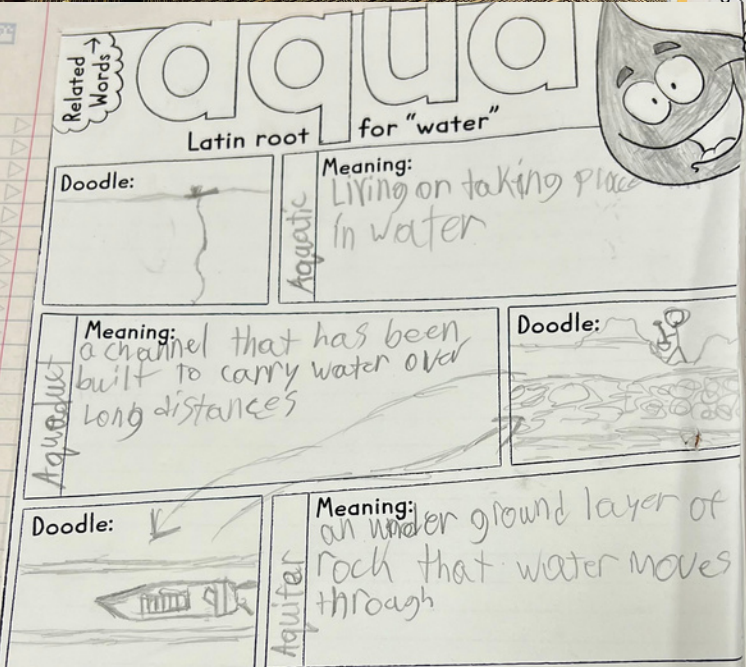
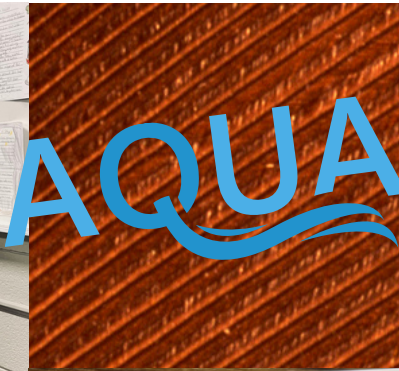


# RMS-CES GRADE LEVEL NEWS

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Sixth graders have started to explore vocabulary words with Greek & Latin Roots. They read Splash, a Young Naturalist article, written for the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer magazine through the MN DNR.

They're finishing up Unit One: Just Add Water - Aqua, Hydra, and Mar/Mer. Student shared experiences with aquifers, hydroponics, and marine life from home and holidays taken.



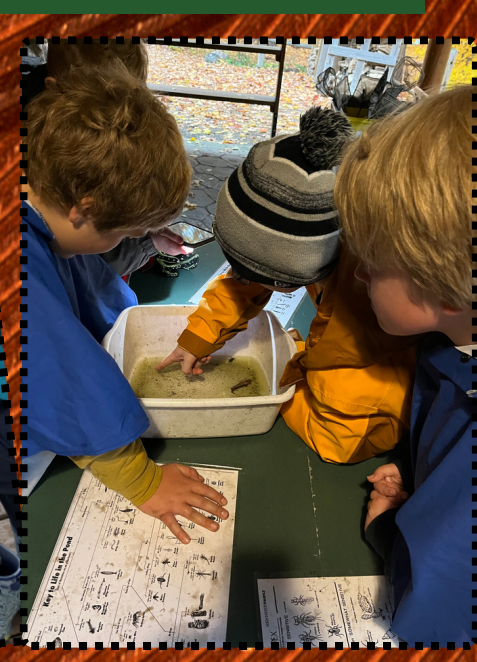


# RMS-CES GRADE LEVEL NEWS

## field trip



STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RAPTOR CENTER AND STAFF FROM BAKER PARKS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF FLIGHT. IT WAS A VERY HANDS-ON DAY WITH FRISBEE AND ROCKETS USING BAKING SODA/VINEGAR TO DEMONSTRATE AIR PRESSURE AND ASPECTS OF FLIGHT. WE USE THEIR RESOURCES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, INCLUDING THE "RAPTORLAB" WE WILL DO FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ABOUT THESE BEAUTIFUL BIRDS. THE BEAUTIFUL FALL COLORS WERE BRILLIANT AND SET THE TONE FOR A FUN DAY!





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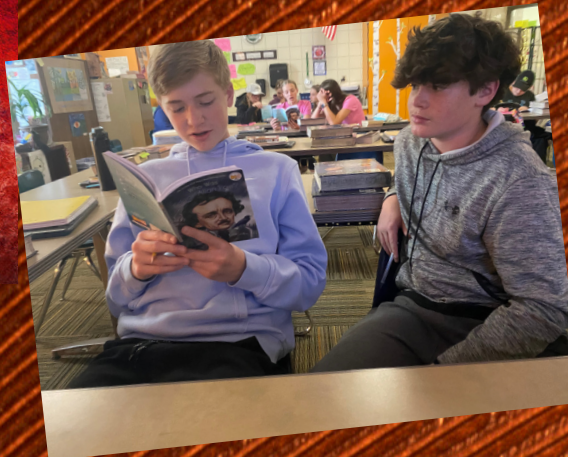
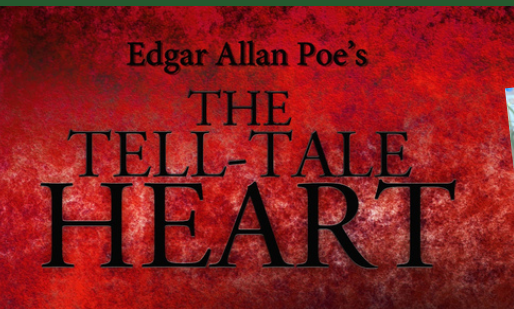
field trip







Over the past two weeks, we began our study of Edgar Allan Poe, the “master of the macabre”, and his short story, “The Tell-Tale Heart”. Prior to reading the story, we jigsawed a short biography of Edgar Allan Poe to put some of his life’s pieces together. As we studied the story, LA8 readers analyzed Poe’s use of Dramatic Irony, Mood & Tone, and his three Suspense Techniques to determine whether or not the narrator is trustworthy. I think that Poe would approve of this crew’s work!



### A Name For Himself

**3 Facts:**

1. He quickly reached the top enlisted rank in the army due to his exceeding intelligence and education
2. Both Poe's foster mother and brother died in a span of 2 years
3. Purposefully got expelled from his military school so that he could focus on writing.

**Summary:**

Edgar went to military school, but didn't like it, so he missed classes and didn't follow orders until he was expelled. He went home to his foster mother, brother, grandmother, aunt, and cousin, who he later married. He started writing short stories and showing them to others around this time.

**Vocabulary Words:**

**Neglected** - To pay little or no attention to

**Dedicated** - Wholly committed to something

**I Wonder Statement:**

I wonder how the deaths Edgar witnessed affected him and if these events had anything to do with his dark style of poetry?

*Made By: Ana, Hannah, & Lucy*

## Chapter 3, Trouble Brewing | Andrew, Herbie, Maydo

### Facts about Edgar Allan Poe

- He was a foster kid, additionally his dad was a foster kid leading to a weird relationship growing up.
- He went to Virginia University in 1826, his father only sent him 100\$. He soon had to drop out due to money reasons.
- He had multiple relationships but none worked out. His foster mom soon died of a tuberculosis when he was 16, the same year he made his earliest poem "oh, tempora".

### Important Vocabulary

- **Tuberculosis** - infectious, bacterial disease caused by growth of nodules in tissues, especially in the lungs.
- **Gruff** - ruff and low pitch.

**I wonder.....**

What if Poe's dad sent him more money and he didn't drop out of college so early? Would he still be where he is today?

## Young Orphan (By: Alex B., Ashlynn M., and Jinx L.)

### 3 facts-

- BOTH PARENTS WERE ACTORS, AND OFTEN GONNA SO EDGAR WAS RAISED BY HIS GRANDPARENTS
- HE WAS BARELY TWO BY THE TIME THAT HIS FATHER LEFT
- HIS MOTHER GOT TUBERCULOSIS AND DIED AT 23 ON DECEMBER 8TH 1811

### IMPORTANT VOCAB

- **Quarrel** = To have a heated argument or disagreement
- **Troupe** = A group of dancers, actors, or other entertainers who tour to different venues

### I wonder...

I WONDER WHY HIS PARENTS GET A DIVORCE?

