

ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Happy
THANKSGIVING

Dear RMCES Families,

For many this time of year, is it opportunity to pause or reflect on everything around us and express gratitude. For me, I've included only a few of the many things I'm grateful for.

Students: I have literally spent the majority of my life in middle school and I've always had an appreciation for this age. I can say without a shadow of a doubt that we have fantastic kids at Rockford Middle School who are learning and growing as learners and people each and every day.

Staff : The dedication, commitment, talent, and creativity from the Rockford Middle School staff is truly inspiring. Their tireless efforts to meet the needs of kids shows up in so many meaningful ways

Parents / Community: We have awesome parents in this community whose care for their children is felt in so many ways. Our students are lucky to have so many people in their lives who consistently model the best of what it means to be an active member of a community and to help those around you.

Kindness Grams: Kids got an opportunity to create a kind message ("Kindness Gram") to their fellow classmates which got delivered today during sixth hour. We appreciate the thoughtful gestures from so many people!

Rockford Education Foundation: Tonight's Gala will be a great event and yet another example of this community coming together to support students in their learning. The next time you are at the Middle School, please take the time to visit the Media Center and see all the new furniture that was provided through generous donations from our foundation at last year's gala.

As I walked around the building today I took the opportunity to ask students what they were grateful for and the overwhelming answers I heard were family, friends, parents, food, sports, and candy.

Finally, as a reminder, there is no school on Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th. Enjoy the break and make awesome memories.

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RMS-CES PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminders & Opportunities:

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

FALL EVENT



FRIDAY
NOV. 17
2023

Weekend Happenings!

Rockford
Area Schools
Fall Musical

BYE-BYE
BIRDIE

November 17, 18 - 7pm
November 19 - 2pm

RAS Auditorium - General Admission

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Support the Rockford Education Foundation's largest event without even attending!

Online Silent Auction

If you like a good silent auction, you do not want to miss this one! The timing is perfect with the holidays right around the corner.
Event Website: <https://Rockford23.giveasmart.com>
Auction starts on November 15th at Noon

Donate to one of these 10 Fund-A-Needs!

- #1 CNA
- #2 Welding
- #3 General Woods
- #4 College and Career
- #5 STEM Organizer Cart
- #6 Deep Portage Scholarships
- #7 Classroom Seating
- #8 Theater Program
- #9 Keyboards
- #10 Technology

DONATE

- > Select a fund-a-need from the drop down menu
- > Donate by November 16th if possible.

Note: Donating is also available on the event website along with the auction.
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Every year we partner with Riverworks Food Shelf to help support our community before the holiday season. Last year we raised over \$500 thanks to all of the generous donations! As we plan our upcoming celebrations, we at Rockford Area Schools, are asking that you take the time to think of others who are less fortunate.

*Please make a donation that works for your family to help relieve the stress of others during this time. **If you are able to donate, we are asking all families and staff to donate money on-line directly to Riverworks.** With the financial support, they will be able to purchase the food to fill their shelves. Please follow the directions below to donate. Any dollar amount helps! Thank you for supporting our community and partnering with Rockford Area Schools.*

Happy Holidays!

**This is not an LSD883 sponsored event*



HERE'S HOW TO GIVE:

1. GO TO [RIVERWORKS ONLINE GIVING](#)
2. CLICK ON THE FUND DROP DOWN MENU.
3. SELECT ROCKFORD SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE.

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Reminders & Opportunities:



Click Here
Classroom Wish Lists

SCHOOL
STORE
HOURS

School Store November 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Store Hours: 5:00pm-8:00pm HS Band Dinner & Concert	16	17
	12	13	14	15	Store Hours: 5:00pm-7:30pm District Musical Bye Bye Birdie	18
Store Hours: 12:30pm-2:30pm District Musical Bye Bye Birdie	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	29	30	
		Store Hours: 5:30pm-8:30pm 29/V Girls Basketball		Store Hours: 5:30pm-8:30pm 29/V Girls Basketball		

Dates and times subject to change based on event changes. Any changes will be updated and posted on our social media platforms.



RMS-CES Volunteer Club

Volunteer Club 2023-2024

Are you looking for a way for your student to give back and learn valuable life skills? Consider signing them up for Volunteer Club. An informational/planning meeting for students will be held Thursday, November 30th from 3pm-5pm.

Volunteer club introduces your child to the benefits of volunteering in their community. This club is student-led and provides members the opportunity to volunteer for the RiverWorks Thrift Store, Food Shelf, and other local community outreach organizations.

Students will experience building community, learning life skills, and doing good in the world. Meetings will be once a month and will be on Thursdays from 3pm-5pm. Meeting Dates will be:

Thursday November. 30th, 2023
Thursday, December 21st, 2023
Thursday, January 18th, 2024
Thursday, February 15th, 2024
Thursday, March 21st, 2024
Thursday, April 18th, 2024
*May 2024 TBD



(Meeting dates are subject to change due to weather or any other unforeseen circumstances.)

Send questions to Abbey Kaufman: kaufmana@rockford.k12.mn.us

ATTENTION



The Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Kurt Thomas is holding a **FREE** basketball youth clinic for girls in grades 2-8 on Saturday, November 25th!

For more information and to sign up, please [click here](#).



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.

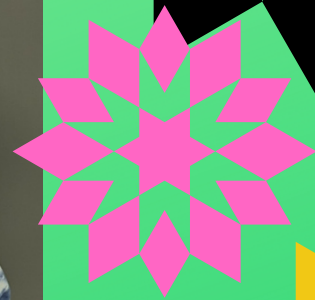
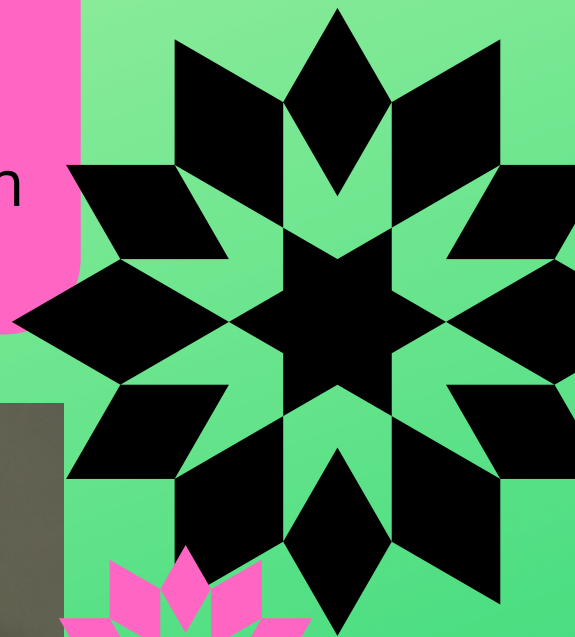
To complete the annual update, please do the following:

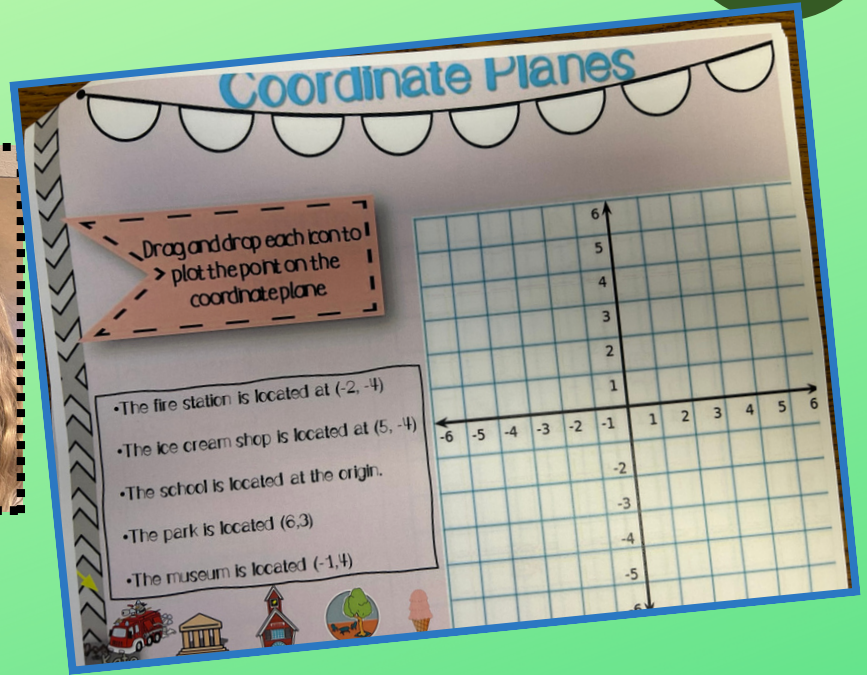
- 1) Log in to your Parent Portal Account
- 2) Select "More."
- 3) Select "Online Registration"
- 4) Select "23-24 School Year Annual Update for Existing Students"

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!

After learning about the significance of the Star Quilt in the Dakota and Lakota nations, 6th graders used their mathematical knowledge to create their own representation out of paper!



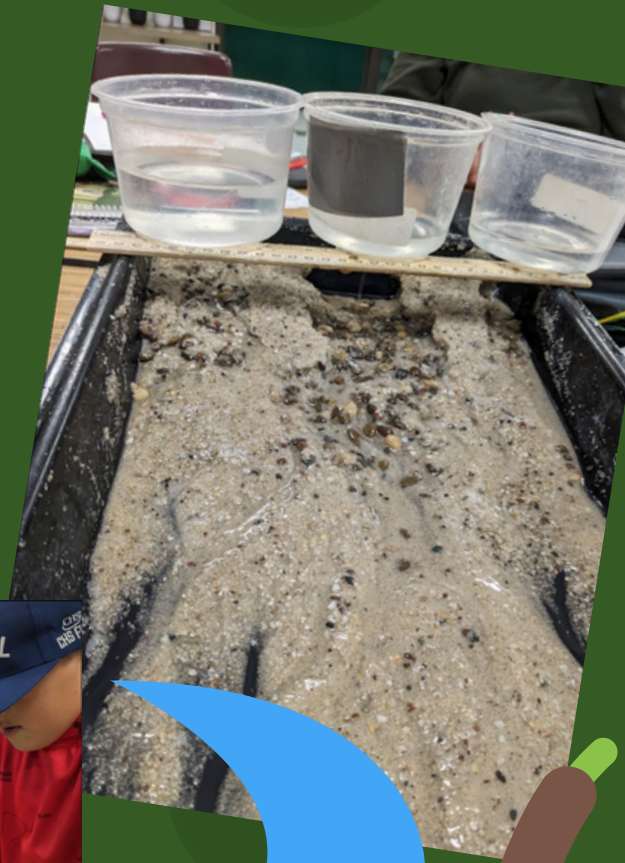


5th graders have been having fun with ALGEBRA. We learned about the rules for **Order of Operations** and evaluating numerical expressions. We used the phrase "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally". Students understand that parentheses serve an important purpose in math. Students have also been displaying measurement data in line plots and solving problems using the data. When we use coordinates to locate a point on a plane, we use two numbers to specify the horizontal or "X-axis" and vertical or "Y-axis". The first number in a coordinate pair tells us how far to move left or right from the origin $(0,0)$, while the second number tells us how far to move up or down.

RMS-CES GRADE LEVEL NEWS

6th

THIS WEEK IN SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE, STUDENTS INVESTIGATED THE PROCESSES OF EROSION AND DEPOSITION USING STREAM TABLES. AFTER OBSERVING A STANDARD SET UP, STUDENTS PLANNED DIFFERENT VARIABLES TO CHANGE IN THEIR GROUP'S STREAM TABLE AND OBSERVED THE RESULTS OF THEIR CHANGES. STUDENTS THEN SHARED THEIR RESULTS WITH THEIR CLASSMATES VIA A CLASS POSTER GALLERY WALK.



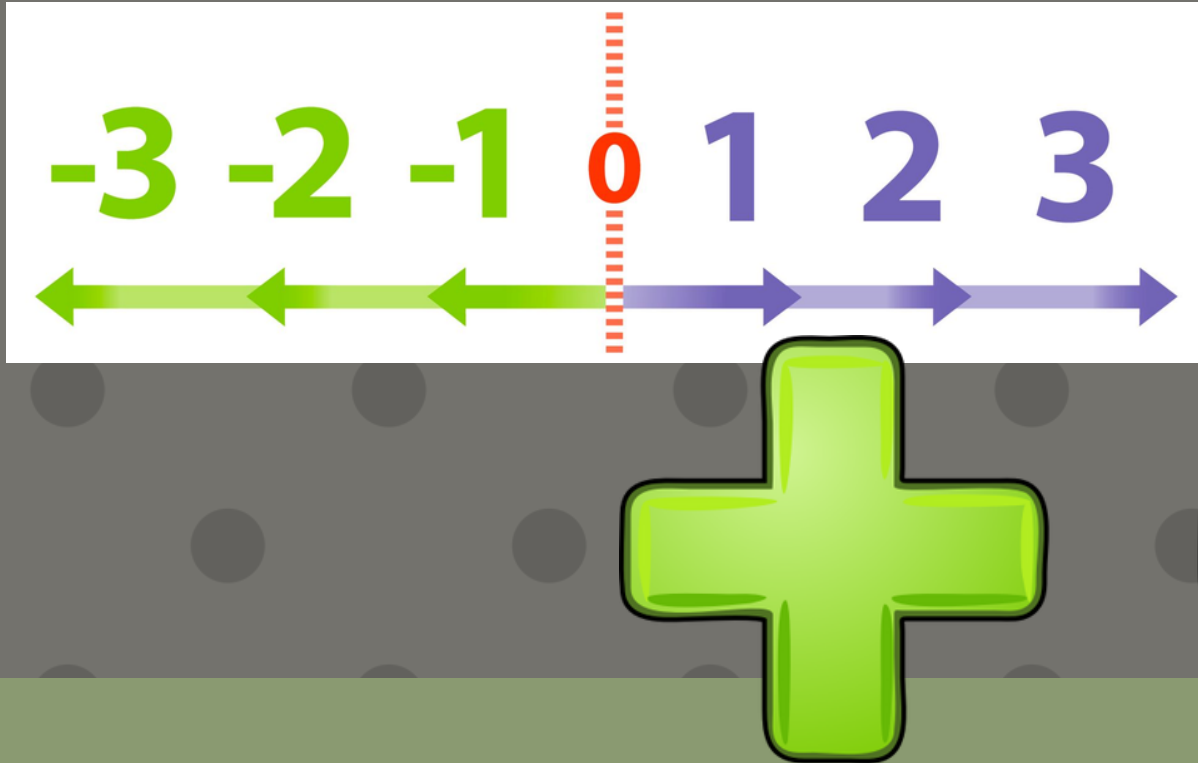
RMS-CES GRADE LEVEL NEWS



YOUTH
FRONTIERS®



On Thursday, our 7th graders participated in a Youth Frontiers Courage Retreat. This highly interactive event incorporated lots of movement, as well as small group discussions led by Rockford High School students. Youth Frontiers encouraged students to think about what courage is and how we can show it in everyday life. Students got the opportunity to hear from their peers and some of our amazing high school leaders about what fear is, and how that can prevent us from showing courage. At the end of the retreat, the 7th graders took a pledge to show courage and as one student stated, "My act of courage is to show kindness because you never know if someone is having a bad day".



THIS WEEK IN MATH, 7TH GRADERS REVIEWED HOW TO ADD AND SUBTRACT POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE NUMBERS. THEY APPLIED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS CONTENT TO THE TEST, AND THEY PRACTICED TEST CORRECTIONS BY LEARNING FROM THEIR MISTAKES. WE ENDED THE WEEK BY STARTING OUR NEXT UNIT ON MULTIPLYING AND DIVIDING POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RATIONAL NUMBERS.

