

ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

DEEP PORTAGE 2023



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**RMS-CES
Conferences
October 17th, 2023**



RMS-CES Families,

We have had a wonderful week with both 5th and 6th-grade students going on field trips to Baker Park and many exciting things happening here in the building. There are so many positive things happening in our classrooms.

Twins Tuesday: Let's face it... the Minnesota Twins haven't been in the playoffs for quite some time, so any student who wants to wear their twins' gear, or the colors of navy, red, and white on Tuesday to show our support for game 3 are welcome to do so! We have to take the opportunity while we can!

Conferences: On October 17th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. staff will be available for Parent-teacher conferences. This will be an opportunity for parents to connect with teachers. We recognize that our parents who choose to attend conferences might want to see a variety of different teachers. Conferences will be an open format where parents can wait in line to meet with your child's teacher. We recognize that there is no perfect conference format, but traditionally it is reserved as an optional time if parents want to come in regarding the students' progress or concerns.

Friendly Reminder: Our students have really done a great job following the Cell Phone Expectations. This week we saw a slight uptick in students corrected for cell phones, specifically with a few phones taken because they had their cameras up. Just a friendly reminder that recording, filming or photography of students, staff members, or school activities on your school or personal electronic device is strictly prohibited unless given permission to do so by school staff for a specific purpose.

Colder Weather: As the weather cools we recognize that oftentimes middle schoolers seek independence on all things related to their dress. Please help encourage your child when to wear long sleeves/jackets, etc. This reminder is predominantly because we often go outside during the school day

Wishing you all an amazing weekend ahead!

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**PICTURE RETAKE DAY WILL BE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**



Picture Day
a whole new way
Día de fotografías de una manera completamente nueva

A new school portrait experience designed by you, for you.
Una experiencia nueva de foto escolar diseñado por ti, para ti.



- Preview your pictures before you buy
Pre-visualice en línea antes de comprar
- Buy only what you want
Compre únicamente lo que desee
- Personalize your photos with a variety of backgrounds and add text
Personaliza tus fotografías con una variedad de fondos y agregar texto
- Photos ship directly to home
Las fotografías se envían directamente a su hogar
- High-res digital downloads
Descarga de alta resolución
- If you have more than one child, you can order everything together and pay only once
Si tienes más de un hijo, puedes pedir todo junto y paga solo una vez



Our "Green Screen" technology allows you to personalize backgrounds. But it makes green clothing disappear into the background.

Don't wear green for picture day please!
¡Por favor, no utilice ropa de color verde el día de fotografías!

Get ready for Picture Day!
¡Prepárate para el día de fotografías!

ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

EVENT CODE: FE92523
código de evento:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023 - RETAKE

IMPORTANT UPDATE TO FIELD TRIP DATES:

Due to a scheduling conflict with The Raptor Center, the 6th Grade and 7th Grade Baker trip dates have been swapped.

6th Grade - October 6

7th Grade - October 24



Please call our attendance line to report your child absent.

763-477-7525

ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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- * 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



Click Here

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



PROM FUNDRAISERS!

Save the Date

SUNDAY, OCT 8 & SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Join Class of 2025 Rockford Prom committee at Billy's for ManCave/Purse Bingo. Doors open and 10am. Bingo starts at 11am. All proceeds go to Prom 2024

Not an ISD 883 sponsored event

Purse & Mancave BINGO

Sunday, Oct 8th - 11 A.M.

Billy's Bar - Rockford, MN

\$50 at the door / 10 GAMES

DOORS OPEN at 10 A.M. **CASH ONLY**

HANOVER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LIC # 02415-004

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.

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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.



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	6	7
				Store Hours: 5:30pm - 8:30pm C/JV/V Volleyball	Store Hours: 6:30pm - End of Half *at field V Football	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Store Hours: 5:30pm - 8:30pm C/JV/V Volleyball		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Store Hours: 4:00pm - 7:00pm RHS Conferences				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Store Hours: 4:30pm - 7:30pm RHS Conferences		
29	30	31				

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

5 field trip



Team Building



At Baker Park, students worked in small groups together on various challenges. Students had to communicate ideas and listen to group members in order to complete the challenge. By collaborating together as team challenges were completed.

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

6

field trip



6

field trip



Sixth graders had the opportunity to experience everyday life in an imaginary North West Company brigade and prehistoric times at Baker Outdoor Learning Center today. They practiced bow drills, atlatls, fire making, axe throwing, cooking, active games and spent the day in the woods together!

Of all the paths
you take in life,
make sure a few
of them are dirt.

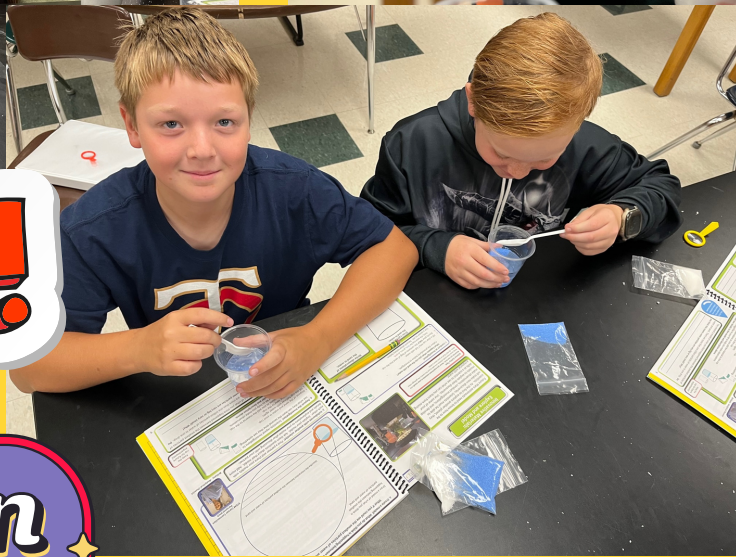
John Muir



LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

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MARS!

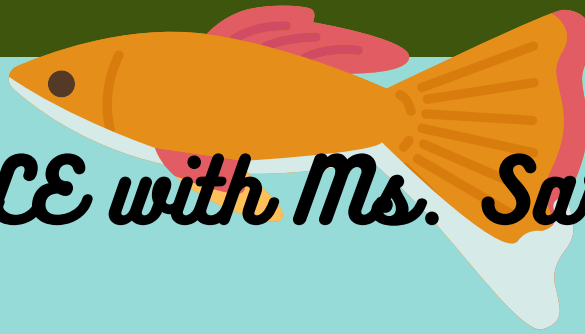
Mission



This week students began their first Mission to Mars. In this experiment, students made scientific observations to compare two unknown substances. When these substances interact with water, they have opposite outcomes! One of the substances is hydrophobic and one is hydrophilic. Students practiced making scientific observations, recording data, and general lab procedures.



SCIENCE with Ms. Sarsland



In Ms. Sarsland's 7th grade science classes we are off to a terrific start. Students are testing their questions with the scientific method and finding several different results. It's fun to see inquiry in action. Soon we are going to say "The Guppies Are Coming..." as we transition to Bottle Biology. In the meantime, we are also creating Ecosystems of North America booklets that show diversity from Alaska to the Florida Keys. It's been great getting to know this year's amazing 7th graders and experience their learning and wonderful personalities!

