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ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Congratulations Class of 2025







OUR MISSION

In partnership with our communities and families, Rockford Area Schools provides challenging opportunities to engage, inspire, and educate globally-minded citizens.



Message From Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover

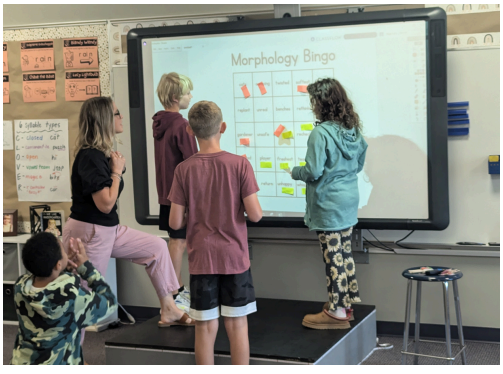


Peering out my office window, seeing the sunshine, flowers, and all that summer provides, I cannot help but reflect on what an amazing year it has been for the students, staff, families, and community of Rockford Area Schools.

Summer provides us time to look back on the school year and I am abundantly proud of the accomplishments that have occurred in our classrooms, in our activities, and in the community. Each of these areas contribute to the vibrancy of our incredibly strong school district and it is a privilege to work with each of you to provide the best possible experience for our students.

In our schools, we have seen gains in academics, growth in enrollment, and strength in our operations. Examples include our new Instructional Roadmap, growth in our magnet programs, and a comprehensive curriculum review process that ensures we are providing all learners with research-based resources and tools. In addition, through shared partnership and collaboration, instructional leadership teams have cultivated new and innovative ideas that will allow learners to thrive as they follow their personal passions. Operationally, through our Board approved Strategic Directions, we have instilled alignment and structure to all systems, allowing us to provide high quality experiences in the areas of community education, transportation, human resources, and nutrition services. The Board and administration also continue to be strong stewards of district finances, finding creative ways to stretch our fiscal resources and balance our budget.

We will utilize the momentum gained this past school year as we continue in our pursuit of excellence and continuous improvement. Included in our plans are the roll-out of our new elementary literacy curriculum and a comprehensive pathways plan, titled Launch Your Future: Early College & Career Prep, which will provide each student at Rockford High School with the opportunity to attain career development training and multiple college credits at no cost to our families. These are just a few of the amazing programs on the horizon in Rockford Area Schools.



While we are incredibly excited about the future of our schools, to ensure the success, sustainability, and quality of our programs, Rockford Area Schools will be asking the community for some additional support this November. This support will be critical to our mission of ensuring high-quality learning opportunities for all students, including the stability and potential reduction of class size and the funding of essential educational programs. More information will be shared over the next several months and, as always, please feel free to reach out to me with specific questions.

In closing, and as always, I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your encouragement and involvement in our schools. Strong schools come from strong community support and I am blessed to partner with you in all areas of our work.

Kindest regards.

Jeffery P. Ridlehoover

Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover
Superintendent

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Rockford High School Celebrates 108th Commencement



As we close the 2024-2025 school year, there is much to celebrate. 117 of our seniors graduated from Rockford High School,we had 2 students pursuing the Full Diploma and 5 students pursuing the IB Career Pathway Diploma through the International Baccalaureate Program. We are extremely proud of their efforts in this rigorous program. Our commencement ceremony took place on Friday, May 30, 2025 in the RCC Fieldhouse with school board members, administration, staff, students, families, and guests. The students selected Julie Merila from the English department as their faculty speaker. Valedictorian Danielle Millen delivered the class address, the band and choir performed specifically selected pieces, and diplomas were conferred and awarded by Chair Eric Gordee of the School Board and Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover, Rockford Area Schools Superintendent



Rockford High School is proud to be sending 89 students to 2 year or 4 year colleges/universities or specialized employment transition programs, 7 students to trade schools or apprenticeships, 18 going directly into the workforce and 2 students into the United States military!

To mark the occasion, students took a journey back in time and made one last lap through the halls where many of their educational journeys started, Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School, in a senior salute. This tradition is also special to inspire our younger students to persevere in their studies and one day reach the milestone of high school graduation.

We are proud of the accomplishments of the class of 2025, we look forward to hearing of their future endeavors and positive representation of our community, and we remain hopeful that our preparation, in partnership with their parents, coaches, and other influential adults will result in meaningful contributions to society.





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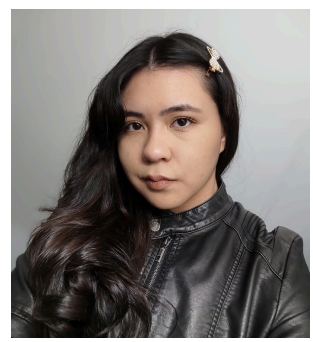
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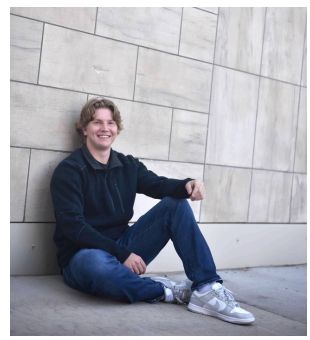
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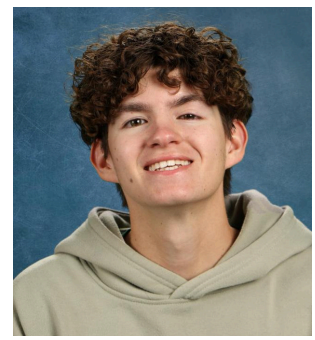
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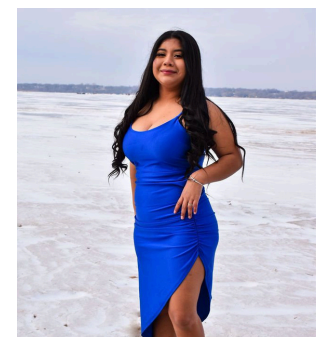
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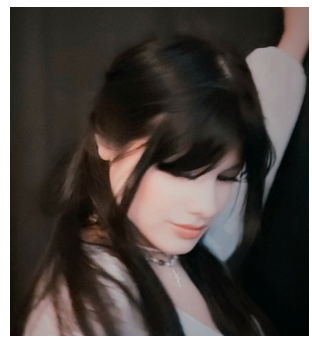
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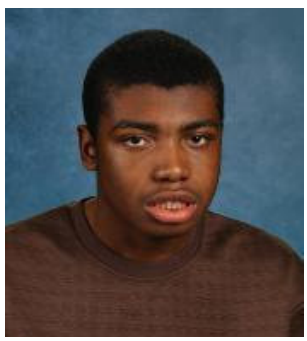
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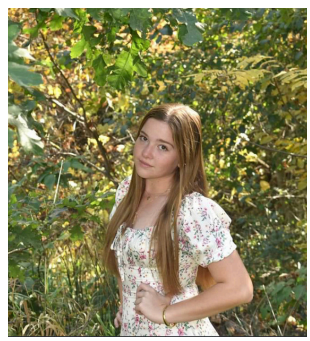
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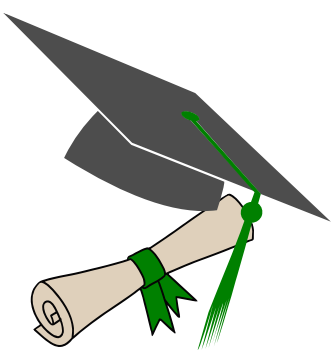
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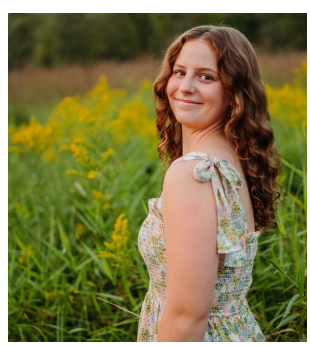
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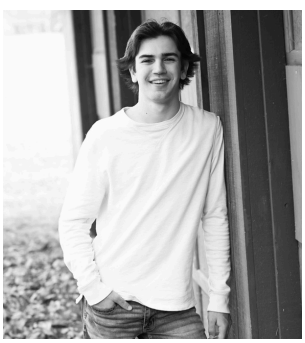
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Rockford Education Foundation: Supporting Students from Day One

The Rockford Education Foundation (REF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to enhancing education in Rockford Area Schools. Since 2004, REF has supported innovative programs, critical classroom resources, and unique learning experiences for students from PreK through 12th grade. REF is independently operated and funded entirely by community contributions, corporate sponsors, and fundraising events. Visit www.rockfordfoundation.org to learn more or get involved!

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Order your 2025–26 school supplies online and have them delivered directly to your home. It's easy, convenient, and 15% every order supports mini-grants for Rockford teachers and staff — helping bring more opportunities to Rockford classrooms.



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Welcome, Kindergartners!

REF is excited to welcome the Rockford Class of 2038! Celebrate this special milestone with a FREE "First Day of Kindergarten" yard sign. A fun way to mark the big day and snap that first-day photo!



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ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Letter from Principal Menard

It was a remarkably successful 2024-2025 school year at Rockford High School. Priority goals of our School Improvement Plan were to provide note taking strategies, engaging opportunities to build positive culture, and quality instruction for all our students. Here are some of the latest efforts that contributed to the successful completion of those goals and many other happenings that make our school unique and advantageous:



- RHS students took the midyear FAST Testing in Reading and Math. Their results better inform instructional improvements and Tier 2 intervention needs.
- After a 3 year hiatus, RAS teachers Ms. Ehleringer and Ms. Scheevel brought back the One Act Play. Our students represented our school community well at the section competition, learned a lot, and enjoyed their experience.
- Our 90 day focus to begin the second semester specifically targeted methods through which we can support our students. We read articles, engaged in dialogue regarding best practices, and began to sculpt individual intervention plans for students. This will lay the foundation for our first 90 day focus of the next school year: defining and insisting on rigor. We feel strongly that we must first build student support in order to increase rigor.
- Our AVID regional program manager paid an annual visit to RHS. She remarked how our AVID elective teachers are making great connections with students, exceptional at helping them organize their work, and gave some suggestions on how to continue to grow the program schoolwide.
- 12 students officially committed to play college athletics on National Signing Day on February 5th.
- Mr. Menard received a "Patriotic Employer Award" through the Department of Defense and the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) in recognition for supporting active duty military members in fulfilling their obligations and regularly welcoming military recruiters into our school.
- MCA tests were administered in Math, Reading, and Science to our 10th and 11th grade students.



- IB Career Pathways continue to be strengthened and additional pathways are being explored, including hospitality and tourism management.
- The 2nd annual RHS Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament involved students this year. The winner of the student bracket faced the winner of the staff competition and Ms. Zastoupil emerged as the champion.
- Similar to last spring, our teachers were tasked with identifying key standards students may have missed in the 1st or 2nd semester and develop custom plans to help provide an opportunity for those students to pass; this is a conscious effort that schools can rarely execute, but we are doing it successfully.
- Our sophomores did an incredible job creating meaningful personal projects; from cookbooks to survivalist cabins, their creativity was on display at spring conferences. We look forward to seeing what our freshmen create next year!

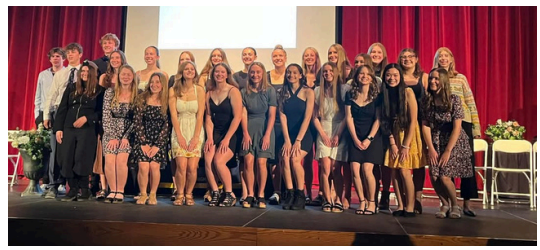


- Mr. Menard, two AVID teachers, and a counselor attended an AVID Elective Workshop in Edina where we learned how the structure of the elective course can also help shape building-wide approaches to instruction, organization, and inquiry through processes and tools related to peer tutoring. Rockford was the envy of the gathering, as we are working to expand AVID schoolwide, tie AVID into our SIP goals annually, and use AVID as our goal for instructional frameworks; many were in awe of the purposeful alignment, district and building administrative support, and abilities and opportunities to grow versus battling competing interests or initiatives.

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● RAS hosted a DAPE (Developmental and Adaptive Physical Education) event in the RCC on May 1st. Hundreds of volunteers and students were seen interacting, bonding, and practicing their physical skills. It truly was a heartwarming event, and we hope to host it in the future!
● Our 2025 Athena Award winner, McKenzie Perry, was honored at the 53rd annual luncheon along with dozens of other amazing female athletes. We are proud of how she has represented us throughout her career and were grateful for her recognition.
● The RHS EL/ML (English Language or Multilingual Learners) met to discuss program status, goals, and access to materials. We look forward to meeting as a district-wide team to create plans through next year.
● Our teachers were moved by the gestures they received for Teacher Appreciation Week--thank you to all who shared a sign of gratitude.
● Seniors participated in IB testing season; several students, full diploma and candidates for individual courses, took courses across all six subject areas within the six week testing window.
● Many NHS inductees and seniors were honored during our Senior Awards night held on May 14th. It is amazing to see how the hard work of our seniors is recognized through scholarships and recognition.
● We held a wonderful commencement for the Class of 2025; they are truly a terrific bunch of kids, and we will miss them dearly!
● Our students have earned over $1.8 million in scholarships since 2020 due to our CIS and IB programs–the only school in the area to offer both.

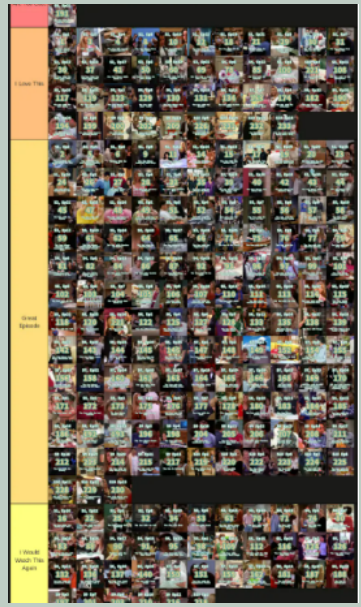


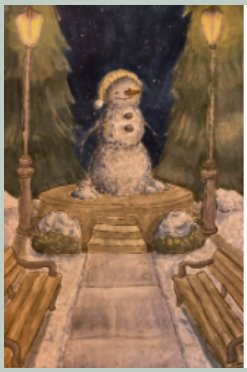
We are proud of our accomplishments, and we thank you for your support in our future success.

Personal Project

At Rockford High School all students in ninth and tenth grade are part of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP). The MYP Personal Project is the culminating project for MYP students their sophomore year. The project allows students to work toward a learning goal, create a product/project, and document their learning journeys. Students engage in practical and self-directed learning through a cycle of inquiry, action, and reflection. This year we had several students submit personal projects that went above and beyond. Here are a few highlights: one student built a cabin, another student ranked every episode of the tv show Friends, and finally a student created custom-painted holiday cards.













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ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL - CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Letter from Principal Warzecha

Dear Rockford Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the many exciting things happening at Rockford Middle School this year! I'm constantly amazed by the work our students and staff are doing, and I'm grateful for the strong partnership we share with all of you in supporting their growth.

Here are a few updates I wanted to share with you:



Check & Connect Pilot Program
This year, we've begun piloting the Check & Connect program, which focuses on building strong relationships with students who need additional support. This initiative, funded by a Wright County grant, equips our staff with the tools they need to connect with students on a personal level—checking in, goal-setting, and problem-solving together. Teachers involved in this program are seeing positive changes in student engagement and accountability. By fostering these deeper connections, we're helping students build a stronger sense of belonging.



Trout in the Classroom
Our Trout in the Classroom program continues to provide students with a hands-on environmental science experience. Led by 5th-grade science teacher Hannah Oliverius and Curriculum Integration Coordinator Jamie Madson, this program allows students to observe and care for trout eggs as they grow, learning about ecosystems, water quality, and environmental stewardship. It's been a wonderful opportunity to connect classroom learning with the real world, and we're excited to expand the program in the future.

Rocket Fuel Café & Brew Crew
Thanks to a generous MiniGrant from the Rockford Education Foundation, we're thrilled to be launching the Rocket Fuel Café and its mobile counterpart, The Brew Crew. Teacher Emily Bartels is leading this initiative, which gives students the opportunity to develop functional life skills, communication abilities, and math practice. Special education students will collaborate with general education peers as The Grounds Keepers, handling everything from taking orders to preparing drinks and managing transactions. The Brew Crew, a mobile cart, will bring the café experience directly to classrooms, helping build a stronger sense of community within the school. This program will create real-world learning opportunities while promoting inclusion and teamwork. We can't wait to see this take off!



I couldn't be more proud of the work our students and staff are doing, and I'm incredibly grateful for your ongoing support. Whether you're volunteering, attending events, or simply staying engaged with your child's education, your involvement makes a real difference.

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Outdoor Club: A New Partnership Between RMS-CES and Three Rivers Parks



Are you ready to explore the great outdoors and embrace nature? The Outdoor Club is here to provide students with an exciting after-school activity. This new collaboration between RMS-CES and Three Rivers Parks highlighted hands-on sessions led by experienced naturalists. The first session of Outdoor Club tested the resiliency of our RMS-CES students as the temperatures had plummeted. Bundled up tight and with their GPS in hand, students ventured through the woods of Baker Park Outdoor Learning Center to find waypoints in the woods. After all their hard work, students enjoyed a cup of hot cocoa from the Baker Park naturalists and shared stories. One goal of Outdoor Club is to ensure participants gain a deeper understanding of the natural world and learn valuable outdoor skills. The club not only provides a break from screens but also promotes an appreciation for nature, teamwork, and essential outdoor skills. It's an opportunity to learn, have fun, and make new friends, all while exploring Baker Outdoor Learning Center. The program is divided into four sessions, each diving into different aspects of the environment, outdoor skills, and exploration: snowshoeing, orienteering, archery, and rock climbing. After the success of this spring's program, we hope to expand to additional sessions next school year.

Fork Farms



RMS-CES Agriscience class is launching a vertical lettuce-growing operation in partnership with Fork Farms, using innovative and sustainable technology to produce fresh, high-yield harvests. All lettuce grown will be provided to Taher, ensuring that the food our students grow in school becomes the food they eat in school.







Indoor hydroponic gardening offers hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that engage students uniquely and interactively. RMS-CES Agriscience students explore biology, chemistry, physics, and math concepts while learning about hydroponic systems, nutrient management, pH balancing, light requirements, and crop rotations. Students study root systems, manage nutrient levels, and monitor growing conditions. Many plants can grow from seed to harvest in 5-6 weeks in an indoor hydroponic garden, giving students multiple opportunities to see the plant life cycle from start to finish.

Fork Farms is dedicated to driving positive change in the agricultural sector. By drastically reducing water and land use, cutting down on food miles, and making farming practices cleaner and easier for users, Fork Farms is setting a new standard for sustainable farming excellence.

At RMS-CES, we are excited to watch this partnership "grow." See what we did there? Fork Farms provides another opportunity for our students to bring STEM education to life.

REAMS
ROCKFORD ELEMENTARY ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

Letter from Principal Nyhus

It has been an amazing year at Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School. Every student and staff member worked hard to make REAMS the best place to grow and learn every single day. REAMS had so many events that allowed the students skills and talents to shine. Their hard work and special kindness make REAMS an amazing place to get an education, make friends, and create so many special memories. Some of the highlights include:



Artist in Residence Experiences

The Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School staff partnered with many local artists who are providing experiences for students at REAMS in the areas of dance, drama, music, visual arts, and diversity during the 2024-2025 school year. Children had the opportunity to work with many of the artists for several sessions to enhance their learning. The teachers have also related the work with the artists to the core curriculum back in their classrooms to enhance the students' learning. The goal is to ensure that each child has the opportunity to expand their learning in a fun and creative way at REAMS. The REAMS students and staff are honored that so many of the local artists in residence return to partner with them each year. The partnerships and special relationships that the REAMS students and staff have cultivated with these local artists in the past few years have become so valuable to student learning and growing.





REAMS All School Song

Students joined their voices together in March for their second annual all school song. They performed “We Are Here!” a song about seizing the day and building a better world. REAMS staff again worked with Captivate Media to record this event and make it available to families and on social media. Check it out on the Rockford Website!

Arts and Academics Showcase

Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School students shared their wonderful talents building-wide during the annual Arts and Academics Showcase which featured an array of student projects, artwork, and live performances throughout the school.
Classrooms highlighted projects from the entire school year ranging from Barnyard Buddies, the Minnesota Bird Fair, Artist in Residence Puppets, Famous World Leader Reports and much more. The world drumming ensemble, grade-level choirs, and the Theater Troupe students had the opportunity to share their talents through acting, singing, and instrument playing. Arts and Academics night has many scheduled events and several opportunities to come and go at your leisure. This allows families to spend time celebrating their children in a relaxed and fun environment





Leading with Literacy

Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School staff has been hard at work all year to implement the new READ Act and the strategies that go along with that to help all students become the very best readers possible. The staff has pushed up their sleeves to train and implement the most current strategies to help our young readers be successful. This focus will be ongoing at REAMS so teachers can best assist students in every aspect of their skills as a reader.

Spring Season Wrap

As the Rockford Rockets close out another incredible athletic season, we reflect with pride on the determination, sportsmanship, and growth shown by all our student-athletes.

Whether on the field, court, or track, our teams gave it their all—pushing past limits, supporting one another, and representing our school with heart and integrity.

This spring, the Rockets stormed the Wright County Conference, bringing home championships in Boys and Girls Track, Boys and Girls LaCrosse (co-op with Delano), Baseball and Softball. Rocket Nation was especially captivated by 10th grader Riley Freed's state championship in the high jump—an unforgettable highlight in a season full of memorable moments.

From hard-fought victories and personal bests to the lessons learned through adversity, our athletes inspired us at every turn. We are incredibly grateful to our coaches, families, and fans who stood by our teams with unwavering support.

To our graduating seniors: thank you for your leadership, commitment, and the legacy you leave behind. You've set a high standard for the next generation and made a lasting impact on our program.

As we look ahead to future seasons, we remain dedicated to building not only strong athletes but also strong character, teamwork, and resilience.

Thank you for a truly remarkable season.













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2025-26 Launching Pad Preschool Registration

Launching Pad Preschool is accepting registrations for the upcoming 2025-26 school year.

- Children 3 to 5 years old by September 1, 2025
- Half and full day options 2, 3 and 5 days a week
- An outstanding and unique public preschool experience
- Rich in opportunities to discover, explore and create
- Reggio-Emilia Inspired philosophy
- Creative Curriculum
- MN licensed teachers
- Located at Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School
- Tuition assistance available to qualifying families

The entire program is designed to be engaging and fun so children don't just learn, they love to learn!

On-line registration and more information are available at www.rockford.ce.eleyo.com. You may also visit our website at: www.rockford883.org. Under the Community tab, click Early Childhood Programs. For more information, please call 763-477-7500.

Early Childhood Screening

Identifying possible concerns early is the best way to prevent serious problems later in young children. State law requires all children to participate in Early Childhood Health & Development Screening before they may enter public kindergarten. The ideal time to screen children is at age 3 to 4. Early Childhood Screening also provides an opportunity for parents to discuss questions and concerns, and find out about resources in the school and community.

The Screening Process includes a health history, height and weight, immunization review, follow-up with parents and screening in the following areas:

1. Hearing & vision
2. Speech & development
3. Cognitive, fine & gross motor skills
4. Social-emotional development



Make your appointment by calling 763-477-7500
Appointments are needed and letters are sent to families with age-eligible children. If you have a child in this age group and do not receive a letter, please call the Early Childhood Programs office at 763-477-7500.

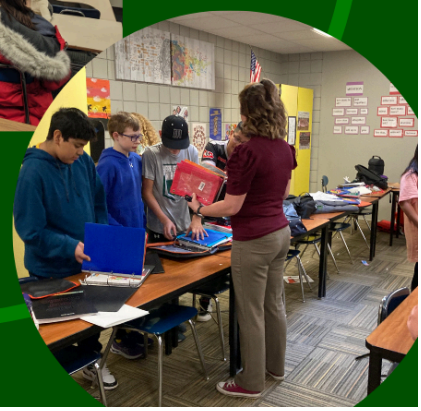
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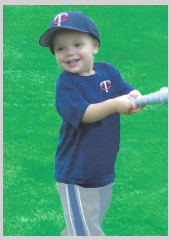
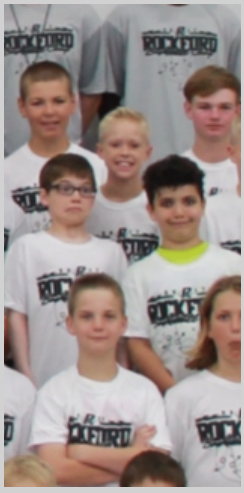
From Little Learners to Leaders: A Full Circle Journey

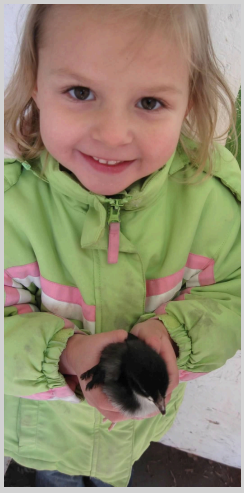
As we celebrate the achievements of this year's seniors, we honor a special group whose educational journey began right here in our community education programs. From their first steps into classrooms filled with curiosity and wonder, to walking confidently across the graduation stage, their transformation is a testament to the power of lifelong learning. These students grew from wide-eyed explorers to passionate scholars, from playful learners to community leaders. Their story is not just one of academic success, but of personal growth, resilience, and a deep-rooted connection to the heart of our community. We are proud to have been part of the foundation that helped shape who they are today — a reminder that every great journey starts with a single, courageous step.

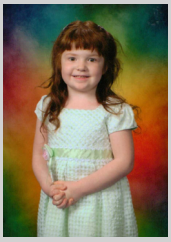






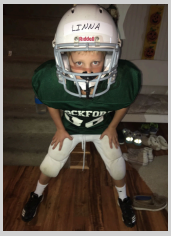




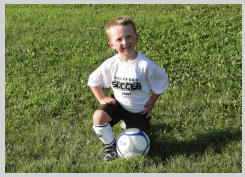


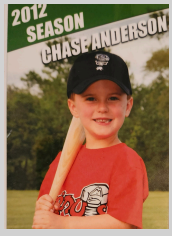












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