



Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 10-28-2022



Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a fantastic MEA break. We could not have asked for nicer weather in Minnesota!

Some of our classes participated in a Fall Festival celebration today, and others will be participating on Monday, October 31. Children are invited to dress up in a character of their choice. This event is designed to be a time to celebrate friendships and enjoy the festive season. Please do not have your child dress in any form of violent character. Weapons of any kind, blood, or violent costumes are not allowed at this festival. There is nothing like a child's favorite holiday to bring excitement to an elementary school! I am always amazed at how dressing up, be it on a large or small scale, brings laughter, energy, and a sense of anticipation to students and staff alike. The creativity our students have in

their costumes never ceases to amaze me. Thank you so much for your help in creating a fun and joyous celebration! I hope everyone has a great holiday and a spooktacular Halloween night!

Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal, REAMS



Mark it down

November

- 1 Preschool Pictures/retakes (T/TH group)
- 1 District Choral Festival
- 2 Fourth grade Kindness Retreat (at school)
- 7 **No School**
- 7 and 10 Conferences 3:20 to 7:20 p.m. (talk to your child's teacher to sign up for a conference)
- 15-18 World Record Cup Stacking Phy Ed



What's New at REAMS

Last day for school pictures, Nov. 1

Tuesday, Nov. 1, will be the last day for student school picture retakes. If your child would like to have his/her school picture taken or if you are not happy with your child's previous picture, you may get a "retake" on Tuesday between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Please let your child's teacher know if your child is having his/her picture taken on Tuesday.

Crocs + Kids + Phy Ed = Injuries, athletic shoes are best

Crocs can be a great option for kids at the beach or on a trip to the pool, but not a good option for Phy Ed. During Phy Ed kids run, jump and leap. These activities are best performed in sneakers. Crocs are not designed for physical activity, and their flexible construction can actually contribute to injuries if worn while running around. Please make sure your child has athletic shoes for Phy Ed.



Jackets and nylon gloves are a fall necessity, send them to school

As temperatures drop and the air gets cooler, please send your child to school with a **jacket, a hat and nylon gloves**. Staff at REAMS are still seeing students come to school without proper outdoor gear. All students at REAMS are outside at least 20 minutes a day, everyday. This does not include the additional time students are learning in the school forest or who are outside for an additional earned afternoon recess. If your child is not dressed for outdoor weather they have to stay inside during recess; the school cannot provide jackets, hats and mittens. Please send your child to school with the proper outdoor gear.

If you need help getting outdoor gear for your kiddo please contact a REAMS counselor at (763) 477-5837.

Accidents happen, help REAMS, help your child

From milk spills to tummy troubles there may come a time when your child needs a change of clothes. At REAMS kids play and learn hard, and accidents happen. When accidents happen it can be pretty embarrassing for kids. REAMS needs **pants for boys and girls** for when accidents happen. If you have extra **boys pants in sizes 6, 7 and 8 or girls pants in sizes 6, 7 and 8**, consider donating them to REAMS. Pants with an elastic waistband are great for kids. Pants can be dropped off at the school office or send the items to school with your child. Thank you for your help.



Battle of the Books returns to 3rd and 4th grade

Feb. 22, 2023

The Battle of the Books is an independent reading activity for all, 3rd and 4th grade, interested students! If your child is interested in participating in the 2022-2023 Battle of the Books, he/she should set up a team with 1-2 other students in the same grade level. Teams will read 9 books and answer questions based on these books in a "quiz show" format.



Teams can divide the book list between the members or read the entire list. The recommendation is to read as many as possible. Battle books are available in the school library and at the Rockford Public Library. Battle books, from REAMS, may be checked out one at a time. A guardian-signed registration form must be returned to the Media Center prior to checking out your first book.

Battle books

Abraham Lincoln Pro Wrestler Steve Sheinkin	Harriet the Invincible Ursula Vernon	Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon Tracey West
Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights Debbie S. Miller	Juana and Lucas Juana Medina	We Could Be Heroes Margaret Finnegan
Cilla Lee Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire Susan Tan	One and Only Ivan Katherine Applegate	World According to Humphrey Betty G. Birney

First graders get a little batty

Did you know that bats are the only mammals that can fly? How about, that a little brown bat can eat more than 1,000 insects (including mosquitos) in one night? These are just a few of the interesting facts that first graders have learned throughout their inquiry into bats. We have read a variety of informational and fiction books about bats. First graders have learned about bat habitats, life cycle and some adaptations bats have that help them survive. We also created some fun bat projects to go along with our research.



Verb is the word in third grade

Students in 3rd grade are learning about verbs. They are learning there are two kinds of verbs: action verbs and being verbs. Students played charades acting out different verbs and went on a verb hunt around the room. With the verbs they found, students created their own fun sentences. Here are a couple of examples:

1. When I am hungry for lunch, I growl.
2. I like to plant flowers.
3. I scream when I see a bat.

Who knew learning about verbs could be so much fun!



Other opportunities

JO VOLLEYBALL

ROCKFORD AREA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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www.raasports.com/jo-volleyball

Looking for a fun activity this winter where you can meet new friends and develop lifelong skills? Join the Rockford Area Athletic Association JO Volleyball team for our 2022/23 season. Rockford JO Volleyball is open to boys and girls in grades 3-12 and is a great way to stay active and have a lot of fun! Gather your friends and sign up!

Registration

Registration opens for grades 3-8 on Sunday, October 30, 2022

Registration for grades 9-12 – email us your interest in playing for RAAA.

See the website for more information <https://www.raasports.com/jo-volleyball>

Contact us at raajovolleyball@raasports.com to sign up!

Rockford Youth Wrestling

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ROCKFORD YOUTH WRESTLING

**PreK
through
6th Grade**

PreK-Kinder. Wrestlers

Mondays
11/14 - 01/16
5:30-6:15 p.m

1st -3rd Grade Wrestlers

Tues./Thur.
11/8 - 01/19
5:30- 6:30 p.m

4th -6th Grade Wrestlers

Tues./Thur.
11/9 – 1/19
6:45– 8:00 p.m

Register online:

<https://www.raasports.com/raaa-wrestling>

Questions? Or join our **2-week FREE Intro Class**
contact: raawrestling@raasports.com

Why Should Kids Wrestle?

- There is room for everyone and wrestlers only compete against others in a similar skill/weight
- Wrestling builds intensity, footwork, agility, balance, strength and body awareness
- It is one of the few sports where a child's foot speed, ball-handling skills, hand-eye coordination and size do not matter.