



Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 11-4-2022



Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, students will be adjusting to a new bus routine in the Rockford Area Schools. We have new bus loops at each school that have been under construction since the beginning of the school year. The goal in adding these new loops is efficiency and safety for our students. Therefore, the following changes will occur at REAMS beginning November 8:

Morning Drop off -Parent drop-off, Special Education transportation, and Northwest Suburban drop off **will remain the same** as it has been and will use the current drop off locations. Students who ride Rockford Buses will be dropped off on the east side of the school in the new bus loop, by the playground. Students will enter the school through the doors they use for recess and head to their classrooms. Breakfast will now be available on tables in each of the grade level wings upstairs and outside of the kindergarten classrooms for the convenience of the students.

Afternoon Pick Up - Parent pick up and Special Education transportation **will remain the same** as it has been. Please use the current locations. Northwest Suburban students will now load their buses and vans at the elementary school (where the Rockford buses currently pick up) by door 35 and the Rockford buses will pick students in the new bus loop by the playground.

PLEASE NOTE: High School students will load the bus **after** the elementary students. Because both schools share the same bus loop, REAMS will dismiss students at 2:55 p.m. not 3 p.m. for the remainder of the school year.

Teachers have practiced drop off and pick up procedures with students and we will have all hands on deck on Tuesday morning to help our students with this transition, especially our youngest learners. I am super proud of our students who are all ready to help each other.

We are excited to implement these changes to help transport our children safely. We will more than likely have a few kinks to work out in the first few days so please be patient as we make this transition.

Have a fantastic weekend and don't forget there is **no school for students on Monday, Nov. 7**. Also remember to turn your clocks back for an extra hour of sleep this weekend!!

Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal, REAMS

Mark it down

November

7 No School Monday, Nov. 7

7 and 10 Conferences 3:20 to 7:20 p.m. (talk to your child's teachers to sign up for a conference)

11 Veterans program

23 – 25 Thanksgiving break no school

What's New at REAMS

RTR Superstars emerge

The Respect, Trust and Responsibility (RTR) Superstar program promotes a culture of being kind to others, being accountable, honoring uniqueness and always doing the right thing at REAMS. Throughout the week, students who show exemplary acts or behaviors of respect, trust and responsibility are recognized as RTR Superstars and receive a special Star Student token from the school principal.



Kindergarten: Lauryn Carr and Corbin Siebert

First grade: Collin Pollock and Evelyn Lindaman

Second grade: Jude Wawra and Eve Bombard

Third grade: Emma Crane, Jacob Figueroa, Harper Mullins and Gavin Ritter

Fourth grade: Hunter Thomas and Kendra Silva Reyes

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.

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.

If you have questions contact Shea Roskowiak, Media Center, roskowiaks@rockford.k12.mn.us

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	The One and Only Ivan Katherine Applegate	The World According to Humphrey Betty G. Birney

Kindness Retreat

This week Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School fourth grade students participated in a Kindness Retreat hosted by Youth Frontiers. The main goals and objectives for the students was to be kind, participate, and have fun. The students worked with three leaders from Youth Frontiers, and the Rockford High School LINK leaders, who were their small group facilitators throughout the day. It was a day of high energy, deep thinking, and looking for ways to work together to treat everyone they encounter in a positive, kind manner. Students were told that kindness is like a boomerang, you need to throw it out there for it to come back to you. They talked with the leaders about ways to promote kindness in large and small groups. Students ended their day by filling out a card with their thoughts of how they were going to be kinder to teachers and classmates, who they wanted to thank, and who they may want to apologize to and why. Many students shared their thoughts with the group at the end of the day. The staff and students were very excited to share in this day-long, interactive retreat to promote kindness at Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School.



Second graders are a buzzin

Second grade students were fortunate to have a special visitor come to talk with them about Honey Bees. One of our Rockford parents, a Beekeeper, talked with students about her experience with raising Honey Bees and collecting honey. Students were able to touch and look at the hives, as well as different materials and tools. They got to try on beekeeper uniforms and watch the process of honey being collected. And, they were given a taste of the delicious honey! The Honey Bee presentation was very informative, interactive, and exciting for students. Who knows... maybe your child will be a future Beekeeper.

It's all about fourth graders

This week 4th grade reading students are creating an All About Me project where they are using text features they are learning about in reading class to create a portfolio. Text features we are learning about include, title, photograph, diagram, map, graph, illustrations, timeline, table of contents, and glossary. In the table of contents, students will have to

introduce themselves, share their favorite things, and talk about their big dreams. This is a fun and engaging way for students to share about themselves while also applying reading skills and knowledge they have learned.



Other opportunities

Rockford Youth Wrestling

Not an ISD 883 sponsored event.



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.