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Rockwell Elementary News



Principal's Letter

February 11, 2022

February in Full Swing: Valentine's Day & Mid-Winter Break

Dear Rockwell Families:

Happy Friday from the Rock, and welcome to the weekend. February is in full-swing, and Valentine's Day and Mid-Winter Break are just around the corner! It should be a fun month here in Beagle-land.

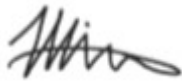
Families: here are a few brief reminders about our upcoming Valentine's Day parties:

- While we appreciate the hard work of our room parents and other volunteers, as with our Halloween parties, we will not be having parents onsite for the parties to minimize the number of people in the building. Many teachers have reached out to ask for assistance in planning pre-packaged materials, activities, treats, etc. (thank you in advance for your help!).

- Paper valentines are okay to share – please make sure your child brings one for every member of the class if they are handing them out, and please preview the messages in their cards.
- For our friends who will not be participating in Valentine's Day, we will have a fun movie playing in our library (students will be seated 6' apart).
- Please check your child's classroom newsletter for additional details about their party.

Thank you, everyone, and have a great weekend. As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. I can be reached via email (miclark@lwsd.org) or telephone (425-936-2670).

Kind Regards,



Michael Clark
Principal



“Serenade,” Norman Rockwell (Saturday Evening Post: September 22, 1928)



February Character Trait of the Month: Empathy

Start a conversation at home about what empathy looks like and how it can be practiced at home and in the community.

- How do you know what you are feeling? How can you tell how someone else is feeling?
- When do you feel most excited? Most upset? Most happy? Most sad?
- How do you show Empathy towards your friends when they are sad?
- What are things others might do when they're sad, worried or frustrated? What might they say?

Rockwell Running Club Returns!!!



Announcing the start of the Rockwell Running Club!

Who? All Rockwell students in kindergarten through 5th grade, who would like to come out and walk, jog and/or run during lunch recesses!

When? Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch recesses, starting March 1st!

Where? We will meet at the flag poles on the soccer field! Students will walk, jog and/or run a marked path around the sand soccer field.

Attention Parents!

We need your help to kick off this popular program! Volunteers are needed to help set up, monitor, and assist students with punch cards on laps being completed, and to award prizes to students who reach running milestones. Please sign up on Sign Up Genius here...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CAEAE2DA4FB6-rockwell8>.

Are you approved yet as an LWSD (Lake Washington School District) volunteer? See link below in Quick Links to get volunteer approval. Thanks!

Questions? Please email Christine Cottom, ccottom@lwsd.org

Christine Cottom
Norman Rockwell Elementary
Physical Education Specialist



Annual Dr. Seuss Multilingual Virtual Read Aloud Event in the Library!

Every year we celebrate Read Across America week and Dr. Seuss' birthday with a Multilingual read aloud with his books printed in languages other than English. Due to safety concerns, this year's event will be a virtual one, utilizing FlipGrid to create read aloud videos at home. Then these videos will be shared with the entire school to view online.

This virtual event will be held the week of March 1st, 2022

Here is how it will work:

- Parents/students express interest in participating and sign up for a book in their home language. Contact me for a list of titles and languages.
- Once you are signed up, we will check out the book in English AND the chosen language (to the student), then deliver to the child in their classroom
- Parents/Students will record themselves on FlipGrid reading the books (tutorial on how to do this will be shared later this month-once we have sign ups and books are distributed)
- FlipGrid videos will be shared with all classes the first week of March, 2022.

Please have a look at the resource list in our Destiny catalog, find a book in your home language, discuss with your family on whether you want to participate. Then email me if you want to sign up. I will add your students name/your name to the list with the book you want to read.

If you would like to participate, please contact me no later than: February 22nd, 2022

**Questions? Feel free to contact me with any questions:
shgordon@lwsd.org**

I am so excited to continue to celebrate our students' culture and language while reading these classic, fun books!



SBA Testing in Spring

Smarter Balanced Assessment: Lake Washington SBA testing window is April 11th -June 3 for Grades 3-5. Our goal with SBA is to assess student learning growth.

Family vacations are special times, but we ask that you please consult the school calendar when making your vacation plans.

Student achievement and classroom attendance are positively related. We cannot duplicate what happens in the classroom by only making up written work.



Lake Washington Tuition Preschool Program now accepting Interest Statements for 2022-23 school year

The tuition-based Lake Washington Preschool Program is now accepting enrollment Interest Statements for the 2022-23 school year. New families interested in securing a seat for their child to enroll at one of the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) Preschool Sites in the 2022-2023 school year, need to complete the Preschool Interest Statement found at <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/preschool>.

Currently enrolled/returning preschool students, preschool students on an IEP or students enrolled in our Head Start program do not need to fill out the interest statement.

Interest Statements received before March 2, 2022 will be entered into a lottery for a seat in the LWSD Preschool program. Lottery will be held the week of March 7, 2022 and families will be notified by March 18, 2022. Any students who do not receive a seat via the lottery will be placed on a waitlist for that preschool location/session.

Families on the waitlist at specific preschool locations will be called and offered seats as they become available.

After April 11, 2022 registration/enrollments will be handled at the LWSD Early Learning Center at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse to fill any seats remaining after the lottery.

Please direct any questions to Nichole Townsend, preschool registrar at ntownsend@lwsd.org.

Visit the Lake Washington Preschool Program website for more information and to submit a Preschool Interest Statement.

THE PERFECT JOB for PARENTS! Nutrition Services at LWSD is Hiring PT and FT Staff



2, 3, 4, & 5 HOUR SHIFTS AVAILABLE

Eastlake High School
Juanita High School
Lake Washington High School
STEM High School
Inglewood Middle School
Kamiakin Middle School
Timberline Middle School
Mann Elementary School
Mead Elementary School

FULL - TIME SHIFTS

Hiring all experience levels. Typical shift is 6 am - 2:30pm.

APPLY ONLINE!

[Sodexo Jobs at Lake Washington School District](#)



Melissa Allen at Sodexo at LWSD
970.591.3801 melissa.allen@sodexo.com

- **NO NIGHTS & WEEKENDS:** Working for Nutrition Services is the perfect job for parents, retirees, and anyone who loves working around children. Hiring all positions, including 2-3 & 5-hour lunch shifts.
- **HOLIDAYS and SUMMERS OFF:** Your work schedule will follow the LWSD school calendar. You no longer need to worry about childcare during scheduled school leap days & breaks.
- **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED:** Must be over 18 years old and have a willingness to learn.
- **RECOMMENDED COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE AND WORKING.** All staff wear disposable masks, be fully Covid-19 vaccinated, and follow LWSD Safety Plan.

Sodexo is an EEO/AA/Minority/Female/Disability/Veteran employer.

Kindergarten Registration

It will soon be time to begin Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year. The initial registration period for children who will be five years old on or before **August 31, 2022** will begin on February 24, 2022. Registration for all K-12 LWSD students is [online](#). All necessary documents can be accessed on the LWSD website and completed documents can be uploaded securely. Parents who are unable to upload documents may send them by U.S. mail or drop them off at their neighborhood school. **Important: While K-12 student registration will continue throughout the school year and summer, parents are highly encouraged to register students as soon as possible. Registering early helps LWSD to ensure that class sizes are balanced and adequate staff are hired in time for the new school year.**



Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

As part of our inclusion pilot work, we are working together on ways in which we can monitor and respond to the instructional and social-emotional needs of our students. An important partner in that work has been Jeff DeGallier, Principal on Special Assignment from the district Literacy department. In the photo below, Jeff is working with our Associate Principal Mrs. Gallagher and First grade teacher Mrs. Gibson on how to access and organize FastBridge data through a variety of reports.



A big thank you to Mrs. Finocchio, Mrs. Thome, and their students for their excellent work earlier this week recording video for a national documentary on Universal Design for Learning for the Cast Center in Boston. When complete, the documentary will inform and improve instruction for learners across the country.



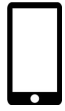
Upcoming Events

Calendar

- February 17, 18, 21 Mid-Winter Break
- March 11 - Staff Inservice Day (No School)

Student's Rights and Responsibilities

Families: here is a link to our district Student Rights and Responsibilities page:
<https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/student-services/student-rights-and-responsibilities>. Please let Mr. Clark know if you have any questions. Thank you!



Quick Links

For information on Free Wi-Fi for families, follow this link:

[LWSD Free Internet webpage](#)

Resources for LWSD Families & Staff During School Closure

- [Free Meals for Students](#)
- [Technology Support for Students & Families](#)
Email for Students: ftaccess@lwsd.org or
Email Address for Parents: parentquestions@lwsd.org
- [Educational Resources](#)
- [Child Care Resources](#)



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