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Rockwell Elementary News

2021-2022 Rockwell Building Map

Principal's Letter

August 27, 2021

Welcome Back to Another Great Year of Rockwell Learning!

Dear Rockwell Families,

Greetings from campus, and happy Friday! I hope this message finds you well as we make our way to the last few days before the start of our new school year! Our school team is onsite and putting the final preparations in place for the return of our students on September 1st! It will be such a treat to see our students and families return, and we will give our students a top-notch experience by placing a focus on safety, social-emotional learning and well-being, connections, and community.

Families: here are some updates related to our return to school on September 1st. As always, please feel free to reach out to Associate Principal Gallagher or myself via email or phone (425-936-2670). We will also be available during Meet and Greet Monday afternoon beginning at 2:00.

Health and Safety

Last week, you received a Pathway Forward email from Dr. Holmen providing information about the start of the year, and answering several Frequently Asked

Questions. Please be sure to read this, and review the video from Dr. Holman's Team Live event @ <https://youtu.be/6DgxBI7aUuM>. As a school and district, we are committed to providing our students with a safe school experience in an environment that feels welcoming and supportive. To support this goal, we will be teaching and practicing routines and procedures regularly, and will be attending to connections and social-emotional learning on a regularly basis. Our safety plans and procedures will be based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Health (DOH), Seattle and King County Public Health, as well as state and district directives. Here is more information about what this will look like on a day-to-day basis:

Mask:

- All students and staff will be masked at all times while in the school building.
 - Students may chose to take their masks down while outside for recess, and they will be given a mask lanyard to help secure their mask throughout the day.
 - We will have extras masks available for students as needed.
 - Masks will also be required on our busses.

Pick-Up, Drop-Off, and Line-Up:

- Please consider walking or carpooling to school as much as possible. Students 10 and older are also welcome to ride their bikes. Permisson slips available on the Rockwell El. website or in the office.
- Please arrive to campus no earlier than 8:35 and go directly to your line-up location. Our playground will be closed before and after school.
- Upon arrival, students will continue to stand on socially distanced spots in their line-up locations. You will learn more about this from your child's teacher during Meet and Greet next week.

Buses:

- Masks will also be required on our busses and seating charts will be implemented.

Snacks & Water:

- Please make snacks disposable and easy to open.
- Please consider sending your child with a water bottle with a closeable straw.
- Snacks will be enjoyed in a variety of ways: outside on the way to recess, outside in sit spots or hallways, or in classrooms at least six feet apart.

Lunch:

- For families who were in-person, lunch will look similar to our process last Spring.
- Students will sit in folding chairs in the gym and undercover area.
- Students will walk in and be seated with a seating chart for each class.
- Meals will continue to be provided free of charge this year.
- If you chose to have your child bring a lunch from home, please make containers easily openable and consider sending disposable items. Students can also put their lunch bags on their line-up spots as they head out to recess.

Hand Washing & Sanitizer:

- Regular handwashing will continue to be an important part of our daily routines and procedures.
- Each room will be set up with large sanitizer containers that will be replenished regularly.

Classroom Set-Up:

- We are setting up classrooms and instructional spaces with an eye toward social distancing and spreading out individuals three feet or more to the greatest extent possible.
- We will employ social distancing to the greatest extent possible, both in classrooms, as well as in other parts of the day, such as lunch and specialist times.

- We will be teaching, practicing, and reinforcing routines and procedures with our students related to transitions, storing and using materials, and other classroom activities.

Cleaning Protocols:

- Cleaning protocols will be implemented regularly throughout the day and week.
- All classroom and instructional spaces (such as the gym, library) will have access to cleaning supplies to use in real-time as needed.
- We will adhere to strict health monitoring and reporting protocols.

Additional Updates:

Teacher/Classroom Assignments:

- Families will be able to see their teacher/classroom assignment on Skyward Family Access today in Skyward starting at 4:00.
- Please be on the lookout after that time for a welcome message from your child's teacher.

Meet and Greet:

- We look forward to seeing you at Meet and Greet on Monday, August 30, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM!
- During Meet and Greet you will have the opportunity to say hello to your child's teacher at their Line-up spot. Click on the link at the top of this newsletter for a map outlining this year's line-up spot locations:
- The Rockwell PTA will also have tables up around our campus – please stop by and say hi.
- Mr. Clark and Mrs. Gallagher will also have an information table set up at the front of the school – please swing by to say hi or ask us any questions.

Families: I would also like to say thank you once again to everyone who volunteered for Community Serve Day on Sunday the 22nd. We had 91 volunteers show up to the Rockwell campus to help with everything from painting to updating our line-up spots to setting up classrooms. Thank you for this incredible gift – we truly have an amazing community.

Take care, everyone, and enjoy these last few days of summer break! We look forward to seeing you at Meet and Greet on Monday, as well as on our first day of school this Wednesday.

Kind Regards,

-Michael Clark



"Walking to School," Norman Rockwell (1976)



LWSD Updates

Too Sick for School

One of the best ways to avoid community transmission of COVID-19, and other infectious illness, is to stay home when you are sick. Students and school employees who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical evaluation, which may include testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

While the school will no longer require an attestation form at the start of each day, we ask families to please answer the following questions at home before deciding to send your child to school. If you answer "YES" to any of the following questions, keep your student home and contact your school.

1. Has your student been in close contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?
2. Does anyone in your household have COVID-19 like symptoms &/or is anyone in your household being tested for COVID-19?
3. Has your student or anyone in your household had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days?
4. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told your student to self-monitor, self-isolate or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19?

For more information, please visit our "Too Sick for School Webpage": Too Sick for School - Lake Washington School District (lwsd.org)

District tip line

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, we've taken an important step that we want to share with you. Our district is now using *Vector Alert*, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration five different ways:

1. **App:** Search for "Vector Alert" in the App Store to download for free
2. **Phone:** 425.529.5763
3. **Text:** Text your tip to 425.529.5763

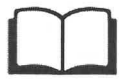
4. Email: 1342@alert1.us

5. Web: <http://1342.alert1.us>

If an administrator is not nearby or available to take your tip, you and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism, threats of violence or any safety issue you're concerned about through Vector Alert. When you submit a tip, be sure to use our district's identification code: 1342 in your communication.

Every tip Vector Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so that they can investigate and take appropriate action. And, tips may also be submitted anonymously if you prefer.

Together, using Vector Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.



Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

Thank you to all of the Rockwell parents, staff, and community members who joined us at school on Sunday the 22nd for Community Serve Day! Over 90 volunteers helped us prepare for the return of our students and staff, engaging in projects ranging from painting, to laying beauty bark, to building planters, to setting up classrooms. A special thank you goes out to longtime Rockwell parent Elaine Bentzinger for coordinating the event. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts – we appreciate you all!









PTSA Updates

Highlights from your Norman Rockwell PTA:

- Please join the PTSA to be an active part of your child's school community. [Click here to join today.](#)
- Please donate to the ABC (Annual Beagle Contribution fund) to help support the programs we want for all students. [Click here to **donate to ABC today**](#) (it's step #3 in the welcome packet, after you join the PTA).
- Please consider volunteering your time to support our teachers and staff.

For additional details on all of these topics (and exciting news about our “School of Excellence” status), continue reading below!

The PTA is proud to share **very** exciting news! We’ve been designated a “**School of Excellence**” by the National PTA for the 2020-2022 academic school years. This means that of the tens of thousands of local PTAs across the country, your Norman Rockwell PTA was recognized by the national PTA as being a school that is deeply committed to the educational experience and overall well-being of all its students. This is the second consecutive term we’ve been granted this esteemed national award! (and we are literally the only school in the **entire** state to have been granted this designation twice since 2018!!)

We are committed to making sure we maintain this esteemed status for the next term. Our ability to make this happen **depends on your participation**. We have set a lofty goal of **100% PTA family participation** for the 2021-2022 academic school year.

You’ll hear news in the coming weeks about our membership drive. Every person who joins the PTA will be entered into a drawing to win gift cards to local businesses. The final week of September the PTA will randomly select two families each day who will win prizes ranging from \$50 off custom framing at Ben Franklin, to a \$25 gift card to Spark Pizza. To join the PTA today, Click [here](#)

Joining the PTA is only step one. **The most important step is contributing to our Annual Beagle Contribution (ABC) fund**. For families who might not be familiar with the process, Rockwell PTA is funded entirely by donations from school families. The money that is donated from families directly impacts the quality of education that each child at Rockwell receives. We fund classroom and academic grants at the school. We host family educational programs such as STEAM night, Heritage night, and the science van. We coordinate academic enrichment programs. We support scholarships for students and families in need. We host dozens of programs that support your child’s physical and academic well-being: author visits, running club, Reflections art program, safety patrol, read-a-thon, etc.

This year **we are asking every family to donate \$110 per student** to the ABC fund. In honor of families who might not be able to contribute due to the financial impacts of Covid, we are asking families who have not been detrimentally impacted by the pandemic to **GIVE BIG** and consider donating twice the suggested amount. Click here to **donate to ABC today** (it's step #3 in the welcome packet, after you join the PTA).

There are many ways to keep in touch with your PTA. First and foremost, everyone should register for the Beagle Bugle. This is the PTA's weekly newsletter. We publish every Monday (through email), and share important information and updates with families. To sign up for the Bugle, Click here. Please also "like" our Facebook page so you can see updates there (look for "Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA"). We'd also love to hear from you if you have any questions or suggestions. Please email Denice at president@normanrockwellpta.org if you would like to connect.

We looking forward to an incredible school year!

Sincerely,

Your Norman Rockwell PTA Board

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!



Upcoming events

Calendar

- August 27th - Teacher Assignments posted to Skyward, classroom teachers will email families
- August 30th - Meet & Greet, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- September 1st - First day of school, grades 1-5
- September 1st -3rd - Kindergarten WaKids Family Connection meetings
- September 6th - No School – Labor Day
- September 7th – 9th - Staggered start for Kindergarten
- September 9th - Virtual Curriculum Night
- September 10th - PTA Welcome Back Coffee, 9:00 AM

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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