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Principal's Letter



Finding Our Groove In Week Two

Dear Rockwell Families,

Good afternoon from Rockwell, happy Friday, congratulations on completing the second week of the new school year! We are really finding our groove as we settle in to our new school year, and safety and relationships remain our main priority. We are in the positive place of fine-tuning routines and procedures, and I am so impressed by the work I'm seeing in classrooms around both building classroom community and instruction. Everyone is truly giving their "Beagle Best," and the students are excited to be back at school.

Families: I have a few announcements to share:

Curriculum Night

- Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual Curriculum Night yesterday evening!
- For reference and review, here is a link to a recording of my presentation.
- Here, also, is a copy of my PowerPoint slide deck from the office presentation:
- Rockwell Elementary 2021 Curriculum Night PowerPoint

Action Item: Turn In 'Take Home' Packets by September 17th

- Thank you to everyone who has returned their 'take home' packets, including this year's handbook review confirmation and student use agreement forms.
- Please be sure to have your child bring these forms back to school by Friday, September 17th.
- If anyone needs new copies of these forms, feel free to reach out to our Registrar, Mrs. Hatch (sthatch@lwsd.org).

Take care, everyone, and it was great seeing so many of you at the virtual Curriculum Night yesterday day evening and the PTA welcome back coffee today! As always, please free to reach out at any time if you have any questions or would like to talk (miclark@lwsd.org, 425-936-2670). Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards,



-Michael Clark
Principal



"First Day of School," Norman Rockwell (Saturday Evening Post: September 14, 1935)



Counselor's Corner

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September 2021 - Kindness

September Character Trait of the Month: Kindness

Start a conversation at home about what kindness looks like and how they might be able to practice kindness at home and in the community:

- Acknowledge your child for a time they showed Kindness to you. Be specific about what they did and how it made you feel.
- Who in our neighborhood or community might need our Kindness? How will we be able to tell?
- Talk about a time when someone was unkind to you. What do you wish the person would have done differently?

Pantry Packs: Pantry Packs is a program that provides weekend packs of food for students in Lake Washington School District. Students participating in the Pantry Packs program receive a bag of food to bring home every Friday. Each Pantry Pack has enough food to feed one child for a weekend. If you would like to sign up for your child to be part of this program and receive a weekly pack of food, please complete the Pantry Pack Request Form linked [HERE](#). If you have any questions or would like more information about the program, please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Bauer at kbauer@lwsd.org.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up / Parking Lot

As we continue to get back into the groove of a new school year, here are a few reminders about the drop-off and pick-up process:

- Thank you to everyone who is walking, riding their bikes, or carpooling. We appreciate it!
- Please arrive no earlier than 8:35 and go directly to your line-up spot. Our playfields are closed before and after school.
- Buses only use the lane closest to the building.

- Drop off/pick-up is in the right lane of the upper lot. Please have all students exit from the right (passenger) side of your vehicle.
- The left lane of the upper lot is only for cars driving through or to park.
- Continuously pull forward – please do not park or let your child out if the car in front of you is moving.
- Reserved spaces are for staff – we have itinerant staff members who need to arrive just before the start of the day.
- Rockwell is an idle-free zone. Thank you for turning off your engines as you wait in the pick-up lane.

Attendance Message from Mrs. Hatch

If your child is unable to attend school, please use one of the following methods to report the absence (in order of preference):

- Call our Safe Arrival number, 425-936-2671, before 8:50am. Leave your name, student's LAST and FIRST name and reason for the absence.
- Submit Absence in Skyward family access. <https://www.lwsd.org/help/skyward-family-access/submit-absence-in-skyward>
- Email Stacy Hatch by 8:50am StHatch@lwsd.org



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>

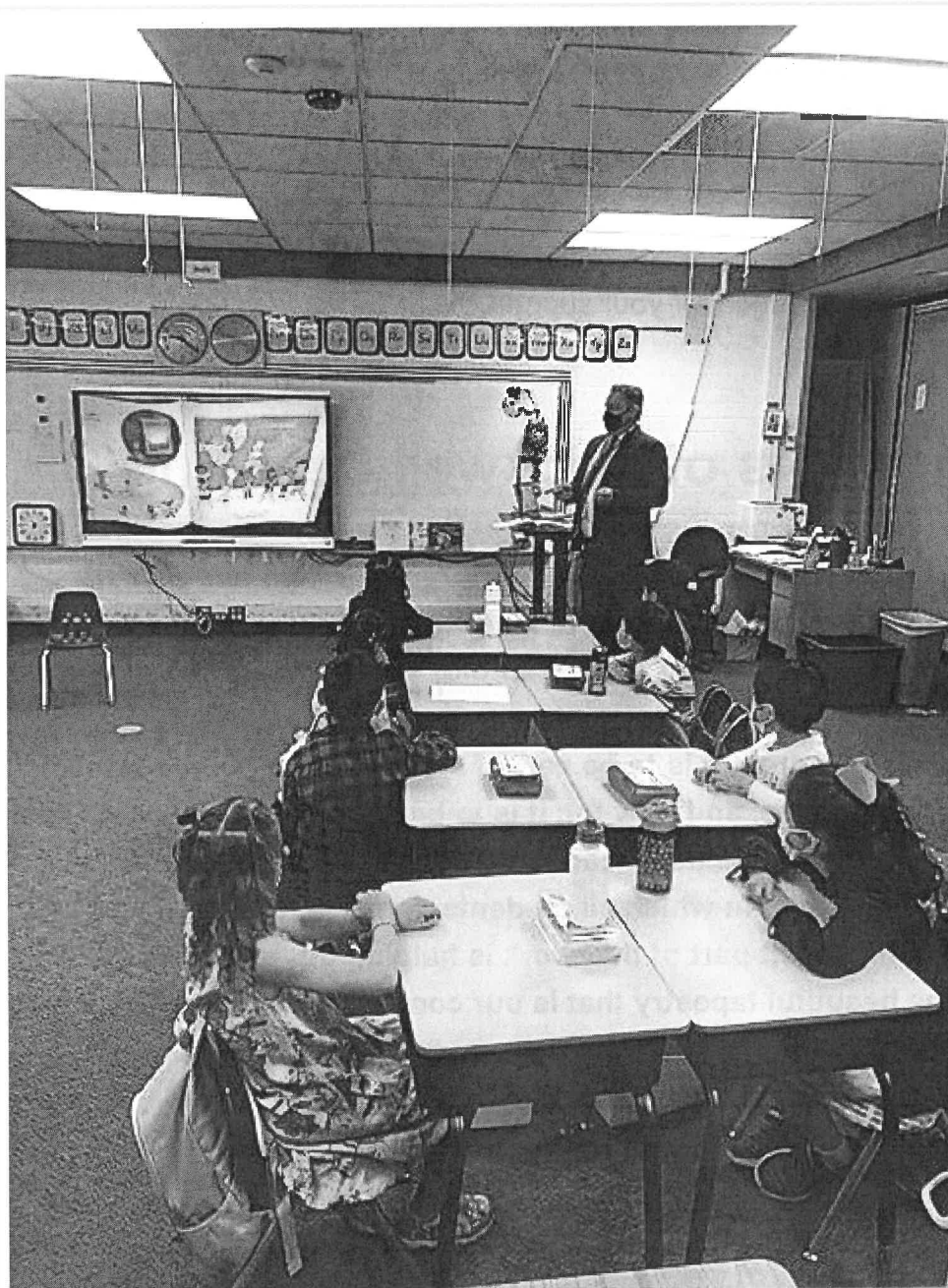
If an administrator is not nearby or available to take your tip, you and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism, threats of violence or any safety issue you're concerned about through Vector Alert. When you submit a tip, be sure to use our district's identification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

Over the past several weeks, I've had the opportunity to join our primary classes to welcome back our students to a new school year and read aloud two books: *All Are Welcome* (Alexandra Penfold) and *Different: A Great Thing to Be!* (Heather Avis). The students and I have had some wonderful discussions about how great it is to be part of a school with people from so many different walks of life, and how fun it is to have so many different kinds of friends. One of our main goals at Rockwell is to create and maintain a warm and welcoming community in which all students, families, and staff feel welcome, and an important part of that work is helping our students to see and celebrate the beautiful tapestry that is our community as well. Thank you for all you're doing at home to foster this message as well.



Teamwork in action! Students in Mrs. Weinmeister's Fifth grade class worked together to form geometric shapes.



I'd like to say a big thank you to all of our Rockwell Alums (now at Redmond Middle School) who have come back to help us keep students safe at afternoon dismissal while we get our new crew of Safety Patrol students up and running. Way to go, Redmond Middle Grizzlies! We appreciate you!



PTSA Updates

Highlights from your Norman Rockwell PTA:

- Please join us at the Welcome Back Picnic on September 24th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm (at the Norman Rockwell campus). This is the PTA's annual welcome back event for all families and grade levels! It's a great opportunity to meet your student's new classmates and to connect with other families. Extended family members are welcome to join as well. We'll have balloons across campus specifying different grade level areas (so it will be easier for your kiddos to find friends from class). This is a picnic style event, so pack a brown bag or picnic dinner. Don't forget your lawn chair or a blanket (there will be some folding chairs on campus for families who don't have lawn chairs). **The PTA will provide dessert for everyone.** We're thrilled to announce that Redmond Mayor Angela Birney will be joining us at 6:30pm to sing happy birthday to Norman Rockwell Elementary (40 years old this year!) and to help the PTA celebrate our "School of Excellence" status. We are following CDC guidelines and ask that people follow proper social distancing. We also require that everyone who attends the event remain masked, except when eating. Any questions about the event can be directed to events@normanrockwellpta.org.
- Join the PTA to be an active part of your child's school community. Click [here](#) to join today. Every person who joins the PTA between now and Sept 25th will be entered into a drawing to win a dozen different prizes (including \$25 gift certificates to several local businesses). The final week of September your PTA will randomly draw two winners each day!!
- 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 on-line welcome packet, after you join the PTA). As you'll see in the "Big Give" letter that went home in every student's first day packets, your PTA relies on ABC contributions to run

our academic enrichment programs and to give grants to our teachers that supplement every student's learning opportunities.

- Make sure you're keeping track of your PTA's news! To sign up for our weekly newsletter, the Beagle Bugle, [Click here](#). Please also "like" our Facebook page so you can see updates there (look for "Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA").
- Consider volunteering your time to support our teachers and staff. Email volunteering@normanrockwellpta.org to find out more about our open committee chair positions, and the various ways to get involved.

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

- September 10th - PTA Welcome Back Coffee / Coffee with the Principal, 9:00am.
- September 24th - Welcome Back PTA Picnic.



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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