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## Principal's Letter



**Houston, We Have Liftoff! The Beagles Have Completed Their First Week of the New School Year!**

Dear Rockwell Families,

Greetings from school, and happy Friday! I hope this message find you well as we make our way to the end of the first week of the new school year. It has been such a treat visiting each of our classrooms and seeing the great work already taking place. The past few days were spent building connections, making relationships, and learning and practicing routines and procedures to keep us all safe. There is a great energy at our school, and the I can tell the kids are excited to be back on campus – and we're excited to have them here.

Families, here a few reflections and reminders as we wrap up a successful first few days and prepare for week two:

### **Masks**

- Our students did an excellent job wearing their masks throughout the week. Please remind your child that their masks must cover their mouth and nose completely.

- Please also consider packing a back-up mask in case their main mask breaks or gets dirty. We have extra child-size masks available in the office as well.
- At the beginning of the year, we purchased mask lanyards for all of the students. If you would like to buy extras to have on-hand, here is a link to the type I purchased for the students on Amazon.

### **Drop-Off / Pick-Up / Parking Lot**

As it's been a while since we've engaged in full-school drop-off and pick-up, here are a few reminders about the 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.

### **Curriculum Night**

- Curriculum Night will be a remote event again this year and will be held on Thursday, September 9, from 5:30 – 7:20 PM. The event will start with a Microsoft Teams Live Event with Principal Clark and Associate Principal Gallagher, followed by a meeting with your child's teacher. Please keep an eye on your student's classroom newsletter for more information.
- Here is the full Curriculum Night schedule:

- 5:30-5:50 – 3-5 (Teams Live Meeting w/Admin) *Families with students in both, grade bands attend this session. **Click here to join the meeting.***
- 5:50-6:35 – 3-5 (Classroom Teams Meetings By Teacher/Grade)
- 6:15-6:35 – K-2 (Teams Live Meeting w/Admin) **Click here to join the meeting.**
- 6:35-7:20 – K-2 (Classroom Teams Meetings By Teacher/Grade)

## Lunch

- We are continuing to fine-tune our processes for lunch, but I am going to have us eat outside as frequently as possible (weather permitting).
- Please send students with snacks and lunches that are easy to open and with needed utensils.
- As a reminder, meals will be provided free of charge at all schools sites for the 2021-22 school year. Here is a link to additional information, including menus.

Take care, everyone, and here's wishing all of our families a restful three-day weekend. In honor of Labor Day, I am sharing Rockwell's illustration for the Saturday Evening Post on Labor Day, 1943. The piece is titled "Rosie to the Rescue," and Rockwell described it as a "...portrayal of an American 'liberty gal' who was a jack of all trades." When I think about the many hats our hard-working Rockwell moms wear, this image comes to mind. 😊

Kind Regards,



Michael Clark  
Principal



**“Rosie to the Rescue,” Norman Rockwell (Saturday Evening Post: September 4, 1943)**

## **Message from Dr. Holmen**

### **Pathway Forward: Wellness Screening**

Dear LWSD Families:

We are excited to welcome back our students!

As part of a community-wide effort to contribute to the safety of our students, families and staff, we are planning to use the “Wellness Screening” feature in Skyward to help us respond more effectively and quickly when students are exhibiting potential COVID symptoms. For the start of the year, we are asking that all families use the Wellness Screening feature in Skyward Family Access or Skyward Student Access each morning to indicate potential symptoms, whether the student plans to come to school or be absent.

This Wellness Screening is one part of our larger safety planning that includes contact tracing, testing, implementing staff vaccination requirements, an increase in health staff, and quarantines when appropriate following health department direction. We believe that using the system in this way will help us to better or more quickly identify students who have symptoms that may require a follow-up from school health staff so that we can respond appropriately and provide support for families and schools.

It is important to note that this process is not required for school entry. We are asking families to please consider helping our community by completing this online process each school day. We also know it may take families a few days to get into the routine of using this new system.

Here is a link to a video showing how to use the Wellness Screening feature in Skyward: <https://youtu.be/YAm27Mmygbs>

Instructions are available on the LWSD website here: English | Spanish. Thank you for doing your part to keep our school community safe.

Sincerely,  
Jon

Dr. Jon Holmen Superintendent  
Lake Washington School District



Counselor's Corner

PURPOSEFULL  
People



September 2021 - Kindness

**Week 1:**

Introducing PurposeFull People!

Norman Rockwell is excited to embrace a new social-emotional learning program called PurposeFull People. Through this program, each month students will be focusing on a different positive character trait. The Trait of the Month will be woven into our morning announcements, classroom activities and even recess games! We will also be using our school newsletter to send home ways in which you can extend the learning at home through conversation starters, discussion questions, books and games.

**September Character Trait of the Month: Kindness**

Kindness is the choice to act with words, gifts, or actions to bring appreciation, positivity, and encouragement to others and yourself. Help your child to start thinking about what it means to be kind by using these discussion questions:

- What does Kindness look like in our home? What does it look like in our neighborhood? What does Kindness look like in our extended family, our faith or spiritual practices, our community centers, our sports teams, etc.?
- Why is it important to show Kindness to people who aren't kind to you?
- What acts of Kindness have others shown you lately and how did you respond? How did it make you feel? How does random acts of Kindness help you grow?

- Mrs. Bauer

**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 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](mailto: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](https://www.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.**

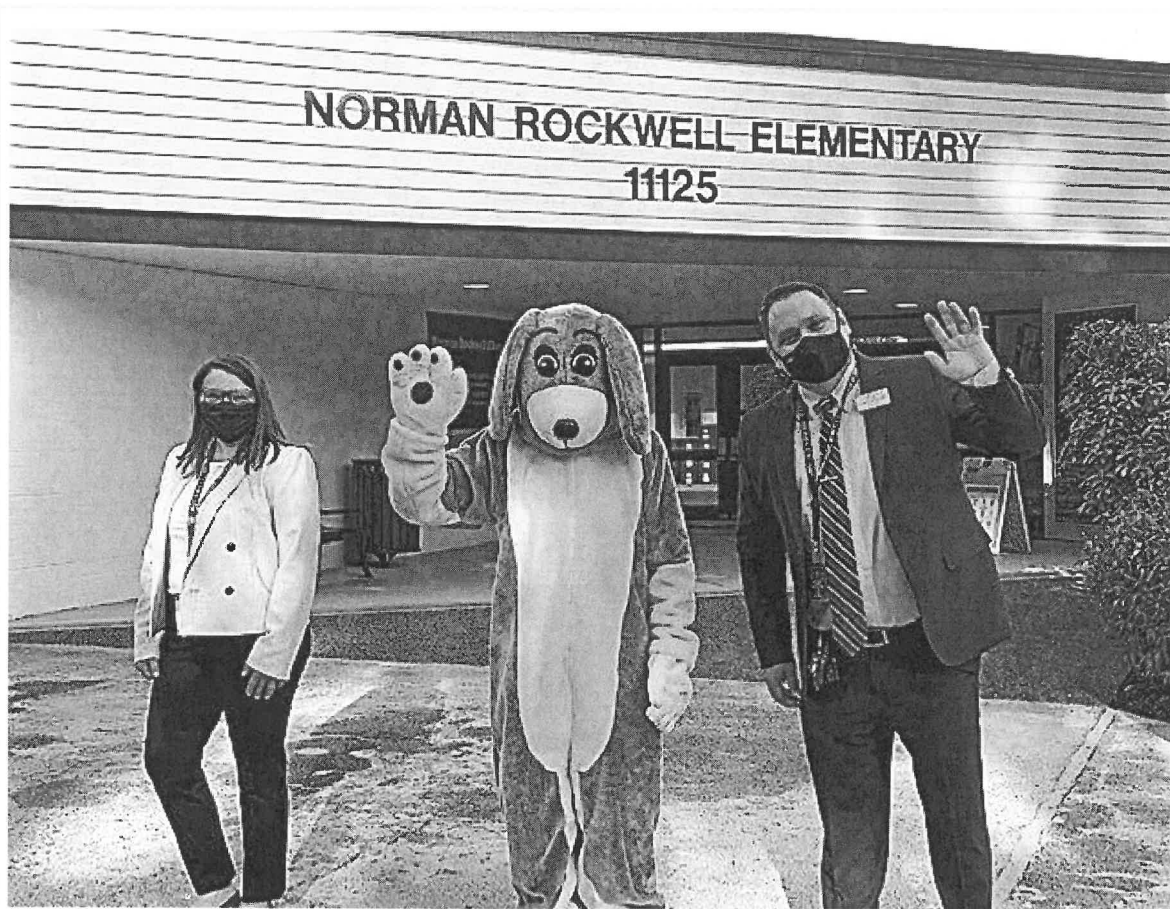
Together, using Vector Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.



## Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

Welcome back, Beagle families, and thank you for a great first week of school! We're so glad to have you here.





**Beagle scientist hard at work: students in Mrs. Thome's Fourth grade class engaged in a science lesson at our Outdoor classroom, making careful observations and asking questions like scientists.**



## PTSA Updates

### Highlights from your Norman Rockwell PTA:

1. 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!!
  
1. 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.

1. Mark your calendars for Friday, Sept 24th for the PTA's welcome back picnic. This will be an outdoor event on the Rockwell campus. We'll stagger start times for different grades to make sure we keep families distanced and safe. Final details will follow soon.
1. 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").
1. Please consider volunteering your time to support our teachers and staff. Email [volunteering@normanrockwellpta.org](mailto: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 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](mailto:ftaccess@lwsd.org) or  
Email Address for Parents: [parentquestions@lwsd.org](mailto:parentquestions@lwsd.org)
- Educational Resources
- Child Care Resources



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