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Rockwell Elementary News

April 13, 2018



Happy Spring from Rockwell!

Dear Beagle Families,

Greetings from Rockwell, and happy Friday! I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break with their children. It's been fun talking to the kiddos about their adventures from break. Spring is now in full swing, and we have some fun and important events coming up over the next few months, ranging from our musical to the Ecology Run for Outdoor Ed. We also have the privilege of welcoming in our new families from Mann at a special Coffee with Mr. Clark and at the Ice Cream Social this May.

Have a wonderful weekend, and enjoy every second of the Redmond sunshine as it peeks out!

Take Care,
Michael Clark
Principal

The seasons were a favorite subject and inspiration for our namesake, Norman Rockwell. Here are some of his most famous Spring-related works.



"Springtime, 1935" (Saturday Evening Post cover, 1935).



"Hikers" (Norman Rockwell, 1928)



"Springtime" (Saturday Evening Post cover, 1933)



"Spring Flowers" (Norman Rockwell, 1969)

Rockwell Elementary School....Giving our Beagle Best Every Day!

i **Notes from the Office - Please Keep Area in Front of ADA Spaces Open During Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up**

Parking Lot:

* Please keep the area in front of our ADA accessible parking spaces open during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up (you will see cones out as a reminder). We have several students and families who need to access these spaces each day.

Also, we had a third ADA accessible parking space put in over Spring Break. For families who need to access these spots, you are welcome to use this space as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!
-Michael



Please keep the space that says "Keep Clear" open at all times.



Our new additional ADA space is located in the Southwest lot at end of the bus lane.



Parent Input Forms Are Now Available in the Office

Dear Rockwell Families:

The process of grouping students and placing them in assigned classrooms is an important task our staff undertakes each year. Our goal is to create balanced classroom communities while taking into consideration individual student needs. As we approach the end of the year, we are beginning to work on the 2018-2019 classroom placements. This process is very important and the staff at Rockwell work very hard, as a team, to make educationally sound decisions.

As new classes are formed, the following factors are considered to ensure proper balance.

- Academic abilities
- Social/Behavior Needs
- Special Needs
- Current Teacher Input
- Boy/Girl Ratio
- Parent Input

Each classroom is a small community. We believe the classrooms need to represent the various social, academic and physical needs of all our students.

Your input will be one of the factors we consider when it comes time to compile our class lists. On the form you will be asked to provide insights about your child's academic and social needs. We ask that this input be a description of your child **not** a request for a specific teacher. We also ask that you use this form for input, as to not rely on a conversation with a staff member. Any forms with a request for specific teachers will be returned.

It is not necessary to fill out an input form. However, if you wish to, forms are now available in our school office and are due no later than **April 30th**. If you choose to complete a form, please do so by the above date and return to the school office in a sealed envelope. A copy of the form may also be obtained from our web site: <https://rockwell.lwsd.org/about-us/parent-input-forms>.

As we all want what's best for every child here at Rockwell, I am pleased that we can work together as a team in such an important process.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark
Principal

2018 SBA Assessment Schedule

2018 SBA ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Rockwell begins our SBA assessments in May for grades 3, 4, and 5. No extra preparation is required for the SBA, but you can help your child be their best by making sure they are at school ON TIME and with a healthy breakfast in their tummies, well-rested from a good night's sleep. We try to keep stress to a minimum as we know some kids worry about these tests; please help them realize that while we do want them to try hard, SBA is also just one indicator of student success. We, like you, want to help grow healthy, well-rounded, kind, academically prepared people for the years ahead.

Testing dates are as follows:

May 1: Grade 5 ELA Performance Task 1

May 2: Grade 5 ELA Performance Task 2

May 4: Grade 5 ELA Computer Adaptive Task

May 15: Grade 5 Math Computer Adaptive Task

May 16: Grade 5 Math Performance Task

May 17: Grade 5 Science

May 8: Grades 3 and 4 ELA Computer Adaptive Task

May 9: Grades 3 and 4 ELA Performance Task 1

May 10: Grades 3 and 4 ELA Performance Task 2

May 30: Grades 3 and 4 Math Performance Task

May 31: Grades 3 and 4 Math Computer Adaptive Task

A Note from our Librarian, Mrs. Davenport



New On Our Beagle Bookshelves...

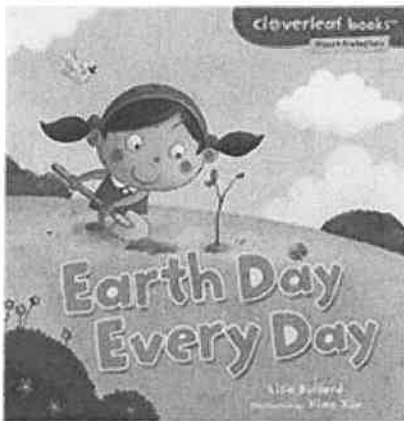
We have some new titles for students to "check-out" in the Rockwell Library as we prepare to celebrate Earth Day this month. These books celebrate our amazing planet Earth and help our students appreciate and learn to protect and care for the Earth's environment and the plants animals that share the planet with us.

Interest Level: K – 2nd



Thank You, Earth – April Pulley Sayre

Beautiful photographs of our planet are used to illustrate the concepts of science, nature, biology and geography in this thank-you letter to planet Earth. The author and award-winning photographer uses simple poetic text to illuminate subjects such as color, shapes, pattern and life cycles. A note from the author gives children suggestions on how they can write their own thank-you notes to our planet. Additional information about each photograph and a list of resources and organizations are included at the end of the book.



Earth Day Every Day – Lisa Bullard

A volume in the Planet Protector series, this non-fiction picture book uses a narrative format to make facts about taking care of the planet accessible to young children. The brightly colored illustrations also help students to comprehend the environmental and scientific concepts presented. Other books in the Planet Protectors series include, Watch Over Our Water, Choose to Reuse, Rally for Recycling and Go Easy on Energy. Each book is complimented by a table of contents, glossary, index, activity idea, and list of references for more information.



Charlie and Lola – We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers – Lauren Child

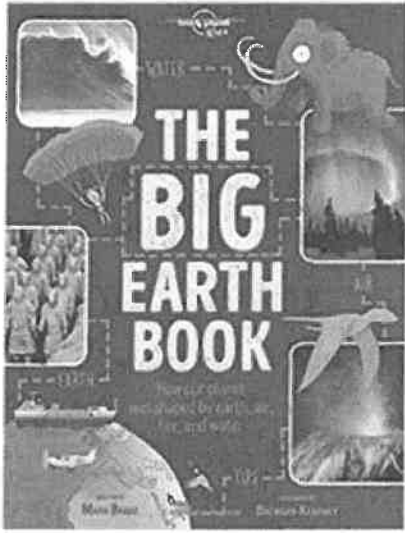
Popular sibling characters, Charlie and Lola, enlist the help of their classmates to participate in a recycling competition to win a real live tree to plant. A fun story with a powerful message helps kids understand the importance of recycling and environmental responsibility. Includes recycling tips and a website link to games and fun ideas to look after the planet.



Make Every Day Earth Day! – Vita Jimenez

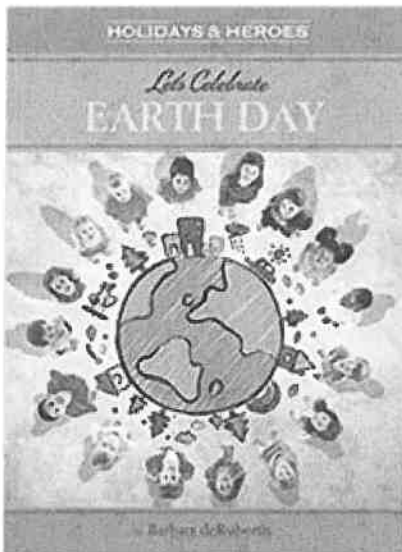
Multi-sensory introduction to caring for the Earth combines reading and music. Children can sing along with the story! The music can be accessed by scanning the QR code, using the included CD, or downloading the free music to a smartphone or computer. Song lyrics and sheet music are also included at the back of the book.

Interest Level: 3rd – 5th



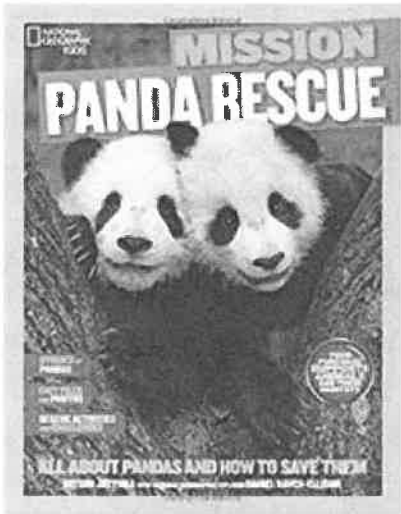
The Big Earth Book – Mark Brake

An engaging collection of amazing facts coupled with humor focuses on how our planet was shaped by the four elements –earth, fire, air and water. The information is covered from the perspectives of history, geography and science. Both illustrations and photography accentuate the facts presented. Useful text features include a glossary, index, suggestions for further reading and a list of places around the globe to visit to learn more about our planet.



Let's Celebrate Earth Day – Barbara deRubertis

A good introduction to the history of Earth Day from its beginnings in 1970 to present day global celebrations. Those who worked to establish this holiday are featured as well. Information on the areas of our environment that are threatened and what kids can do to help are covered in a positive and upbeat manner. Captioned color photographs provide a visual context for the facts presented.



Mission: Animal Rescue – National Geographic Kids

Each book in the series contains background information, facts, interviews with scientists, and stories about the featured animal. Photographs are stunning and feature the animal as well as its habitat. Pages are engaging; making good use of visual text elements and graphics such as sidebars, fact blocks and captioned photos. Information is provided to help students interested in taking action to help save and protect each endangered animal presented. Each title includes an extensive list of resources for further information. The thoroughness and organization of the information make these books very useful for classroom research projects. Our library titles from the Animal Rescue series include panda, wolf, lion, tiger, shark, sea turtle and elephant.

Interest Level: K – 5th



Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years – by Earth (with Stacy McAnulty)

Told from the perspective of the Earth, readers are introduced to the most important moments in the planet's life – from its "childhood" more than four billion years ago to the present. Kid-friendly, funny, entertaining and filled with facts, this book is a stand-out for all ages. Includes additional fun facts about the planet in the back matter as well.



Thank You for Supporting the Rockwell Ecology Run on 4/20!

It's almost time for our annual Norman Rockwell Ecology Run!

Every spring, the fifth grade classes get to go to Camp Seymour in Gig Harbor for a three-day, two-night field trip. This awesome experience is our "Outdoor Education" camp, where the kids learn about nature and ecology (hence, the "ecology run") among other things. **The cost of this camp to our families can be a burden, so we hold this fundraiser to offset some of the expense. It is a one-day fun run to raise money for every fifth grader, and whatever is raised is divided evenly by the number of students attending camp to reduce the cost for every family.**

The donations are all flat donations – they are **not** based on the number of laps that are run. We really encourage *every child* at Rockwell to participate if possible – because eventually every child will become a fifth grader and receive these benefits for their own outdoor ed experience. To encourage participation, we offer some prizes to set goals for the kids. The fifth-grade teachers and students will be outside on **Friday, April 20th** to facilitate the run. All pledges need to be received by Friday, April 20th to count in the reward totals.

Please check the Beagle Bugle for more information on this fun event!

Thanks so much,

Mary Kay, Debbie, Julian, Liz, and Sarah

Mary Kay Weinmeister

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Check out my classroom projects!

<http://www.donorschoose.org/mkweinmeister>

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Please Join Us for Willy Wonka Jr. on 4/21!

"WILLY WONKA JR"

4th/5th Grade Musical - Saturday, April 21st



Rockwell PTA and our cast of (very excited) 4th and 5th Graders are proud to present the spring musical: **Roald Dahls "Willy Wonka Jr."**

We've got your "Golden Ticket" to a sweet adventure through Willy Wonka's chocolate factory! Join our zany bunch of characters including Willy Wonka, Charlie, the Candy Kids, squirrels, the Oompa Loompa's and many more! Who will get the golden ticket and who will be sent down the garbage chute?

Date: Saturday, April 21st

Time: 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Location: Redmond High School's Performing Arts Center

Tickets: Buy your tickets now to guarantee a seat!

Buy Online [Here](#) (.50 cent surcharge is added to online purchases) Online ticket sales close on 4/18 end of day.

Paper Form: Prefer to write a check? Downloadn and send in this [paper form](#) to the school with your child in a envelope marked "Musical Tickets"

At The Door: Also available at the door based on availability.

Questions? Email our Musical Producers [here](#).

Kirsten Gometz, Leslie Edmunds, Dalia Elkewisny

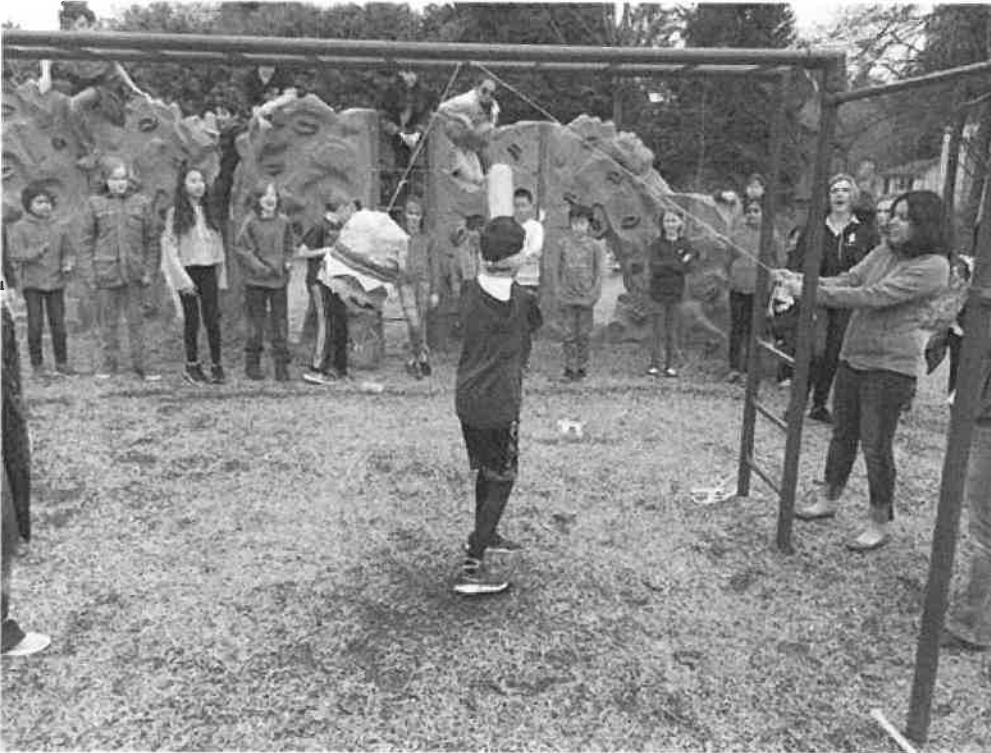
Snapshots of Rockwell Learning

The Redmond High School students who will be our Outdoor Ed counselors were over recently to get to know our Fifth graders. Our Beagles had a blast playing with the older 'kids.' :)

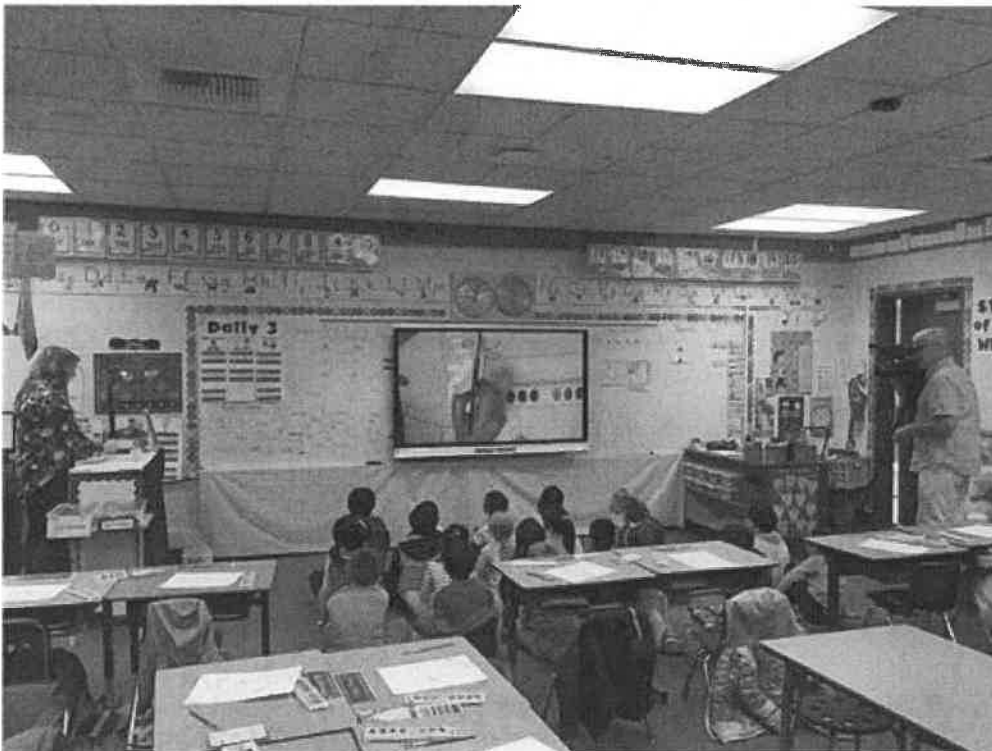




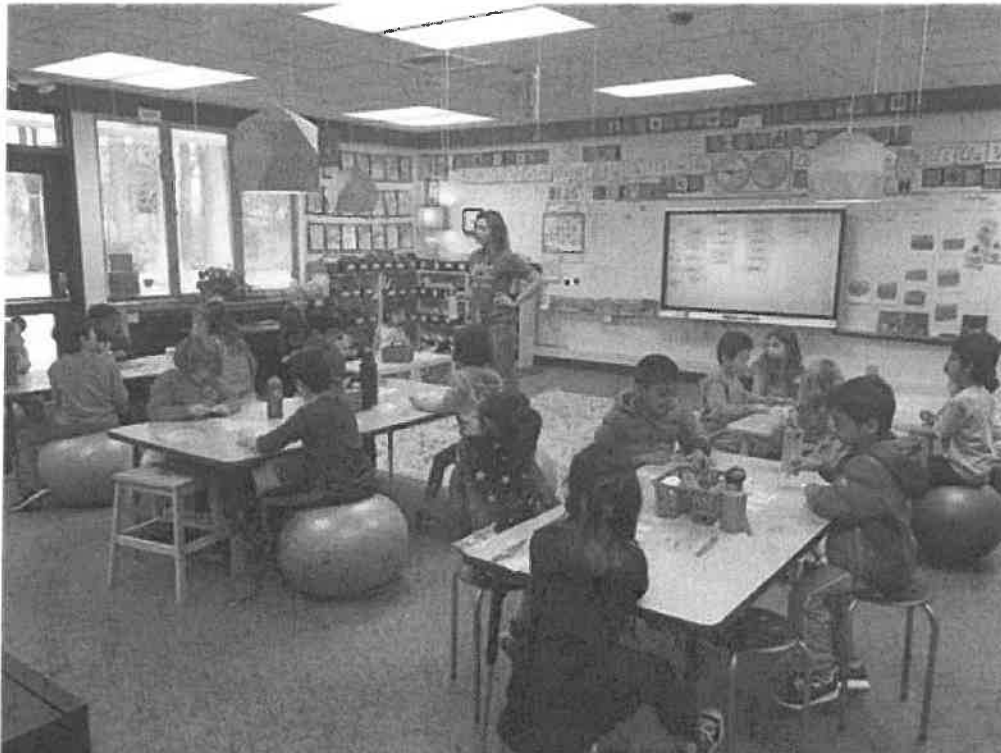
Congratulations to Ms. Finocchio and her students for bringing in the most donations during the PTA Read-A-Thon. Here they are working on opening one of their prizes: a candy-filled piñata!



Ms. Ranniger was recently recorded teaching a Deep Space Sparkle art lesson to her first graders. The video will be posted to the district web site later this month.



Teachers at Rockwell regularly employ innovative teaching techniques and instructional strategies. Ms. Thome is currently using "flexible seating" in her classroom, a technique designed to move and rearrange learners more fluidly based on immediate student learning needs in the classroom. The seating arrangement also promotes student engagement and addresses diverse sensory needs.



...And finally, congratulations to Ms. Chen and our Fourth and Fifth grade students on an outstanding music performance last night! Our students sounded great and wowed the audience with a performance that included recorders, percussion instruments, and even a student conductor!



Calendar

- 4/18/18 - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - Assembly Performances
- 4/20/18 - Ecology Run
- 4/21/18 - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory Performances
- 4/24/18 - Coffee with Michael: Staff Room, 9:00 AM
- 4/25/18 - Administrative Professionals Day - Thank You to Our Awesome Secretaries!
- 4/26/18 - PTA General Membership Meeting: Library, 7:00 PM

Rockwell Tandem Online Calendar

Quick Links

Rockwell: <http://rockwell.lwsd.org>

LWSD: www.lwsd.org

PTSA: <http://normanrockwellpta.org/home>

Peachjar: [Community flyers](#)

Subscribe to Rockwell PTA's Weekly Newsletter "The Bugle" and bookmark our PTA website. You may subscribe to the Bugle via the PTA Website (www.normanrockwellpta.org) or simply text BUGLE to 42828.

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