



# Rockford Middle School

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**October 14th, 2022**

Dear RMS-CES Families,

Fall in Rockford, Minnesota is a beautiful thing! Just like leaves change colors and temperatures dip, so changes are constantly happening at the middle school level. This is a time where friendships are being created, solidified, or remade. As students encounter situations that might be unique or new to them, we truly value the partnership of parents to be able to coach, guide, and make us aware of any situations that are causing concern in the lives of your children.

As I mentioned last week, I spoke to students about the importance of being on time. Currently, 92% of students are receiving three or less tardies so far this year. Given that there are seven classes a day to be potentially marked tardy to this is a testament to their readiness. Research shows us that consistently showing up to school is among the greatest predictors of student success. We also know from our personal experiences that showing up on time puts us in the best position to succeed regardless of our environment. Please continue to promote being ready and on time as a life skill.

I've been getting asked from a few parents about an update regarding the bus loop construction. Not unlike any other home purchase or construction project, we've experienced a few delays due to supply chain or timing, but please know there are many people who have worked tirelessly to ensure a quality and long-lasting project. Below are a few pictures to capture recent additions. We will notify all families once we have an official date on when the bus loop construction will be completed.

Thank you for all you do to support your child in their learning.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DATES TO CHECK OUT:

Tuesday, October 18th, 2022-Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 19th, 2022-NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day

Wednesday, October 19th, 2022-Friday, October 21st, 2022-NO SCHOOL MEA Break

Tuesday, October 25th, 2022-6th Grade Baker/Lake Rebecca Field Trip

Monday, November 7th, 2022-No School/Staff Development Day

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022-Friday, November 25th, 2022-Fall Break

## NEWS AND NOTES

### RAS FALL MUSICAL "The Wizard of Oz"



RMS-CES RAS Fall Musical "The Wizard of Oz"

The participation fee for middle school students is \$90. The fee will be assigned a few days after auditions have ended. [Please click HERE for the Calendar](#)



Please click [HERE](#) for more information about becoming a substitute in RAS!

### JOSTENS SCHOOL PICTURES



**Picture Retake Day will be OCTOBER 27th**

**[VIEW AND ORDER PHOTOS HERE](#)**

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### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH FORMS:

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to fill out this [FORM](#). Students who qualify may be eligible for **Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)** to purchase food for days they are not in the school building. Our school also receives state funding for technology based on qualifying families! For more information or a Spanish version, click [HERE](#).

### LOST & FOUND

There are LOTS and LOTS of Lost & Found items. Don't forget to check this area out at Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 18th.



### MENTAL HEALTH-Exercise & Mental Health

Here is our [monthly newsletter](#) from the School Based team at Nystrom & Associates.

### YEARBOOK'S FOR SALE



The 2022-2023 yearbooks are on SALE now!

Please click [HERE](#) to order!

Cost is \$20

### RMS-CES ATTENDANCE LINE



Please use our [ATTENDANCE LINE](#) at 763-477-7525 to call your child in absent.



### ROCKET BOOSTER'S INFORMATION

Please click [HERE](#) for **School Store Hours!**

Please click [HERE](#) for information about the **Tailgating Homecoming Event**



Please click [HERE](#) for information about our 2022-2023 Meal Rates Return for Nutritious School Meal



Please click [HERE](#) for more information about the Rocket Launch Monthly Giving!

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### INFINITE CAMPUS ANNUAL UPDATE:



#### ***Be sure to complete your Annual Update!***

It is very important to ensure the school district has current household and contact information for all students. Before school starts, be sure to log in to your Parent Portal account to complete the Annual Update. This online update will replace the emergency forms you have received in the past. Keeping household information updated will help families stay connected and be informed of upcoming events, and will ensure you receive information regarding any important announcements.

To complete the annual update, log in to your Parent Portal Account and select "More". From there, select "Online Registration", then select "22-23 School Year Annual Update for Existing Students". The

information that is in our system will auto-populate for parents to review or update. Please be sure to submit your annual update as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Christa Larson at [larsonchrista@rockford.k12.mn.us](mailto:larsonchrista@rockford.k12.mn.us) or 763-477-9165.

### EXPLORE 4-H DAY



Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about the 4-H Explore Day

### RAAA WRESTLING



Please click [HERE](#) to view information about registering your child!



Please click [HERE](#) for Fire Prevention Week

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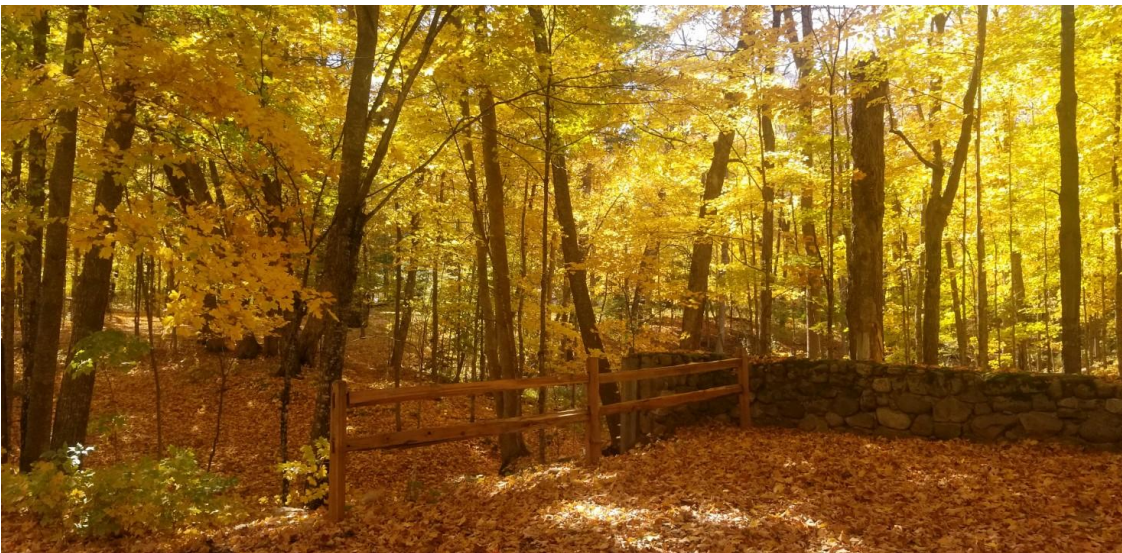
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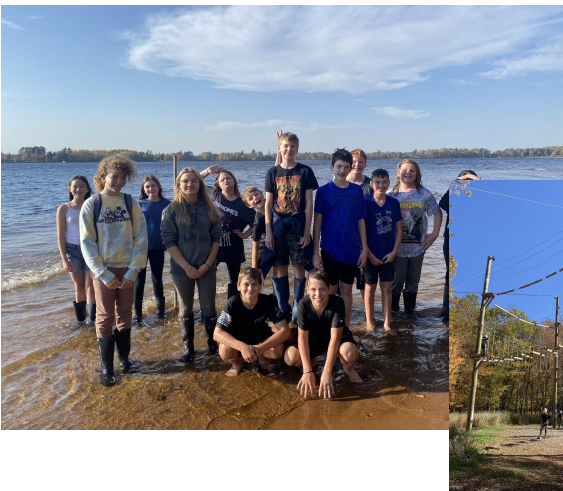
Please click [HERE](#) for more information on RAAA Volleyball Registration

## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

### 7TH GRADE OSPREY WILDS



*We have had beautiful fall weather at Osprey Wilds! The 7th grade students have enjoyed the high ropes course, looking for birds and creek creatures, and completing an orienteering course. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this trip possible!*



### 7TH GRADE MATHEMATICS-MS. RACHEL SHARP

7th graders started this week by going on their overnight field trip to Osprey Wilds. While there, students took a variety of classes on high ropes, birds, creek creatures, orienteering, archery, and also went on an Ojibwe hike. Students did a great job and had an amazing time!

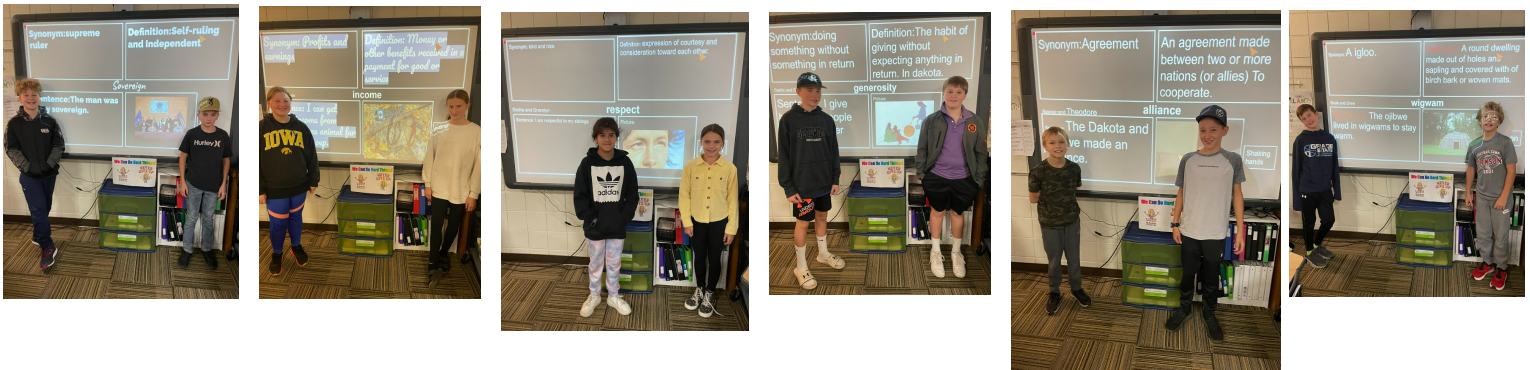


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### 6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES-MS BONNIE WILTS

Sixth graders began their study of the Dakota and Ojibwe Native Americans by learning some key vocabulary words. Students worked with a partner to define a vocabulary word, write a synonym for the word, use the word in a sentence, add a picture and associate an action with the word. Each group then presented their word to the rest of the class. Next week we will work to find similarities and differences between the Dakota and Ojibwe.



### 8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES-MR. RILEY

Eighth Grade geographers expressed their creativity this week by brainstorming, drawing, and coloring newly imagined lands. They discovered new and exciting physical features in the world, and communicated them on a map. In the same class, 8th grade reporters wrote current events articles all about homecoming week from a middle schooler's point of view, expressing facts, opinions, and always keeping their audience in mind.





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### 8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS REPORT ON HOMECOMING WEEK 2022-2023

Another year, another awesome homecoming. This week October Third through October Seventh will be one to remember! On Monday it was Monochromatic day, which means to dress up in all of one color! I saw lots of pinks, lots of blues, and plenty of other colors! Tuesday was career day, so everyone dressed up in what they would want to be when they grow up. It was our counselor Molly Wirth's favorite day of the week, "I loved seeing what students wanted to be when they grow up," she quoted. Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday, which means wacky hair, wacky clothes, wacky everything. It was so fun seeing dressed up in funny ridiculous outfits, this was our principal Mr. Warzecha's least favorite day because he said "Wacky Wednesday makes me realize that I do not have any fun pairs of Socks in my wardrobe." Thursday was Travel/Tourist day, where you can try to remember what warm weather felt like, you dress up in your Hawaiian clothes and wear all of your tourist gear. Friday was spirit day! When you wear all of your amazing Rockford apparel! I loved seeing everyone showing their Rockford school spirit. It was Mr. Warzecha's favorite day as he stated "It was great to see the Rockford community come together and show that Rocket PRIDE!" Then of course Friday night was the homecoming football game where we beat Montevideo school 40-7 Go Rockets!!

On this day today I will report the homecoming week. As we know the homecoming week is about football, dressing up, and creating memories. But I will have to say that some of the dress up days are execrable. Since I am trying to explain the situation here. I think the dress up days should change. When the fifth graders are coming in and trying to experience new knowledge, we are trying to show how fun and educated school can be and is. Also the 8th graders are leaving this year making the best and entertaining last year at Rockford Middle school. But I feel like the Rockford football games and week always be an astonishing memory. However the dress up days should have had a glow up instead of a glow down. Today here we have one of the students that goes to Rockford middle school and is pretty involved and as a reporter I, myself asked her some questions about the homecoming "In my perspective I think that the football games and the whole week was pretty incredible but I do really agree with your article" that's what our student said. As a result of this news article it's always important for people to express their opinions to create the best community in Rockford. GO ROCKETS!!!!

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