



Rockford Middle School

Center for Environmental Studies

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September 30th, 2022

Dear RMS-CES Families,

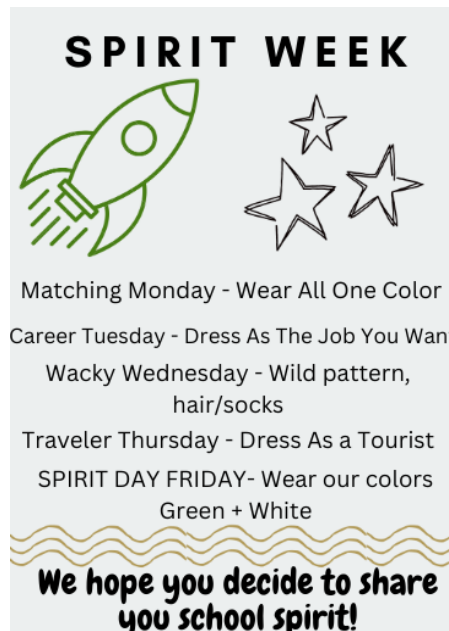
Please know that next week is homecoming week here at Rockford Middle School and I am asking parents to have conversations with their students on if they would like to participate and what that might look like. As I've said before in previous newsletters, it is important that student dress match our main focus which is learning and that all outfits do not interfere with the learning process, create unsafe environments, or have prohibited items. The student body elected grade level representatives for the student council and those selected students created the Spirit week dress up days for homecoming. Given the incredibly short timeline, the student council was not able to get ideas from the student body about dress up days this time, but they are already seeking input via [google form](#) on our Snow Week Dress up week which will happen this winter.

As a staff we have spoken to students about the importance of kindness. This week, I was on the receiving end of one of those acts of kindness was where the vast majority of students intentionally reached out to wish me a happy birthday. They're kindness touched my heart and it was so good to see they're genuine care and compassion on display, even if it is a little awkward to be wished Happy birthday a couple hundred times before 8:00 a.m.

As a friendly reminder, I wanted to take the chance to encourage every parent and student that if you see or hear something that is of concern that you say something to school staff or myself. Safety is our number one priority at Rockford Middle School and the heart of safe schools is communicating of concern in a timely manner. Please know that this reminder is a proactive message and is not in response to any event or report.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES TO CHECK OUT:

Monday, October 3rd, 2022-Friday, October 6th, 2022 Homecoming Week-Click [HERE](#) for Dress Up Days!

Monday, October 3rd, 2022-5th Grade Baker/Lake Rebecca Field Trip

Monday, October 10th, 2022-Wednesday, October 12th, 2022-7th Grade Osprey Wild Trip

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

Friday, October 28th, 2022-District Choral Festival

NEWS AND NOTES

RAS FALL MUSICAL "The Wizard of Oz"



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

A link to the tentative rehearsal schedule is below.

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

RMS-CES Picture Day was on Thursday, September 14th. If you would like to order pictures,

[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

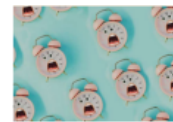
Last year more than 10 large lawn bags of lost and never found clothing were donated to a local thrift store. Please label your student's items and have them check often for items that they may have misplaced or left behind. Items left before MEA Break will be gathered and donated to a local thrift store.



MENTAL HEALTH

Sleep Hygiene:

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



Suicide Prevention Month:



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. In recognition of this awareness month, please check out Change to Chill's suicide prevention resources. The new National Mental Health Crisis line is now 988.

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

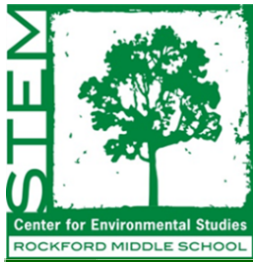
Please click [HERE](#) for **School Store Hours!**

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 Meals

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

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY....

Sign up for \$10/month or more between now and September 30th, and receive this signature white YETI® Tumbler!

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 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!

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ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY FUNDRAISER INFORMATION



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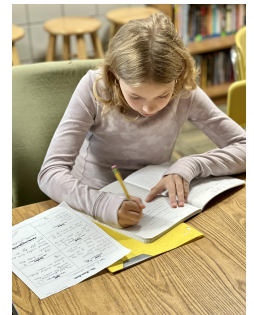
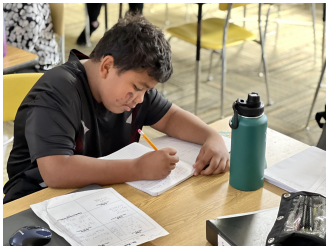
CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

7TH/8TH GRADE MATH-MS. SHARP

In 7th grade math, we spent the first half of the week converting between unit rates. For example, students compared the speeds of an eagle and peregrine falcon and determined the difference between the distance they would fly in 3 hours. Students also compared the top speed of a cheetah with a racecar and determined the difference between their distances after racing for 3 hours. Students persevered on this topic and worked very hard. We spent the remaining days of the week using scale drawings to solve for proportions and ended the week reviewing our first unit: Proportional Relationships. 7th graders will be taking a test early next week.

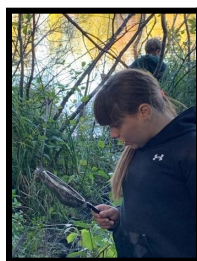
6TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS-MS. KORZENDORFER

Sixth grade students reflected on their time in the woods at Deep Portage this week through poetry. They focused on images, light, sounds, questions, and feelings associated with their favorite class.



6TH GRADE MATH-MR. PETROSKI

This week was all about Deep Portage. Was there some math taking place? ... a little bit. Will there be a connection to Deep Portage in future math problems? ... definitely! Deep Portage experiences will be connected in math over the course of the year in number sense, algebra, geometry, and probability. In the meanwhile, enjoy a few more pictures of our awesome experience!!!



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DEEP PORTAGE 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP-2022-2023



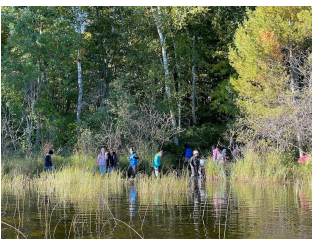
For 25 years, RMS-CES 6th Graders have challenged themselves participating in outdoor learning at Deep Portage Learning Center. The Deep Portage staff was thrilled to see Rockford students back on their campus for three days of perfect fall weather, filling food, and outdoor adventures.

Day One Update



It's a chilly morning here at Deep Portage. After a customized wake up call to the tune of YMCA, 6th grade RMS-CES students are looking forward to a day of outdoor adventures. Brush your teeth, dress in layers, and stay hydrated is the mantra of the day. Spirits are high and excitement is in the air!

Day Two Update



It was a glorious day to explore the woods and wildlife of Deep Portage. From paddling the calm waters of Bass Pond to climbing all 96 steps to the top of the observation tower, to sharing songs and stories by the campfire, the day was jam-packed with adventure. This morning we will pack out of our

rooms, enjoy our last meals, participate in Pioneer Olympics, and load the buses to head home. As we travel home and share stories from the week, The Spirit of Deep Portage will live on in another group of Rockford 6th Graders. Thank you to all the hands that make this trip possible.



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