



Norman Rockwell PTA
Beagle Bugle
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Principal's Message

Dear Rockwell Families,

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month so I've included [this memo](#) sent to schools from the Washington State Seismic Safety Committee. Rockwell will be participating in an all District earthquake drill, June 3.

As April turns to May, schools start gearing up for fall. Part of the process includes forming tentative classes. If you wish to give input the form is available on our website and in the office Monday, April 11th. All forms are due on May 2nd by 3:00 pm.

This week the principal selection committee is interviewing candidates. They will recommend three for the Superintendent to interview. Once the final selection is made we'll arrange for the new principal to meet the community.

We also want to congratulate Ms Lewis and Mr. Mahendran on their engagement. Check out the ring...beautiful. We welcome back from spring break Ms McCathern as Mrs. McCracken. Congratulations to the happy couple as well.

Tina Livingston, principal looking for some sun soon

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Arabian Nights



Get Your Tickets For April 15th & 16th!

The Rockwell Musical "Arabian Nights", our fifth production with Studio East, is coming April 15th and April 16th at the Redmond

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April 14
Math Challenge #13 Due

April 15
Wacky Hair Day

Ecology Run Pledge Forms
Due

Arabian Nights Musical 7pm
RHS Performing Arts Center

April 16
Arabian Nights Musical
RHS Performing Arts Center

April 19
A Taste of Drama, Primary
Drama program begins

April 20
Ecology Run

April 22
Lake Washington Schools
Foundation Luncheon

April 26 & 27
Author Bonny Becker!

Slow Down!



As the nice weather
approaches, please be aware

High School Performing Arts Center (RPAC). Watch 48 fourth through sixth grade students as they perform the enchanting tales of Fisherman and the Bottle, Aladdin, Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves and The Little Hunchback.

Tickets are just \$6 each. [Order Forms](#) can be printed and sent into the office with your child.

If there are remaining tickets, after-school sales will happen on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don't miss out on this amazing show!

Used Book Sale

**The Used Book Sale is
Thursday, May 19th!**



The sale is in the Rockwell Library. Please continue bringing your donations to the library - we have an awesome selection already! Thank you!

Diane Davenport,
Teacher Librarian

Star Grams



Congratulate A Cast Member!

Are you looking for a special way to congratulate a cast member for a great performance in the **Arabian Nights Musical**?

Send them a **STAR GRAM!**

Personalized STAR GRAM keepsakes will be available for purchase during intermission and before and after the performances on April 15th and 16th in the PAC foyer. Write a special message to your star and add candy or a beautiful rose to your STAR GRAM to make it extra special. STAR

that more children will be walking in the neighborhood before and after school.

The posted speed limit is 20mph during those times.

If everyone is patient and obeys the road rules, traffic usually clears up within just five or seven minutes!

GRAMs will be delivered following the performance.

NOTE: Proceeds from STAR GRAMs help offset some of the costs of this year's

STAR GRAM <i>(Personalized Keepsake Note)</i>	\$1
With Candy	\$2
With Specialty Candy	\$3
With Rose	\$4
With Rose & Candy	\$5

*Rockwell
Musical
production.*

Ecology Run!

Ecology Run

Who: All students at Norman Rockwell are encouraged to participate.

What/Why: A Fundraiser to benefit the 6th grade Outdoor Education Program.

When: **The Eco-Run is on Wednesday April 20th**

Pledges will be collected from **Monday April 4th - Friday April 15th**

Where: Laps will be run during recess on the soccer field.

Collecting Pledges:

- Students may [collect pledges](#) from **Monday April 4th - Friday April 15th**
- When collecting pledges, students will need to collect the money as well.
- Although the students will be running laps, they are NOT getting pledges by the lap. **All pledges are flat pledges.**
- Donations are welcomed
- All collected money needs to be turned into the classroom teacher by Friday April 15th

Ecology Run:

Those students who collected pledges will receive a name tag to keep track of laps for the Ecology Run.

The Ecology run will take place on Wednesday April 20th

Students will run laps on the soccer field during their lunch recess

Prizes:

All students who participate will receive a certificate

Those who collect \$20 or more in pledges will also receive a 2011 Eco-Run T-shirt!

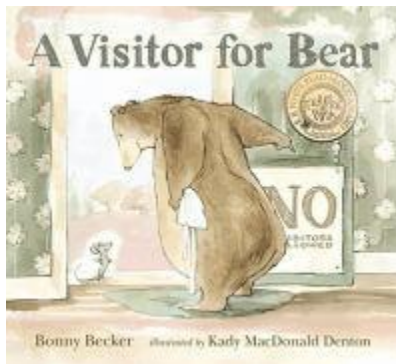
Those collecting \$30 or more will also have their name engraved and added to the Ecology Run Hall of Fame.

Those students who collect \$100 or more will also receive a special trophy.
The K - 5 class that collects the most money will also receive a pizza party.

Print out the pledge form [here](#).

If you have any further questions please contact [Rathan Mahendran](#).

Author Visit



Bonny Becker - April 26 & 27, 2011

Thanks to the generosity of our PTA, Rockwell students will have the opportunity to meet with New York Times best-seller author Bonny Becker on April 26th & 27th in the school library. Bonny Becker is the author of a dozen books for children, including the best-selling Mouse and Bear books: *A Visitor for Bear*, *A Birthday for Bear* and *A Bedtime for Bear*. She's also the recipient of the E.B. White Read Aloud Award and the Golden Kite Award, among other honors. In a series of assemblies and workshops students will not only learn about writing and the life of an author, but Bonny shows them the possibility of following their own dreams.

Students may pre-order Bonny's books through the Rockwell Library and have them autographed and personalized on the day of her visit. Please click on the link to download the [book order form](#). Preprinted order forms are available in the school office and library as well. Prices include tax. Completed order forms and payment may be returned to school by April 15, 2011.

If you would like to learn more about author Bonny Becker or her books please visit her website: www.bonnybecker.com

Diane Davenport
Teacher Librarian
ddavenport@lwsd.org

Math In Action

Math Challenge #13

Be sure to participate at this challenge because for this special challenge, everyone who turn in the required solutions will receive a cute Easter rubber ducky or a baby lamb. **The deadline to submit your solutions is Thursday, April 14, no later than 3 PM.** To view the challenge and the prize, go to www.mathinaction.org.



Thank You!

Math in Action would like to recognize Srilakshmi Parvathaneni and thank her for her leadership and support to the MIA Math Games program. The math games sessions were a great success. Our young Rockwellian enjoy your tremendous dedication to organize and run this program.

MIA also want to thank Donna O'Connor who stepped in and take charged at the Online Math League. Words can not express how grateful we are for all your hard work. Thank you so much for organizing the three-series leagues for our mathletes.

The key success to these programs rests in people like them. Now that these two programs has ended for this school year, I just want to express how grateful I am and the kids for both of you.

Article Headline

Redmond High School DECA Spring Market and Silent Auction

The Redmond DECA is hosting a Spring Market and silent auction at Redmond High School on Friday, April 22nd from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm to support the 18 students competing at the International level in Orlando, Florida. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to pay for all the expenses.

Local art, food, crafts and more will be available. Photography, jewelry, glass art, and a variety of foods are examples of what the vendors will be selling. The silent auction items will be ranging from begonia baskets to autographed sports memorabilia and celebrity posters to revered antiques. Bring your family and friends to have a great time and help support Redmond High School DECA. Admission is free and the market atmosphere will be a great warm up for regular farmer's market goes as the farmer's market doesn't open until May 1st. All the proceeds will go towards the travel expenses for our DECA International Competitors.

We are still looking for more vendors and auction items. If vendors are interested, please contact s-katmorris@lwsd.org. For questions and auction items, contact s-bdankberg@lwsd.org.

Volunteer Recognition

Volunteer Award Nominations

The Volunteer Tea is an annual event that celebrates all Norman Rockwell volunteers. It is a Rockwell tradition that provides an opportunity for the staff to thank the many volunteers whose service helps to make Rockwell an outstanding school.

As part of the Volunteer Tea, special awards are given to honor individuals who deserve extra recognition for their services. The Awards Committee is asking Rockwell Staff and parents to help by sending in their nominations. The following four types of awards will be presented:

Dog-Gone Award - This is a Rockwell award to recognize and honor volunteers and/or staff members in their last year of service to Norman Rockwell.

Bow-Wow Award - This is a Rockwell award to recognize volunteers for their outstanding service to the Rockwell students and community.

Golden Acorn Award - Is an award offered by the WA State PTA for recognition of a volunteer who has given outstanding service to all children in the school community; not just an individual who donated time to help in his/her child's class or a staff member who is doing a good job. It is to recognize volunteer service "above and beyond" a particular job description. A contribution in the name of the recipient(s) is made by the honoring PTA to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

Outstanding Educator Award - The Outstanding Educator Award is offered by the Washington State PTA to recognize individuals who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial and challenging. An outstanding educator could be a teacher, assistant, custodian, bus driver, administrator, or community member. A contribution in the name of the recipient(s) is made by the honoring PTA to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

Please help the Awards Committee by filling out the [nomination form](#) and returning it to the office by April 29th.

You may also email your nominations to [Celia Kennedy](#).

The Volunteer Tea will be held Thursday, June 2nd. Babysitting will be provided.

Help With The Science Van!

June Will Be Here Before You Know It!



Now recruiting Parent Volunteers!

How steady is your balance? What does your brain look like? Tease your mind with optical illusions!

On June 9th and 10th the Pacific Science Center will send the "Science on Wheels" program to Rockwell. This year the theme is "Blood and Guts" and we need **parent volunteers** to help with the "hands-on" exhibits in the library. We are looking for one or two parents to help in one or two hour shifts from 8:30a.m.-3:00p.m. (or longer if you wish!!).

This program has been generously funded for years and is a Rockwell tradition. It has an impact on and is enjoyed by every single Rockwell student! If you are able to help on either June 9th or 10th, please contact the office or [Mrs. Marie Hewitt](#) (Rockwell teacher)

Thank you!

Lake Washington Schools Foundation



Legacy For Learning Luncheon

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation is pleased to announce that **Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar** will be the keynote speaker at the Foundation's annual *A Legacy for Learning Luncheon*, which will take place on April 20 at Juanita High School.

Dr. Dunbar recently retired as the President and CEO of the Museum of Flight. She is a veteran astronaut with five space missions and is currently Executive Director of Wings over Washington (an affiliate organization of the Museum of Flight dedicated to future development of the museum). Dr. Dunbar will speak about her passion for education, especially science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Lunch is complimentary; there is a suggested minimum donation of \$150.

[Click here for more information.](#)

PTA Membership Cards

Oops!

PTA cards should be arriving soon, but some may have incorrect numbers on them. Please make the following corrections on your card if it does not have these numbers:



Unit ID No. **0208047**
PTA Unit Norman Rockwell **PTA 2.8.47**
Issued/Expires Nov 1, 2010 - **Oct 31, 2012**

Please feel free to contact me for your individual PTA number. Repeat members have the same number year to year. Sorry for this inconvenience,

[Tracy Brooks](#)

Bugle Article Submissions Welcome

The Beagle Bugle welcomes article submissions from students and parents.

Student journalists may submit articles about current events, students opinion-editorials and poems or short stories. Parents may submit articles about PTA events and school related topics.

Any article that is unrelated to PTA or Rockwell must be approved by the Lake Washington School District, and will be posted on the Community Bulletin Board. The Lake Washington School District [website](#) has more information on the submission and approval process.

Short pieces will be edited for inclusion in the Bugle, longer pieces will be posted on the website with a link in the Bugle. The Deadline for submissions for the next weekly Bugle is the preceding Thursday at 1pm. The Bugle Staff reserves the right to be selective regarding the materials that are publicized.

Contact the Bugle staff or submit articles at rockwellbugle@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Emily Papel

Beagle Bugle Editor
Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA