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PTA Membership

**Get Involved - Join
the PTA!**



Did you open your child's first day packet and miss the purple PTA membership form? Did you mean to send in that check, but never got around to it? Now is the time! Get involved in Rockwell -- join the Parent-Teacher Association today! When you join, you can choose an individual membership for \$15 or a family membership (two voting names) for \$25. Many companies will match this contribution.

Here's the easy way to do it: [send an email right now](#) with the following information: your name (include second name if you want the Family Membership), phone, address, and employer name if you will be submitting matching funds request. Also, please include your oldest child's name and teacher for any membership information that needs to be sent home (kid mail!). Then, send a check addressed to Rockwell PTA in your child's school folder. (Don't worry, if you forget to send the check, we'll remind you!)

Go ahead, send that email right now before you read the next Bugle article, and feel good about taking a step towards being involved with PTA!

Two Art Docents Still Needed

Upcoming Events

[Link to District Calendar](#)
(filter for Rockwell)

September 27

Ad submissions due for use
in the Rockwell Directory

September 28

Room Parent Orientation,
7pm Rockwell library

LWSD Special Needs
meeting, 7pm LWSD
Resource Center

Overcrowding Info Session
Eastlake High School 6pm

September 29

Art Docent Training
7pm Rockwell Library

September 30

Committee Chair Training
Rockwell Library, 7pm

Overcrowding Info Session
Juanita High School, 6pm

October 1

Reading Recognition
Applications Due

LEAP Day: **NO SCHOOL**

October 4

After School Reading
Recognition Quiz

October 5

Free Fantastic Family Fun
Night at Redmond
Elementary 6-8pm

October 6

International Walk To School
Day

Overcrowding Info Session
LWSD Resource Center,
Redmond Town Center 6pm

October 7

Elementary Quest Parent
Information Night
Rose Hill Jr. High
4:30pm & 7pm sessions

Thank You Volunteers!



There has been a fantastic turnout for Art Docents this year -- most classrooms have at least two, and several have three to five.

Two advantages of having multiple docents:

- 1) Scheduling -- Docents can either rotate teaching, or take turns;
- 2) During a lesson having one or two extra hands, especially during a more complicated lesson, is a sanity-saver. Also makes set-up and clean-up a breeze.

Two classrooms are still in serious need of Art Docents: **Mrs. Scott's PM Kindergarten**, and **Ms. Weinmeister's 5th grade**. Parents for this class, please consider volunteering as an art docent this year. It's easy, fun, only once a month, and the kids really have a great time with it.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are interested or have any questions. Thanks!

[Myriam Pollock](#)

Art Docent Chair

Reading Recognition



Who can participate in Reading Recognition?

- Kids who love to read
- Kids who are struggling to read, and might be motivated by a reward system
- Kids who are becoming faster readers, but

October 11

Quest applications open

October 12

45th State Legislative
Candidate Forum
7pm Wilder Elementary

October 15

Picture Day

October 20

Scholastic Book Fair Begins
1:30-5pm

**Program Planning
Form**

Do you have an idea for a
PTA program or event?

Use [this form](#) for submission
to the PTA Board of
Directors.

need to pay more attention to reading
comprehension

Reading Recognition works for all ability
levels, because there are books available for
all reading levels. Throughout the year, the
computer lab will be open for students to
take quizzes every Monday and Thursday
after school. The first quiz date will be
Monday, October 4th. The program is open
to all students, but Kindergarteners must
first obtain teacher approval. Reading
Recognition is an excellent way to increase
your child's reading skills. The program is
fully funded by the PTA and free to all
students.

If you have any questions, please contact
[Stacy Quinn](#). The deadline to sign up for the
Reading Recognition Program is October 1.
Please send me an e-mail if you would like
your child to participate. Volunteers are
also needed! Thank you.

Stacy Quinn, (425) 885-7271
Reading Recognition Chair

LWSD Seeks Your Feedback on Overcrowding

Your input is needed! Please attend one
of the following sessions to learn about
the need for space to accommodate
growth in Lake Washington
Schools. Come anytime during the 2
hour session, view displays showing the
situation and possible solutions, ask
questions, then complete a survey and
offer your comments.



Tuesday, September 28, Eastlake High School, 6-8 pm
Thursday, September 30, Juanita High School, 6-8 pm
Wednesday, October 6, LWSD Resource Center, 5-7 pm

Can't attend one of these sessions? Go to www.lwsd.org from
September 25 to October 7 and complete the online survey.

Committee Chair Training

Are you leading a PTA program or event?

Would you like to lead a program in the future? There will be a training meeting for all people interested on **September 30th at 7:00 pm in the Library**. This session will provide you with information regarding budgets and PTA protocol so that you may run your event or program smoothly. All current PTA Committee Chairs as well as others that are interested in learning more are encouraged to attend.

Chess Club!

Chess Club Had a Great Opening Day!

The kids had lots of fun with the games, and there are still spots available! Come down and check out the fun!

Chess Club happens every Wednesday from 1:30-3pm.



Donation Request



Do You Have a Spare Clothes Rack?

The PTA received a great suggestion for managing the Lost and Found. If we had two rolling clothes racks with the lost clothing on hangers, our lost and found would save space (no tables) and time (easier to look through and no folding).

Does anyone has an extra clothes rack they would like to donate to the school? Please contact [Tracy Brooks](#).

Room Parent Orientation

There will be an orientation meeting for all room parents on **September 28th at 7 pm in the Rockwell Library**. Please plan to attend.

I will review all new information early and have printed materials ready for distribution early; Experienced room parents can then choose to leave early if needed.

I plan to then spend some extra time answering questions for new room parents. I look forward to our meeting! If you cannot attend, please let me know so I can get you the necessary information.

[Karen Hernan.](#)
Room Parent Chair
425-497-9455

Art Docent Orientation & Training



Art Docents, don't forget about this week's Orientation/Training session:

**Wednesday, Sept 29
7:00-8:30pm**

Rockwell Library

We'll go over the program, watch a demonstration on "How A Lesson Is Done," share ideas, and have a Q&A.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Myriam Pollock
Art Docent Chair

Book Fair



You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair in the Rockwell Library!

The fair is an annual reading event packed with excitement for students and families. Join us Wednesday, Oct. 20th (1:30-5), Thursday, Oct. 21st (11:30-7), Friday, Oct. 22nd (11:30-5) and Monday, Oct. 25th (11:30-5).

Our Book Fair theme - Here's to Our Heroes! Reading Saves the Day! - is part of an exciting event that brings the books kids love to our school. Because everyday heroes surround us, the heroes theme allows students to celebrate all types of heroes, from the ordinary to the extraordinary, inspired by a love for books.

The more time children spend reading, the stronger their reading skills are. And strong reading skills are the pathway to succeed in school and in life. Reading is the most powerful skill of all! The Book Fair

gives students access to a large assortment of brand new books with all profits going directly to help build our school library.

Please join us to make this Book Fair the BEST our school has ever seen. I look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Diane Davenport - Teacher Librarian

Visit our [Fair Homepage!](#)

Donations Needed for Decompression Area

Have Your Kids Grown Out of Some Toys?

Please, consider donating them to our new Decompression Area. We are looking for the following toys, games and items:



Building Toys such as Legos, Knex, and blocks.

Puzzles (with all the pieces, please!). Roll up puzzles that can be put away for the next session are very welcome!!

Other Toys such as Thomas the Tank train tracks and trains, Polly pockets, Dolls with accessories.

Table games (again with all the pieces and instructions), such as Chutes and Ladders, Candy Land, Sorry!, Monopoly, Chess and checkers, Mancala, Uno

Art supplies, such as Playdoh Playdoh cutters and molds, Crayons, Coloring books

Miscellaneous items needed:

Containers with wheels

Felt fabric (To cover the tables so that materials don't make noise)

Folding mats (camping or exercise mats)

New age music

Nature sounds CD

Pillows (Washable)

Lava lamps

For more information or to donate, please contact [Pilar Lopez](#).

Thank you!

Rockwell Directory Advertising



Ad Submissions Due This Week

Advertisers, please contact [Emily Papel](#) or [Minerva Butler](#) with your submission of **one black and white 3.5 x 2 ad (business card size)**. Checks for \$100 made out to Norman Rockwell PTA can be sent to the school office.

It's not too late to request an ad in the Rockwell Directory! Requests will be accepted until the end of today, September 27th. The PTA retains the right to approve or reject advertisements.

Sincerely,

Emily Papel
Student Directory Chair

The directory is a closed directory, designed solely for personal use between Rockwell students and parents. Potential Advertisers will not receive a directory unless an employee has a student in the school. Regardless, information within the directory cannot be used for direct marketing purposes.

Volunteers Needed!

Decompression Area for our Children

We are in the process of creating an area in our school where kids can go to decompress during lunch recess once a week (Mondays or Tuesdays). We envision an area where they can have a relaxing, quiet time, away from the noise and stimulation of outdoors recess. The kids could read books, play board games and puzzles, or simply lie down if that is what they need.



In order for this to happen, we need parent volunteers who are committed to as much as one hour a week or as little as one hour a month. Just let us know what you can commit to and we will accommodate!

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Pilar Lopez](#).

Thank you!

International Walk To School Day

Walk To School Day is Wednesday, October 6th!



Here are some reasons why you might want to consider participating!

- More kids walking to school reduces traffic congestion around schools and in school parking lots.
- Walking to school provides a real-life teaching experience for adults to instruct children on safe pedestrian behavior.
- Walking to school improves physical health.
- Walking to school reduces the amount of pollutants coming from cars, improving the air and our environment.
- Walking to school can be a partnership between schools and City transportation staff, working together to improve pedestrian facilities and school walk routes.

Legislative Candidate Forum

If you would you like an opportunity to learn more about the candidates running in our legislative district, a 45th State Legislative District candidate forum for the November election is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 12th, 2010 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School commons.



Senator Eric Oemig (D) and his opponent Mr. Andy Hill (R), Representatives Roger Goodman (D) and Larry Springer (D) and their opponents, Mr. Kevin Hastings (R) and Mr. Mark Isaacs (R) have all agreed to attend, and I'm hoping that you will as well. The forum will be moderated by Linda Hanson, former WA State PTSA President, Executive Committee member of the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools, member of the Children's Campaign Fund Board of Directors, and long-time education reform advocate. The event is free and all are welcome. Feel RSVP to the e-dress below.

[Wilder Elementary School](#)

22130 N.E. 133rd St.,
Woodinville, WA 98077
425 936-2740

The general election is Tuesday, November 2nd. Mail-in voter registration or change of address due date is October 4th, and the in-person deadline is October 25th. For more information, check out the Secretary of State's [website](#).

Angela Birney

Rockwell PTA Legislative Chair

LWSD PTSA Special Needs Meeting



Tuesday, September 28

7 - 8:30 pm

LWSD Resource Building
16250 NE 74th St, Redmond 98052
(Redmond Town Center)

Introduction to LWSD Special Ed Department

Meet the Lake Washington School District Special Education Director, Paul Vine. He will have a PowerPoint slideshow reviewing the department structure, the Ladder of Support, discuss new initiatives for the year and any other changes in the Special Education programs. He will also be introducing his team and have a brief Question and Answer time. After Paul's presentation we will share happenings within our group, share resources and network with other parents and teachers.

There will time to network with other parents before the meeting, from 6:30-7:00 PM, as well as after the meeting.

Our Lending Library cart will be available starting at 6:30 PM so that you can checkout, return and/or donate books.

To be added to the PTSA Special Needs Group private email distribution list, please contact the Chairperson, [Julie Shalaby](#). Being on this list allows you to get resource info, meeting reminders and summaries, as well as access to files on our LWSD PTSA Special Needs Group Yahoo! web site.

Thank-You!

Back To School BBQ

We hope you had a great time Friday night at the BBQ. With the help of many incredible volunteers, and the fabulous staff of Sodexo, we were able to serve just over 440 meals. Several people asked what the money for the meals would be used for. The BBQ is one of the events that the PTA sponsors to bring our community together, so the funds are used to cover the cost of the food and equipment. Because we had such a great turn-out a little extra was earned and will be used to the benefit of the students and staff at Norman Rockwell. Speaking of that, thanks to all the staff who attended.

A huge THANKS to all who volunteered:

Melissa Gallagher
Silvia Stanimirova
Malia Kawaguchi
Claudine Gallacher
Jennifer Macchiarella

Guixuan Su
Jill Cloutier
Allyn Higashi
Heather Eickoff
Tony Macchiarella
Christine Overgaarde
Karen Osborn
Heidi Kimble
Lorie Thomas
Yasuko Shida
Srilakshmi Parvathanent
Paul Kennedy
George Hulett
Joanne Bily
Scott Bily

A really big thanks to those attending who just pitched in and helped.

Have a great school year!

Celia Kennedy and Nicole Hulett
Chairs, WLB BBQ

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. 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