



Norman Rockwell PTA

# Beagle Bugle

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## Watch D.O.G.S.



Be on the lookout for Watch  
D.O.G.S!

We are launching this new program  
on **Thursday, January 13 at 6pm**  
with a Pizza Party!

We invite you to come, have some  
pizza and learn more about how  
fathers, grandfathers, uncles and  
other male role models can  
volunteer for a day at Rockwell.

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## PTA General Meeting

**Thursday, January 20th, in the  
Library**

7:00 - 9:00pm

**Everyone is invited** to attend!

Special guests:  
Ravi Shahani, Lake Washington  
School Board Representative will  
speak on school over-crowding and

**January 13**  
Watch D.O.G.S  
information and Pizza  
night **6pm**

MIA Challenge #7 due

**January 17**  
**NO SCHOOL:** Martin  
Luther King Jr. Day

**January 19**  
Parent Education  
Classes Begin

**January 20**  
PTA General  
Membership Meeting

**January 21**  
International Night

**January 25**  
Kindergarten 2011  
Information Session  
10:15 in the library

**January 27**  
Conferences Begin

**February 3**  
Kindergarten  
Registration 1-7pm in  
the library

**February 8**  
Levy Vote!

### The Health Room Needs Pants and Socks!



The health room is short on pants and socks, used when kids fall in puddles or otherwise need a change of clothes.

Please consider making a clothing

the levy.  
Matthew Hurley, Redmond Police Department Resource Officer will speak on student safety.

Both will answer your questions. Please feel free to send your questions in to me now so that they may adequately prepare.

Tracy Brooks,  
Norman Rockwell PTA President

### Art For Kids

#### One Space Left!

Art for Kids is an after school art class sponsored by the PTA. The classes will take place after school on Wednesdays. Classes start this Wednesday 1/12 for the spring term. While we have filled most spots, **there is one space left in the 4:15-5:15pm (all ages) class.**



If you are interested, please call Jesse (the art teacher) at 206-412-8816. The first person to call Jesse will get the spot. He will tell you about the registration process. Information regarding this program may be found at [www.artforkidsschool.com](http://www.artforkidsschool.com). If you have any questions please check out the website or contact [Liz Van Slyke](#)

### International Night Volunteers Needed

**International  
Night is on Jan  
21st, 2011**

We will be celebrating the many countries and



donation, or send a backup change of clothes to school with your child.

Thanks!

### Community Events

Registration is now open for Redmond West Little League Baseball and T-Ball. [See the flyer](#), or visit: [www.redwestll.org](http://www.redwestll.org)

cultures that make up our Rockwell Family.

We are still in need of families, groups of families and/or individuals to do displays from their culture and /or country of origin. The areas that are most in need are:

North, South and Central America  
Most of Europe.

Russia

Australia and the South Pacific.

This event is for and by Rockwell Families to celebrate who we are and we are asking you to help us make it a great success.

Please contact [Aparna](#) or [Chandria](#) if you'd like to help out in any way!

## Kindergarten 2011 Information

### Information Session Tuesday, January 25

Will you have a kindergarten student in September, 2011? An information meeting about Kindergarten registration will be held **Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 10:15 in Library.**



Call Kerry at 425-936-2670 for more information, or see the [Rockwell website](#).

### Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2011 will begin **Thursday, Feb. 3 from 1 - 7 pm** in the school Library. Registration continues during regular school hours after that day. A lottery for class placement will be held Thursday, Feb. 10.

Please bring immunization records, birth certificate or passport, proof of address (recent utility bill) and checkbook for All Day Kindergarten Tuition deposit, if interested in this option.

See the [Rockwell website](#) for more information, or call Kerry in the school office at 425-936-2670.

## Annual Musical by Studio East

## *The Arabian Nights*

Encourage your child to try a new experience, join their friends in a unique and fabulous activity, or help a budding thespian continue to craft their skills!! **Auditions for the Rockwell Annual Musical are just around the corner!**



Parents of students auditioning for the play will need to attend an evening meeting in early February. All parents of students who wish to participate must be able to assist in the production of the play; all required documents and fees will need to be completed at this meeting as well.

**Any student in fourth, fifth and sixth grade are welcome to audition.** A lottery will be held if more than forty students audition. Detailed information on the play, the parent meeting and audition dates will be in next week's Bugle. While you wait, have your child start working on their acting skills and memorizing a monologue that reflects their skills and talents!

If you have any questions, please contact [Celia Kennedy](#), Musical Producer

## Important Legislative News



**Help support the February 8th levy addressing overcrowding!**

The Levy is **Tuesday, February 8th**

To help with the upcoming Levy that addresses overcrowding in our district, there are a few simple things you can do:

1. **Place a sign in a prominent area around your home this week:** Do you have a street with a lot of car traffic or maybe an open space near you? E-mail [rockwelllegchair2010@hotmail.com](mailto:rockwelllegchair2010@hotmail.com) with your name and address and I will personally deliver to you a sign.

2. **Help make reminder phone calls January 22<sup>nd</sup> -**

**January 30th:** The levy committee has put together a database of friendly voters and needs **each PTA to supply 15 names** of individuals who will make voter reminder calls. You only need to have a phone and computer with internet access that can be used simultaneously. These calls can be made during the day. This year's calls are reminder calls only. The message is brief and may be left on answering machines. E-mail [rockwelllegchair2010@hotmail.com](mailto:rockwelllegchair2010@hotmail.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Other ways you can help can be found at:  
[www.vote4lwsdkids.org](http://www.vote4lwsdkids.org)

### Other Legislative News:

The legislative session begins on Monday, January 10th

The website can give you upcoming issues and will have links to our representatives. [www.leg.wa.gov/legislature](http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature)

Also of note: If you have older children who might be interested in seeing firsthand how the legislature works at the bottom of the page under "Working for the Legislature" is a link where teenagers can apply to be either House or Senate pages for week. It is a great experience for those who are 14 to 16 yrs. of age.

Washington State PTA Focus Day is February 21<sup>st</sup>.  
[http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus\\_day/index.html](http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html)

Bellevue council usually organizes busses for the event. If you are interested in attending alone or with your kids, please e-mail [rockwelllegchair2010@hotmail.com](mailto:rockwelllegchair2010@hotmail.com) and I can give you more information.

### International Night

**Friday, January 21st at 7pm in the Gym!**

Come join us in celebrating and learning about the many cultures and countries that make up Norman Rockwell's wonderful community. There will be door prizes and food and lots of fun!

**Cost of admission is a plate of food to share at our Taste of the world pot luck.**



## Spring Book Sale

### Save Those Used Books!

In the spring, the Rockwell Library will once again have a Used Book Sale! The purpose of the sale is to get books into the hands of children, and to earn some extra money for the Rockwell Library. So, please start weeding through your books now!



We accept children and adult books. Donations can be dropped off any time at the library office. More information regarding the details of the sale will be posted at a later date.

Thanks in advance for your support,  
Diane Davenport  
Teacher Librarian

## Parent Education Class



### Make Parenting Fun Again!

Move from Chaos to Control and bring the enjoyment back to your family life

Are you struggling with how not to blow your top when they haven't finished their homework, again? Do you need effective tools for your child who is being bullied? Is their whining at home driving you crazy? Do you want to stop your kids from fighting like dogs? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this class is for you! Join us for a four week parenting class that teaches you how to bring the fun back to your family through strategic and practical tools. Learn innovative techniques to effectively teach your kids how to be in charge of their homework, know the consequences of not doing their chores and how to ask a sibling or friend for help.

**Wednesdays: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Norman Rockwell Elementary Library:**

11125 162<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052

**7:00-9:00 pm**

\$80 per person, \$100 per couple

Taught by Annie Kurz, M.A., M.B.A.  
Individual and Couples Counselor,  
Executive Coach and Consultant  
akurz@integrationcounseling.com  
425-373-0808

To register, send your name, email address and a check for \$80

(or \$100 for a couple) payable to the Norman Rockwell PTA by January 12th. Label the envelope "Parenting Class."

### Food Service is Hiring

**The Food service is looking for a few hands to help serve your children**

**Paid positions are available.**

**Please phone the Food Service Office at: 425-936-1393**

### Math In Action News

#### MIA News

Math Challenge #7 is now available online at [www.mathinaction.org](http://www.mathinaction.org). The due date is January 13 (Thursday) by 3PM. There will be 9 cool hologram bookmarks to give away. Winners are randomly selected and will be announced on January 14 (Friday). Good luck!



#### MIA Online

The following students have been hard at work, and over the last few weeks have received at least one prize for achieving milestones:

**Tyler J, Neha P, Johannes R, Ailey B, Vidha S, Madelynn L, Natalie S, Kasim Z, Haruki K, Saathvika T, Joshua K, Derek W, Eric X, Nishant B, Orion G, Daniel P, Neha G, Andrei S, Daniel D, Saathvika T, Brooke C, Isabela L, Haadi Q, Ethan F, Daniel H, Abhi K, Anni K, Asma M, Daniel P, Rabeeya A, Ryan B, Kaan I, Keshav K, Rhea S, Tristan C, Fynn F, Oleg I, Moustafa N, Saahya T, Stephanie Y**

#### IXL Math

Our students have been working hard sharpening their math skills through IXLMath.

**Those who have not used their accounts and are not planning to use them during our current school year, please let me know ([mathinaction@gmail.com](mailto:mathinaction@gmail.com)).**

Log on to [www.mathinaction.org](http://www.mathinaction.org) to see all students' names who have at least one prize for achieving milestones. If you have signed up your child but have not gotten a chance to get him/her started using the program, it's not too late. Get your child start now! Here

are some tips we gathered from other parents:

- Commit to 15-30 minutes a day or every other day to practice at IXLMath.
- Make a deal with your child. Maybe it's a 30 minutes video game or TV time after 30 minutes of IXLMath practice.
- Set short term goals with your child. For example: complete 10 skills this week on multiplication practice.
- Some family incorporates 15 minutes of IXL to their nightly 20/30 minutes of reading.
- Pick skills from your child grade level that are easy to start. If your child struggles on most of his/her grade level skills, he/she may go down one grade level.
- Pick skills that your child knows how to do. Remember, this is a practice site to practice concepts learned already at school. If your child is a bit rusty on certain skills, the program will give your child an explanation for each question missed.
- Get started right away before your child loses his/her confidence in Math!

Contact Elly Sarwono at [mathinaction@gmail.com](mailto:mathinaction@gmail.com) if you are still not sure how to get started.

### Savvy Parents, Safe Kids

#### **Be Keen on your Tween's Safety!**

Savvy Parents Safe Kids Presents....

a parenting workshop for parents of kids ages 8-12

Join us January 25, 2011, 10AM - Noon



Lake Washington Resource Center - Board Room  
16250 NE 74th St., Redmond

This workshop on tween safety will cover topics such as:

- Cell Phones -tool or tricked out toy?
- When your child becomes a babysitter
- Staying home alone. Are they ready?
- Tweens and body safety
- Out & About: School and neighborhood safety
- What safety tools work and which ones don't?

For more information, see the [flyer](#).

### PTSA Parenting Lectures

#### **Upcoming Free Programs in January and February 2011**

Lake Washington PTSA Council sponsors parent education lectures

throughout the year. All parents are welcome to attend the presentations. The majority of the programs are free and do not require RSVPs. Those with fees (usually series of classes) note that.

Date	Time	Speaker/Topic	Location	Suggested Audience
Monday, January 24th	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Julie Metzger <b>Great Conversations between Parents &amp; High School Teens</b>	Redmond High School PAC 17272 NE104th St., Redmond	Parents of high school students (9 <sup>th</sup> grade & above)
Tuesday, January 25th	10:00 - 11:30 AM (morning)	Kim Estes <b>Be Keen on Your Tween's Safety</b>	LWSD Resource Center Board Room 16250 NE 74th St., Redmond	Parents of students ages 8 - 12 years old
Thursday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Susie Weller <b>But the Other Kid's Parents Let Them Do It!</b>	Carson Elementary Commons1035 244 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Sammamish	Parents of Students at All Ages
Friday, February 4th	10:00 AM to noon (morning)	Susie Weller <b>Why Don't You Understand? Improve Family Communication with the Four Thinking Styles</b>	LWSD Resource Center Board Room 16250 NE 74th St., Redmond	Parents of Students at All Ages

### **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](mailto:rockwellbugle@yahoo.com).

**Sincerely,**

**Emily Papel**

Beagle Bugle Editor  
Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA