

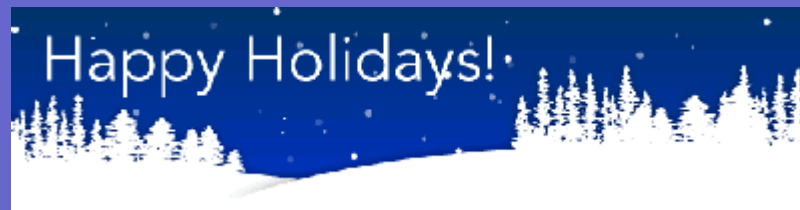


Norman Rockwell PTA

# Beagle Bugle

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Best wishes for a warm and happy winter break.  
See you back at school on January 3rd!

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## Upcoming Events

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**December 31**

Payment due for Engineering  
Club Participants

**January 3**

Back to School!

## 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. More details will be coming soon!

## 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



**January 13**

Watch D.O.G.S information  
and Pizza night

**January 17**

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

**January 20**

PTA General Membership  
Meeting

**January 21**

International Night

**January 27**

Conferences Begin

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

## International Night Volunteers Needed

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

We are still looking for volunteers to represent different countries or continents. The continents of Africa and Europe are especially under-represented. Except for Japan, the continent of Asia could also do with more representation. If you, or someone you know would be interested in representing a different culture, country or continent, it would be wonderful exposure and a great experience for our kids!



There are several ways in which you could volunteer a little bit of your time, and you do not have to do anything until the holidays are over and done.

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

## Important Legislative News

### Please help support the February 8th levy addressing overcrowding!

The LWSD will have a levy on the February 8th ballot to address the overcrowding in our schools. [Visit this site](#) for complete information.

The [Lake Washington Citizens Levy Committee](#) is in charge of organizing volunteers and promoting the levy, and it needs our help!

Here are two important opportunities:

#### **1. Make friendly reminder phone calls the week of January 22 - January 30:**

You must have access to a computer and a phone line simultaneously. The Levy Committee will supply the list of names and more detailed instructions. The message is brief and may be left on answering machines. It is also a friendly call, phoning political supporters of the initiative and merely reminding them to



vote. If you can help out with this important task, please email [Angela Birney](#) with your first and last name, home e-mail address and home phone number to and put "phone" in the subject line.

## **2. Post roadside campaign signs:**

Signs will be picked up on January 6th. If you are interested in posting a sign in your yard or another visible area, please email [Angela Birney](#) with your name, address and "sign" as the subject line. The sign will be delivered to your home.

Other news:

The state PTA is once again having Focus Day in Olympia on February 21<sup>st</sup>. [Click here for more information.](#)

Register to vote or change your address

online: <http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/osos/en/voterinformation/Pages/RegistertoVote.asp>  
[X](#)

## **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](mailto: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."

## **Math In Action News**

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

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.

### MIA Online

The following students have been hard at work, and since last week have received at least one prize for achieving milestones:

**Matthew S, Sayan B, Chaitanay M, David Z, Anni K, Asma M, Ryosuke N, Dana H, Khushang H, Kaan I, Andrei S, Hafas M, Madelynn L, Reece M, Brianna F, Joseph K**

### 5th Grade Math Competition

Our MIA students will represent Rockwell's Fifth grade Math team at the Mt. Rainier Math Invitational, which is scheduled on January 28. Our school is eligible to bring **2 free alternate students** who can compete in the individual category. If your child is in MIA class but would like to participate in this competition, please contact [Elly Sarwono](#) to register and get study materials. It's a great opportunity to challenge your child and a fun and exciting event to attend.

### 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

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