



Norman Rockwell PTA

Beagle Bugle

newsletter 4.04.11

Visit our Website!
[Norman Rockwell Elementary](#)

Join our list

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

In This Issue

[Arabian Nights](#)

[New Principal Selection](#)

[Used Book Sale](#)

[Drama Class for K-3](#)

[Ecology Run](#)

[Author Visit](#)

[Advertising Opportunity](#)

[Volunteer Awards](#)

[Science Van Volunteers](#)

[Upcoming Parent Ed
Classes](#)

[Lake Washington Schools
Foundation](#)

[Redmond Junior High
PTSA](#)

Upcoming Events

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

[April 4](#)
Back to School

Arabian Nights



April 15th & 16th

Take a dazzling trip on a musical magic carpet ride through the colorful legend of Scheherazade, the greatest storyteller of the ancient Arabian world, as she tells four classic Arabian tales to keep herself from being beheaded by the cruel Sultan.

The Rockwell Musical "Arabian Nights", our fifth production with Studio East, is coming April 15th and April 16th at the Redmond 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. Will Scheherazade be able to save her own life? Don't miss out on this amazing production!

[Rockwell New Principal Selection](#)

New Principal Selection Discussion

April 7

Lottery results for A Taste of Drama, Primary Drama Program

April 8

Pajama Day

April 15

Wacky Hair Day

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 26 & 27

Author Bonny Becker!

Opinions Wanted

The school district and the New Principal Interviewing Committee invite you to provide the traits and characteristics you desire in our new school principal.



Please bring thoughts, questions, and recommendations to our meeting on **Wednesday, April 6th, 2011** 1:00-2:00pm in the Rockwell Library

Used Book Sale

Spring Cleaning?

Save all your gently used books for our Used Book Sale on Thursday, May 19th. Please drop off your donations in the Rockwell Library. Thank You!



Diane Davenport,
Teacher Librarian

A Taste of Drama!

Last Chance To Sign Up! *Registration Closes April 7th*

K - 3rd Graders
(yes, Kindergarteners may register too!)

A TASTE OF DRAMA!



Location: Norman Rockwell Gym

Dates: April 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th and Friday 29th evening

Time: 3:15 - 5:15 PM

Performance: Friday April 29th - please arrive at 6:15 PM

Cost: \$40

Contact: [Susan Gremmert](#)

Performing: "Where on Earth is My Bagel?" and "Stone Soup!"

To Register: Please fill out the [registration form](#) and send to school with your child.

NOTE: If more than 32 students register, a lottery will be drawn. You will be notified on APRIL 7th if your name is drawn in the lottery. Please do not send payment until you are notified.

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!

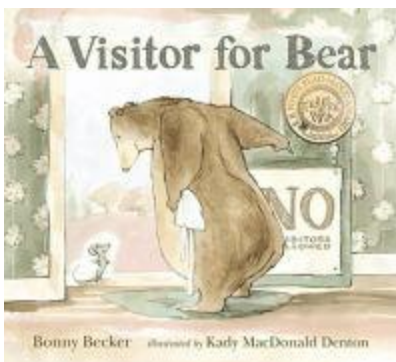
Those collecting \$30 or more will also have their name engraved and added to the Ecology Run Hall of Fame.

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](#).



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

Advertising Opportunity!

Arabian Nights Program

Norman Rockwell students are currently rehearsing for the upcoming Spring production of Arabian Nights. In preparation for the production, we are beginning to work on the program. We would like to offer you and your business a chance to participate in the program by purchasing ad space in the Arabian Nights play program.

Cost for a quarter page ad is just \$45. We plan to print 400 of these programs so many eyes will be on your advertisement. What a great way to get the message out about your business and help

support the school!

If you are interested in ad placement, please contact Lisa Packer at lisa.packer@frontier.com or 425-558-3994.

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 and 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!

Upcoming Parent Ed Classes

Wednesday, April 6th 7-9pm Juanita High Theater	Bill Corson & Laura Doerflinger Factors Influencing Teen Decision Making & Behaviors	Parents of Teens Free Class
Tuesday, April 12 th 10am-noon LWSD Resource Center	Kathy Slattengren Wild, Wild Web: Keeping Your Kids Safe in the Digital World	Parents of students 7 - 12 Free Class
Wednesday, April 20th 7-9pm Juanita High Theater	Susan Quattrociocchi, PhD Career Development in a Time of Uncertainty: Focusing on Strengths, Skills & Interests for the Long-Term	Parents of Teens Free Class

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.](#)

Redmond Junior High PTSA

The Search is on!

FIVE REALITIES ABOUT REDMOND JUNIOR HIGH PTSA

Redmond Junior High (RJH) PTSA is looking for enthusiastic, concerned parents who want to help ensure that their child, and all the students at RJH, have the best possible junior high experience during 2011-2012. You can help! That's right! How? The search is on for **RJH PTSA officers for next school year**. The current officers have served the maximum term of two years permitted by WA State PTSA, and must make way for the next leadership team.

Reality #1: We need **enthusiasm** most of all! It's nice if you have PTA officer or committee chair experience, but certainly not a deal-breaker if you don't. Truthfully, if you're enthusiastic enough, you'll get the job done beautifully.

Reality #2: PTSA at Redmond Jr. is different than what you may have experienced in an elementary PTA. How? Our activities focus more on supporting student- and teacher/staff-led activities, rather than on providing programs directly to students. Think "backup singers" rather than "in the spotlight."

Reality #3: Each year, the volunteer response at RJH is fantastic. In fact, there are some committees that have many more volunteers than there are volunteer slots available! As an officer, you'd get to meet and volunteer with a lot of great people.

Reality #4: The exiting officers will have students at RJH next year and will be available as mentors throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

Reality #5: The administration and teachers at RJH are a joy to work with. As an officer, you'll have a great opportunity to get to know them.

What's next? Read concise job descriptions for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary at www.rjhptsa.org.

And then contact Jan LaFond (425-883-4961 or jan.lafond@comcast.net) to throw your hat into the ring and get any remaining questions answered.

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