



Norman Rockwell PTA

Beagle Bugle

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Full Steam Ahead!

A Year of Smooth Sailing Starts With You

Be Involved - Volunteer

Thank you to the many people who have expressed interest in volunteering. We welcome your help and will be contacting you soon. As events and programs run throughout the year, don't be shy about letting us and your child's teachers know how you want to be involved.

Be Informed - Read the Newsletter

Commit 10 minutes each week to reading the Bugle. Every week there is something happening that you won't want to miss!

Be An Advocate for Your Child's Education - Join the PTA

By joining the PTA, you are showing support for our schools and children, and a belief that collectively, we can make a difference.

[Benefits of Membership](#)

[Membership Form](#)

Review and complete the legislative survey using the [Issue Guide](#). Tell us the issues you consider most important to children during the upcoming year.

Bon Voyage!

Tracy Brooks
Norman Rockwell PTA
President, 2010-2011

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Math In Action 5th Grade program begins

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Art For Kids School Begins

Chess Club Begins

September 24

Back to School BBQ 6-8pm

September 27

Ad submissions due for use in the Rockwell Directory

September 28

Room Parent Orientation, 7pm Rockwell library

Calling all Brave Knights, Brilliant Bishops and Beautiful Royals . . .



Do you like great battles? Matching wits with the evil King or Queen? Then the Rockwell Chess Club is the place for you. We meet Wednesdays right after early release in the gym. No experience necessary come and learn or improve your game. We are a big group with fun for all levels of play.

We also have a new advanced Tournament Training class before school on every other Friday in the Library. This is the class for players who already know how to play and really like the thrill of competition.

Cost is \$70. Register your player and choose your volunteer days at the office, or download the forms [here](#).

If you have any questions, contact:

[Elizabeth Shipman](#)
Chess Club Chair

Welcome Back BBQ!

Our Annual PTA Welcome Back BBQ is Coming Friday, September 24th!

Each Fall we celebrate the beginning of the new school year. It is a nice way for new families to meet the staff, parents, and students of Rockwell. It is also a great way for us all to reconnect after the summer break.

This year the BBQ will be held on Friday, September 24th from 6-8. The cost will be \$6 per person. This year we will be offering you a choice of burgers or hotdogs, as well as chips, drinks, fruit, and desert. Payment will be collected at the BBQ. Scholarships are available in the office.

LWSD Special Needs meeting, 7pm LWSD Resource Center

September 29
Art Docent Training
7pm Rockwell Library

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

October 11
Quest applications open

October 12
45th State Legislative Candidate Forum
7pm Wilder Elementary

October 15
Picture Day

mmm, lunch

Wondering What's for Lunch?: [Rockwell Menu](#)

Add money to your child's lunch account through [Parent Access](#)

Community News

[Girl Scouts Information Night](#)
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7pm
in the Rockwell Library

[Overcrowding Info Sessions](#)
Tuesday, Sept 28, 6pm

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered.

Please contact [Celia Kennedy](#) or [Nicole Hulett](#) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions!

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 Training



Mark Your Calendars!

Thanks to all of you who have signed up for a school year filled with messy hands, imaginations run wild, and

happy, creative kids!

Art Docent Training will take place on **Wednesday, Sept 29, 7-8:30pm** at the Rockwell Library. Whether you are totally new to this, or you could teach an art lesson blindfolded, please join us. If you cannot make it and this is your first year as a

Eastlake High School

Thursday, Sept. 30 6pm
Juanita High School

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6pm
LWSD Resource Center

[45th State Legislative
District Candidate Forum](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7pm
Wilder Elementary

[Fantastic Family Fun Night](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 6pm
Redmond Elementary

docent, please contact me and we'll figure something out.

Art Docent lessons begin in October and run through May/June. The highlight is the annual Art Showcase in May!

Please contact your child's teacher, or me directly (425.736.4952 or myriam.jim@comcast.net), if you are interested or have questions.

Looking forward to a fantastic year of Art Docents!

Myriam Pollock,

Art Docents Chair

Pass The Hat Fundraiser Update

Thank You!

To all of the generous Rockwell families who have supported our school by donating to the Pass the Hat fundraiser at Curriculum Night! We are well on our way to our \$38,000 goal for the year. So far we have raised \$22,138 and are just under two thirds of the way to our goal.

It's not too late!

If you haven't contributed yet, no problem! We will accept donations through October 1st! You can send your donation and matching forms with your child or you can mail it directly to:

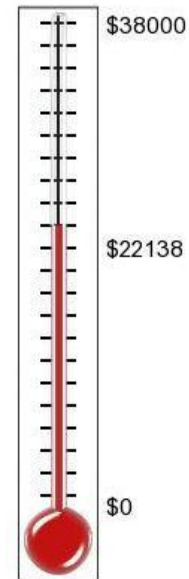
Pass the Hat
Norman Rockwell Elementary
11125 162nd Avenue NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Please make checks payable to the Norman Rockwell PTA.

Company Matching!

You can double the impact of your contribution with Company Matching. Most large employers in the area have matching programs and they're very easy to use. Check with your HR department for details.

Together we can provide the best possible educational experience for our children!



Bill Brooks
Pass the Hat Char, 2010

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 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 for signing 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,
Reading Recognition Chair
(425) 885-7271

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!

The Yearbook Starts With You!

Calling All Shutterbugs!

Parents, the success of the Norman Rockwell 2010/2011 yearbook starts with you, and it starts now!



We need photographers at the Back to School BBQ, the Halloween Parade, International Night, Presidents Wax Museum, and the Dance Party. Room parents - start collecting photos of our cute kiddos at class parties. Don't forget the Orchestra, Band and Choir Concerts. Did you get cute first day of school photos? - we want those too! Send them in to the office on a CD or a flash drive (don't worry - we'll get it back to you).

Together we can make this the best yearbook ever!

Minerva Butler
Tisha Davis
Yearbook Co-chairs

Rockwell Directory Now Accepting Ads



Local Businesses welcome

This year, the PTA will be accepting ads from local businesses for print in the Student Directory. This directory goes to all the families in the Rockwell community, and is a great way to promote your business. The cost is \$100 per ad.

Please contact [Emily Papel](#) or [Minerva Butler](#) with your submission of **one black and white 3.5 x 2 ad (business card size)**. Checks made out to Norman Rockwell PTA can be sent to the school office. Submissions are accepted until September 27th, and 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.

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 Haistings (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!

Thanks to all the Pass The Hat Volunteers!

Thank you to all the Pass the Hat volunteers that passed out envelopes, passed the hat and counted the amazing number of checks from our generous Rockwell parents. Thank you to: **Lyn Albrecht, Victoria Bigelis, Anne Bovee, Tracy Brooks, Minerva Butler, Yoli Daly, Melissa Gallagher, Jessica Hargin, Celia Kennedy, Kellie**

Larson, Jennifer Macchiarella, Jill Maes, Kirsten Moreno, Felice Nightengale, Karen Osborn, Christine Overgard, Emily Papel, Melissa Roberts, Julie Schare, Jill Stoddart, Pu Su, Stephanie Sullivan, Sherri Uyematsu, Susan Wolf

New To Rockwell?

Let Us Introduce You To Rockwell Elementary!

Are you new to Norman Rockwell? Do you have lots of questions? [This link](#) will help you get started. Welcome to Rockwell, we're glad you're a part of our community!



Tracey Gilman,
New Parent Welcoming Chair

SOUND OFF!

Question:

Question: What is the PTA going to do about our schools over-crowding?



PTA Response:

This year our PTA has a unique opportunity to make a real and immediate impact in our district. The school board will likely put a measure on the February ballot to ease the overcrowding in our schools. Our PTA will be asked to help educate the community about the urgent need for this funding.

As well, please consider attending one of the LWSD's [Overcrowding Info Sessions](#), and stay tuned to the Bugle for ways in which YOU can make a difference that will benefit our children's education.

Sincerely,
Rockwell PTA

have an opinion for SOUND OFF? Submit rants and raves via [email](#).
The PTA reserves the right to edit email content.

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