



Norman Rockwell PTA

Beagle Bugle

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Norman Rockwell Elementary

School Starts Tomorrow!



The First Day of School is Tuesday, September 6th!

School starts at 8:25am. [School supply lists](#) are available for each grade.

Parents, Come to the Welcome Back Coffee!

After you say goodbye to the kids, be sure to attend the Welcome Back Coffee in front of the school. Coffee and treats will be served from 8:30-9! Meet other parents and unwind from the back-to-school rush!

Happy 30th Anniversary Rockwellians!

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Rockwell T-Shirts



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Rockwell 30th Anniversary T-Shirts!

Shirts will be on sale:

Tuesday, September 6th, 8-9am

Friday, September 9th, 3-3:30pm

Thursday, September 15th (Curriculum night)

Friday, September 23rd (Back to School BBQ)

Music Programs**Art For Kids School****Job Opening****Upcoming Events****[Link to District Calendar](#)
(filter for Rockwell)****September 6
First Day of School,
2011-2012!**Welcome Back Coffee
8:30am**September 8
Art For Kids School
Applications Due****September 9**
Selected kids notified for Art
For Kids School**September 12**
Orchestra Info Meeting**September 13**
Payment due for Art For Kids
SchoolRoom Parent Orientation
7pm**September 14**
First Level 2 orchestra class**September 15**
First Level 1 orchestra class**Curriculum Night!
Pass The Hat Fundraiser****September 16**
First Level 3 orchestra class**September 19**
Choir Rehearsals Begin**September 21**
Art For Kids begins**September 23**
Back To School Barbeque**Please Park Legally!**

Please park legally in the neighborhood! There have been a number of complaints that driveways were blocked by parked cars during Open House. We really must be good neighbors and park legally - **no blocking driveways and mailboxes!**

Shirts are \$14 each - CHECKS ONLY!
Quantities are limited!

Proceeds benefit the Norman Rockwell PTA

Health Room Volunteers Needed!**It's the Start of the
School Year!**

The health room needs
some new volunteers to:



- bandage up little cuts and scrapes
- take temps and dry tears
- help kids when they're feeling ill or complaining

For a few hours a week, or even a month - whatever works for you. There will be no critique and no prior experience needed. This is a great way to support your school and opportunity to get to know the children at Rockwell.

All the basics and training provided. More serious medical issues will be handled by school staff: Julie or Kerry.

If you would like to help ailing scholars, please don't be shy and contact:

Sayori Hinitz
425-285-9490
Thank you!

Engineering Club Will Not Be Held

Thank you to all of the awesome parent volunteers who stepped up to assist last year and to help with this year. Unfortunately, space limitations prevent us from holding the Engineering Club. Keep playing with those LEGOs!

Minerva Butler

First Day Packet and Lunch Thanks!

Community Events

Join Girl Scouts!

Information Meeting
September 13th at 7pm
in the Rockwell Gym

contact [Jane Wither](#)
425-922-1949
for more information

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Thanks!

Arigatōgozaimashita!

Many thanks to the team of volunteers who spent last Friday morning stuffing First Day Packets.

Over 670 labeled envelopes were prepared and given to teachers to hand out on the first day of school. This would not have been possible without the help of several dedicated volunteers, including Ritsko Suzuki and the Japanese families, Sayori Hinitz and her son Ori, Tony Macchiarella, Kerry Bauman and Emily Papel. Thanks again for the hard work!

Teacher's Lunch Thanks!

Many thanks to Devra Hunt and the PTA for organizing a wonderful Welcome Back lunch for the teachers last Thursday!

Back To School BBQ

The Norman Rockwell PTA
cordially invites you to join us in

**Norman Rockwell
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Dinners are \$8 per plate
Picnics are welcome

*Celebrating 30 Years of
Learning at*

The Welcome Back BBQ

*Friday, September 23rd, 2011
5:30-7:30pm*

Get Involved!



Join The Rockwell PTA!

Join the PTA this year and participate in priorities and initiatives for the 11/12 school year. Your membership helps the PTA provide funding and insurance for classroom initiatives such as the Art Docent program, teaching materials, classroom grants and assemblies. Extracurricular activities your membership helps to support include Chess Club, the Dance Party, the Welcome Back Barbeque and your kid's favorites such as Field Day and the Ice Cream Social!

Membership forms are sent home in First Day packets, or are available in the office. Please note PTA membership on your checks. Individual memberships are \$18 and Couple memberships are \$32.

We look forward to having you as a Rockwell PTA member for the 11/12 school year. Together we can make a little into a lot!

Kelly Sheffield
Membership Coordinator
Norman Rockwell PTA

Room Parent Information



Attention Incoming Room Parents!

As the school year begins, and you sign up to volunteer in your child's classroom, some of you will choose to be room parents. Thank you!!

There will be a meeting of new room parents on September 13 at 7 pm in the school library. Returning room parents are encouraged to attend as well. Last year, we exchanged a lot of useful ideas among us. Before the meeting, all room parents please contact me with your rsvp and your latest contact information. I will use that contact information throughout the school year to keep you up to date on the information you need. Thank you again!

[Karen Hernan](#),
room parent coordinator
425-497-9455

Be Cool!**Be An Art Docent!**

Do you:

- Want to volunteer in your child's classroom?
- Get to know your child's teacher and classmates?
- Do something that all the kids really enjoy?
- Get a little messy?



If you answered "Yes" to any or all of the above, then you would be a great Art Docent! This is a fun way to volunteer in your child's class, and the kids really enjoy being creative and using their imaginations.

Art Docents teach an art class in their child's classroom once a month from October - May, and you can coordinate with the teacher regarding the date/time--so it's a flexible and fun volunteer opportunity for both stay-at-home and working parents alike. It takes about an hour to do the class, plus some set-up and clean-up. When you see how much the kids get out of it, you will see why it's one of Rockwell's most enduring and popular programs.

You don't need to be an art expert--the curriculum is already set out for you. (And thanks to the PTA, we have an amazing new curriculum that is fun and easy to use!) You don't need to be a Picasso--very little, if any, artistic talent is needed. All you really need is some time, some patience, and a good sense of humor and fun :) I have been an Art Docent at Rockwell for 6 years now, and it is still my favorite thing to do.

There will be an evening training/orientation session in September, and I'll announce the date soon. The big event of the year for Art Docents is the annual Art Showcase in May, when the year's art works will be on display throughout Rockwell!

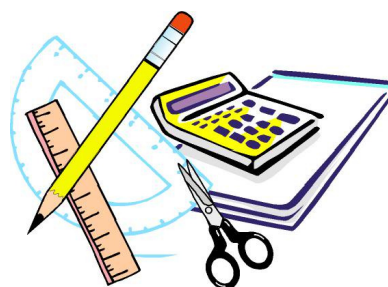
Please contact your child's teacher, or me directly, if you are interested or have questions.

Looking forward to a fantastic year of Art Docents!

Myriam Pollock
425.736.4952
Art Docents Chair

Math In Action Classes**Fifth & Sixth Grades**

We are excited to start our after-school enrichment classes. We are in the process of scheduling and refining our curriculum. This year, we will have MIA Fifth Grade (meets on Mondays) and MIA Sixth Grade



(meets on Tuesdays). Both classes are fun and enriching yet they requires hard work and commitment. Classes will focus on math topics and practices in which prepare students to compete in a number of local and statewide math competitions. Students will work independently as well as in teams. All interested students are invited to take a diagnostic test on September 9 at the Library from 3:10-4:00PM. Qualified students will be asked to join the class and will represent Rockwell Fifth Grade and Sixth Grade Math Teams at various math competitions. Details about the class are available at www.mathinaction.org.



If you have questions about the program, feel free to contact us:
[Rizwana Masude](#) - MIA Fifth Grade Coach
[Elly Sarwono](#) - MIA Sixth Grade Coach

IXL Math for Every Student



Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that LWSF has granted us with a year subscription of IXL Math. You don't need to pay the expensive \$79 yearly subscription. All students will have access to this web-based math practice website.

IXL Math is an excellent tool for our students to sharpen their math skills. It features comprehensive coverage of math curriculum; complete with vibrant images, colorful illustrations, and immediate feedback and question-specific explanations to solidify understanding of each concept.

If you have students in grade K-2, the program can help them become more confident students. Math works just like anything else, if you want to get good at it, then you need to practice it. The more practice they have, the more confident they will become. The use of full color makes IXL Math to be more engaging and fun. It even provides audio for our Kindergarteners and First graders who are not fluent readers yet.

Our students in grade 3 through 6 can use the program to prepare for the MSP. With its immediate feedback and explanation, our students will be able to practice independently with very minimal supervision. It's a great way to get your child to catch up (if he/she is behind). It's also perfect to keep our advanced students challenged.

Parents, take advantage of this opportunity to change child's math education in this school year. All you need to do is to support and encourage your child to use the website on a regular basis and/or as assigned by our teachers. You may check out the program at www.ixl.com. Most of our teachers will use the program as part of students' assignments or enrichment. You will hear more about it from your child's teacher.

In addition, our PTA is sponsoring the PRIZE PROGRAM where students can earn a small prize every time they reach a milestone. It's a great way to motivate our students. Details for the prize program can be found at www.mathinaction.org.

We are in the process to have the program set-up. You will soon receive the username and password for your child. When you do, please invest in time and effort to have your child log in regularly to IXL Math.

Elly Sarwono
Math in Action

Music Programs

Welcome to Another Great Year!

Redmond Region Elementary String Orchestra classes - for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students

- *Level 1 - Beginners (4th graders who have never played before)* - Plan to attend the parent/student information meeting on Monday, Sept. 12th at 7:00pm in the Rockwell gym and watch for a flyer the first week of school with more information. Classes are before school (7:35-8:20 am) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The first class is Thursday, Sept. 15th.
- *Continuing students - Level 2 and Level 3 classes will start the week of Sept. 12th*



Level 2 (mostly 5th graders who have completed one year of instruction) Classes are on Monday and Wednesday mornings - first class is Wednesday, Sept. 14th (bring all music from last year, music stand, emergency form and \$5 materials fee)
The book to purchase for Level 2 is "Essential Elements 2000" book 2

Level 3 (mostly 6th graders who have completed more than 2 years of instruction) Classes are on Wednesday and Friday mornings - first class is Friday, Sept. 16 (bring all music, music stand, emergency form and \$5 materials fee)
The book to purchase for Level 3 is "Essential Elements Movie Favorites for Strings"

Choir - for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students

- Choir rehearsals are during lunch recess twice a week beginning the week of Sept. 19th.

Art For Kids School

Important Enrollment Information

Art for Kids is an after school art class sponsored by the PTA. These are ongoing classes, open to new and returning students, and projects are not repeated. Children will have an opportunity to explore their creativity through a variety of materials including pen and ink, water colors, acrylics, pastels, clay, and plaster.



Classes will take place after school on Wednesdays from 1:45-2:45pm (ages 5-8), 3:00-4:00pm (ages 9-12), and 4:15-5:15pm (all ages). The Fall 2011 semester begins September 21, 2011 and continues through December 14, 2011. Each class is limited to 15 students. Information regarding this program may be found at www.artforkidsschool.com.

We will again have a lottery for the spaces in the classes, because of the great interest in the classes. A copy of the sign up form will be sent home with each child, and an electronic copy can be found [here](#).

Hard copies of the signup forms with contact information are due in the PTA mailbox in the office or to the AFK PTA representative (Liz Van Slyke) by **3:05 on Thursday Sept 8**. Winners will be notified by e-mail by noon on **Friday 9/9**.

In order for your child to participate in the program a parent or guardian must be able to volunteer one class per session per child enrolled! This is required by our insurance. If your child is selected in the lottery, you will be notified on how to sign up for a date to volunteer (or how to communicate dates on which you cannot volunteer). **A date for volunteering will be assigned to you; if you cannot do it on the assigned date, you must obtain your own substitute.**

Registration will be open to the winners of the lottery on Friday 9/9. Enrollment will be done via the Art For Kids website. Payment of \$167.50 (\$162.50 tuition and \$5.00 registration fee) must be made online at www.artforkidsschool.com or check received by Art for Kids School by **noon on Tuesday September 13th** for students who win the lottery. If the space is not paid for by noon on Tuesday September 13th; the spot will go to the next person on the waiting list. **Late payment will mean that your child will not be allowed to take the class**

If you have any questions please check out the website or contact Liz Van Slyke (Steve_LizVanSlyke@msn.com).

Thanks,

Liz Van Slyke

PTA Chair, Art for Kids

Job Opening



The Perfect Fit!

Looking for something to do while your kids are back in school and earn extra spending money?

Sodexo Food Services in the Lake Washington School District has cafeteria positions that fit a parent's schedule perfectly:

- Work day hours will coincide with school days and hours
- No holidays or weekends

Entry level positions are available for 3 to 4 hours per day at \$9.25 per hour.

For information please contact LWSD Food Service Office
425-936-1393

[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

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