



Norman Rockwell PTA

# Beagle Bugle

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## Helpful Phone Numbers

Safe Arrival  
702-3451

Front Office

## A Note from the Principal

Dear Rockwell Families,  
Traditionally Rockwell students celebrate the end of October with Halloween Festivities. Children dress up at the 1:45 recess. The parade begins at 2:00 pm and is followed by a short classroom party. This year, the celebration will be on **Friday, October 30**.

A little organization at home helps things run smoothly at school. Kids are given just a few minutes to don their costumes. Choosing clothing easy to slip into, walk in and see out of makes the afternoon pleasant for everyone.

Good guidelines to keep in mind:

- Children of all ages are here; tasteful costumes please  
Ghoulish depiction, fake blood, etc., need to stay at home; it scares the little ones.
- Costumes that can be worn over school clothes are fantastic.
- Children should be able to "self dress"
- Masks that limit sight are dangerous at school.
- Fake weapons/weapons are NEVER allowed at school.
- Parent common sense prevails over child desires; sorry kids.
- Aerosols and gels at home please; picture 540 kids armed with fun; chaos!

We appreciate parents screening costumes prior to letting the child out the door. Thank you for your guidance.

Yours in tasteful celebration,  
Tina Livingston



Rockwell Dine's Out

702-3450

Extended Day  
702-3452

Preschool  
861-3056

Food Service Office  
702-3393

Transportation  
882-5120

### Coming Soon

#### October 26

Last Day for Rockwell Days  
at Panda Express

Love and Logic Classes Start

#### October 27

The NED Show assembly &  
Yo-Yo's for Sale

Special Needs Meeting LWSD  
7pm

LINKS Volunteer Training  
LWSD 7pm

#### October 28

Reflections Art "Beauty Is..."  
is Due

Chess Club Starts

#### October 30

Costume Parade & Class  
Parties 2pm

#### October 31

Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF

#### November 1

Start Training for Kid's  
Seattle Marathon

## TODAY IS THE LAST DAY for Norman Rockwell Days at Panda Express!



The Rockwell PTA is partnering with Panda Express (located in the Redmond Bella Bottega QFC) to raise money for our school. Monday, October 26th is the last day!! **PANDA EXPRESS will donate 20% of the sales from every guest who presents the Rockwell flyer at the time of purchase during**

### Rockwell days!

**Let Panda Express do the cooking for you! Thank you for helping raise money for our school through Rockwell Dines Out!!**

Stacy Quinn  
Rockwell Dines Out Chair

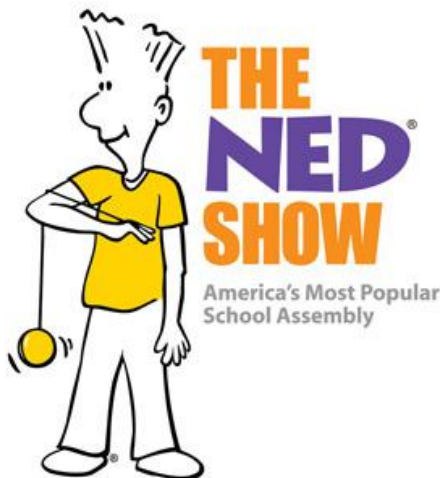
### The NED Show is Coming!

The PTA is thrilled to be bringing **The NED Show** to Norman Rockwell on **October 27th**. An entertaining, engaging assembly that promotes a positive approach to life:

**N**(ever Give Up)  
**E**(ncourage Others)  
**D**(o Your Best)!

For 5 days following the show, NED items will be available for sale. Look for the flyer sent home with your student last week.

Interested in learning more about The NED Show?  
Please go to: [www.TheNedShow.com](http://www.TheNedShow.com).



### Reflections

**November 2**

Quest Applications for 2010-2011 Accepted

Musical Minds Session 1 Starts

**November 3**

WA General Election VOTE!

**November 5**

Quest El. Information Meetings 4:30 or 7pm Rose Hill Jr High

**November 28**

Kids Marathon 10am

**November 30**

Deadline for Quest Application

**Community Bulletin Board**

[Rockwell Bulletin Board](#)

[EBC Holiday Hoop Camp](#)

[Kirkland Dance Center Fall Schedule](#)

[Studio East Fall Theater Classes, Camps, Workshops & Productions](#)

[Kirkland Art Center - Fall 2009 Youth Classes](#)

[PNW Traditional Moo Doe Assoc Free Martial Arts Classes](#)

[Village Theater - Kidstage Fall Classes](#)

[Redmond Toddler Group - Enroll Now](#)

[Navigating The Juvenile Justice System: Youth.](#)

**SEE YOUR ART ON THE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS!**



There is still time to submit your artwork for Reflections 2009. This year's theme is "**Beauty Is...**" and we will be judging art from the following categories: Visual Arts (drawing, painting, etc), Dance Choreography, Film Production, Photography, Literature and Musical Composition. Mrs. Livingston has promised that

those that enter Reflections will get their art highlighted on the morning announcements, so get started and **CREATE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL TODAY! Due date for Reflections is Oct 28th.** Registration materials are available from your teacher or the Reflections box in the office.

Jessica Hargin

[jhargin@aol.com](mailto:jhargin@aol.com)

**Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF**

**MAKE HALLOWEEN COUNT!**

Want to help kids in other parts of the world get the things they need to survive and grow? You've got the power to do it!



While out trick or treating on Halloween, Rockwell students can take along the **orange UNICEF boxes** and ask everyone to help raise money that will help provide things such as water, education and medicine for children who need it.

Boxes for each child will be delivered to their classrooms on October 29th. If they choose to participate, they will need to **bring the box back to school between 11/2 and 11/6** so we can collect all the donations and send the money to UNICEF.

Visit [www.unicefusa.org/trickortreat](http://www.unicefusa.org/trickortreat) for more information and ideas. **Remember: When asking for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF donations, always be polite, explain what the donation is for and thank everyone you ask, even if he or she does not donate.**

Thea Fortune

Chair Person, Trick or Treat for UNICEF

**Get In Motion - Seattle Marathon**

[Mental Illness and the Law](#)

[Music for Kids Foundation is offering scholarships!](#)

[Boy Scouts - Cub Scout Packs 557 & 591](#)

[Camp Fire USA Fall 2009](#)

[Boy Scouts Troup 557](#)

[EHS Holiday Bazaar](#)

[B&GC Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree](#)

[Kasumi Africa -West African Music & Dance](#)

[Eastside Native Education Program Veterans Honor Powwow](#)

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["Bunnica" & Holiday Drop & Shop](#)

[StoryBook Theater presents "Snow White"](#)

[Lyric Light Opera - The Sound of Music](#)

[The Nutcracker at Northshore Performing Arts Center](#)

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[StoryBook Theater 2009-10 Season - Musical Fairytale Adaptations for Children Ages 3-10 and families](#)

[Redmond Parks Youth Basketball League](#)

[Boys & Girls Clubs K-2nd Basketball](#)

[Eastside Basketball Club for](#)



Seattle Children's  
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**kids  
MARATHON**

november 28

Thanks to everyone who got out their walking shoes for Walk to School Week. For November, **turn those walking shoes into running shoes.**

We are running the Seattle Marathon!

The **Seattle Children's Kids Marathon 2009 is on SATURDAY, November 28th at 10:00 AM** at the Seattle Center. Kids begin their final 1.2 miles from the corner of 5th and Harrison.

The Seattle Children's Kids Marathon is structured to allow children - kindergarten through eighth grade - to complete a full 26.2 mile marathon at a rate that is fun and safe for their

growing bodies "one mile at a time." It also encourages them to read 13 books and perform 13 do rights (good deeds). The training for the marathon will be on the honor system. The children will track their miles, good deeds and books read. The final part of the marathon will be run on Saturday November, 28th. Join the Rockwell students and run in the marathon! To register for the marathon go to: [www.seattlemarathon.org](http://www.seattlemarathon.org).

We hope the Rockwell families will show their Beagle Pride and wear purple for race day. We will designate a meeting place prior to the race. **Training opportunities will be offered after school starting November 1st.**

Mary Klug  
Get In Motion Chairperson

### Math In Action News

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students have been hard at work. Since the school year began each have received at least one prize for achieving milestones:

Grade K: **Amogh K, Mia M, Haadi Q**

Grade 1: **Fynn F, Phoebe J, Kavya K, Asma M, Arvind T, Amol V**

Grades 2-6: **Ian H, Vanshika K, Cameron H, Ryan B**



#### MIA Prizes (based on cumulative score)

**Milestone A:** Bookmark and Popcorn Ticket

Grade K=1,000/Grade 1=2,000/Grade 2-6=2,500

**Milestone B:** Math In Action Pencil and Popcorn Ticket

Grade K=1,800/Grade 1=3,500/Grade 2-6=5,000

[Grades 3-6](#)

[Eastside Basketball Club  
Little Shooters](#)

[Home Court - Home School  
PE](#)

[Home Court Basketball for  
K-2nd Grade](#)

[Eastside Precision Drill Team](#)

[WAVE Aquatics Swim Team  
10 Reasons to Join](#)

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Speed and Strength Training](#)

[Ski and Boarding Lessons &  
Transportation for Grades 4-  
12](#)

[Redmond/Sammamish Boys  
& Girls Club Sports Programs](#)

[Eastside Basketball Club  
Flyer](#)

[WAVE Aquatics Swim Team  
Registration](#)

[Boys & Girls Club 3-6th  
Grade Basketball](#)

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Sports Classes](#)

**Milestone C:** Stretchable Book Cover

Grade K=2,500/Grade 1=5,000/Grade 2-6=6,500

**Milestone D:** Jacob Ladder

Grade K=3,000/Grade 1=6,500/Grade 2-6=7,500

**Milestone E:** Purple Spiral Notebook and Pen Set

Grade K=3,500/Grade 1=8,000/Grade 2-6=10,000

**Milestone F:** To Be Determined

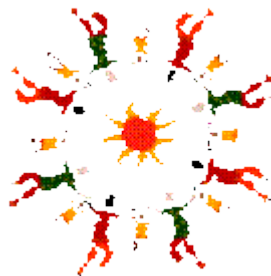
Grade K=4,000/Grade 1=10,000/Grade 2-6=14,000

We are reaching the maximum capacity (120 students) for IXL, the website we use for Math in Action Online Program. As of Thursday, October 22, **we have only 4 spots available!** Registration will be closed as soon as we reached 120 students.

Visit [MathInAction.org](http://MathInAction.org) for more information or to register.

## The PTA Needs You!

### LINKS



### Looking Into the Needs of Kids and Schools

Academic mentors and tutors not only help students learn, they model effective skills and traits like problem solving and perseverance. As a LINKS volunteer, you can help a student discover the satisfaction and pride in learning. You can foster an interest in

life-long learning that will serve students as they prepare to lead a rewarding, responsible life.

### LINKS Volunteer Training October 27th at 7:00p.m.

Lake Washington School District Resource Center  
[CLICK HERE to read more.](#)

## Other Information

### LWSD Special Needs Group

**Restlessness, defiance, anger, anxiety, distractibility, headaches, stomach aches, runny nose, red ears, excessive ear wax, etc.!**

### Is your child eating foods that can cause these health effects?

Come Hear Speaker: Sally Hara, MS, RD, CDE from ProActive Nutrition, Kirkland

Tuesday, Oct 27, 2009, 7:00 - 8:30pm  
LWSD Resource Center in Redmond Town Center

Children with behavioral challenges, those on the autistic spectrum, with ADHD and typical children often have learning and health problems that can be affected by the foods they eat. Not all food affects every child the same. Sally Hara, Registered Dietician, medical nutrition therapist and most importantly, mom of a child with special needs, will share the top foods and combinations to avoid and will share her strategies for meal times with children who struggle with feeding challenges, ritualistic feeding habits, problems with food textures etc. Sally will share insightful guidance through the maze of nutrition therapies for a special population. Bring your Qs and get you're As to set your child up for success this school year! Tell your friends and join us! If you would like to be part of the Special Needs Group private email distribution list, please contact Chairperson Beth Angelo [4bangelo3@verizon.net](mailto:4bangelo3@verizon.net).

## The Washington State PTA Opposes I-1033

### IMPORTANT ELECTION NOVEMBER 3rd

The Washington State PTA board of directors voted to **oppose I-1033**, an initiative on your November 3rd ballot. I-1033 is an initiative sponsored by Tim Eyman. The WSPTA board opposes I-1033 because it would have significant detrimental impacts on state and local governments, particularly on education.

The official ballot measure summary describes the measure's effect as: "This measure would limit growth in state revenues deposited in the state general fund and limit growth in county and city revenues deposited into the county and city current expense funds. The limit would be adjusted based on annual growth in inflation and population. The limit also would apply to revenues transferred out of these funds. The limit would exclude voter approved revenue increases. Revenues above the limit would reduce property tax levies."

To learn more about this initiative and to see analysis on the effect of the initiative on the state revenues visit one of the many websites covering this issue, such as: the [WSPTA website](#), [ballotpedia](#), [www.no1033.com](http://www.no1033.com). The website [www.permantoffense.org](http://www.permantoffense.org) discusses the yes vote on I-1033. The goal of the Norman Rockwell PTA is to help all of our families learn more about this important initiative.

**Pro:** Limits annual growth of state, city, and county general fund revenue to the rate of inflation and population growth. General fund revenues exceeding the limit to be used to reduce the following year's state, city or county general fund property tax levy.

**Con:** Reduces state general fund revenues that support education, social, health and general government activities by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015.

This year's current slashed budget would become the baseline, locking in the current budget cuts of 3.6% to the Lake Washington School district. Would make it extremely difficult to fund/implement HB 2261, the Basic Education reform bill. Washington is ranked by the Tax Foundation, 35th highest nationally in total tax burden, well below average.

--Material from "Handprints", the Region 2 WSPTA newsletter

## Quest

The **Quest Elementary Program for Highly Capable Students** (Grades 1-6) will be accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning November 2, 2009, until 4 p.m. on November 30, 2009.

The Elementary Quest program offers two options for students who demonstrate superior ability, who exceed grade level standards in literacy and math, and who exhibit exceptional creativity in the classroom.

Full time students are enrolled in an accelerated, self-contained classroom for the full day, five days a week.

Enrichment Pull-Out students attend their home school four days a week and a pull-out enrichment classroom one day a week.

More information can be found in the Quest Information packet that will be available at all elementary schools, on the Quest Web site ([www.lwsd.org/quest](http://www.lwsd.org/quest)), and at the Quest Office on the third floor of the Resource Center (425-702-3238; [Quest@lwsd.org](mailto:Quest@lwsd.org)).

All parents interested in the Quest Program are invited to attend one of the **Quest Elementary Information Night** sessions on Thursday, **November 5 from 4:30-6pm or 7-8:30pm** at Rose Hill Junior High School (13505 NE 74th St, Redmond, WA 98052). This program will explain more specifically what Quest offers to highly capable, academically gifted children. If you plan to bring your children to the information session, we would recommend that you attend the early meeting.

## PACE Program

Still have questions about the **PACE** program? Hopefully this will help.

1. **How is the money used at Rockwell?** It will be used for some of the upcoming 6th grade programs such as Outdoor Education and The Knights Tour.
2. **Is it really worth it?** Yes--Rockwell earned \$2500 last year from PACE.
3. **How long does it last?** Membership is one year and renewal is very easy. You will receive an email notifying you when your membership is up for renewal. If you have not renewed yet this year you can do so at [www.4pace.com](http://www.4pace.com)
4. **Can I shop online?** Yes, and Rockwell will receive 5% on every purchase. (20% back for you does not apply online).

If you have any questions please visit the Rockwell fundraising website at [www.lwsd.org/school/Rockwell/PTSA/Pages/Fundraising.aspx](http://www.lwsd.org/school/Rockwell/PTSA/Pages/Fundraising.aspx) or go directly to [www.4pace.com](http://www.4pace.com).

Thank you  
Kelli Haworth

## Did You Know?

### 2nd Grade Teacher Mrs. Debbie Fisher

Do you know 2nd grade teacher **Debbie Fisher**? She and Mrs. Moore share a class. She has been a teacher at Rockwell for 3 years but before that she was a Rockwell mom and volunteer. Both of her sons, Drew a RHS senior and Ryan who is now 22, were students here at Rockwell. She feels as though she has been here forever and loves the staff and families at Rockwell. It's a great place to be.

Debbie enjoys reading, yoga, running or walking and weights. She also enjoys spending time with her two sons and her husband Jeff.

So now that you know Mrs. Fisher say hi next time you see her around the Rockwell campus.

### **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 included 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,**

Tracy Brooks

Beagle Bugle Editor

Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA