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Beagle Bugle

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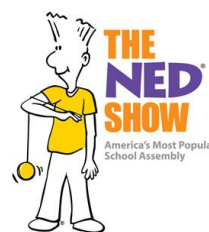
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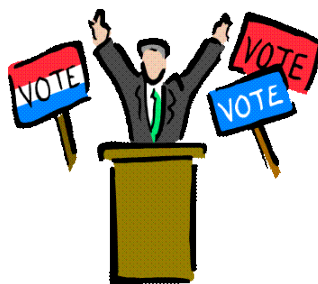
The NED Show

The PTA will continue to sell yo-yo's and accessories from the NED Show before and after school today and tomorrow only.

Interested in learning more about The NED Show? Please go to:
www.TheNedShow.com.



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. The WSPTA board opposes I-1033 because it would have significant detrimental impacts on state and local

governments, particularly on education.

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. The website 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.

Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF

**Thank You Staff
Appreciation Bakers**

Student's Voice

**Helpful Phone
Numbers**

**Safe Arrival
702-3451**

**Front Office
702-3450**

**Extended Day
702-3452**

**Preschool
861-3056**

**Food Service Office
702-3393**

**Transportation
882-5120**

Coming Soon

November 2

Quest Applications for 2010-2011 Accepted

Musical Minds Session 1 Starts

Turn in UNICEF boxes by 5th

November 3

WA General Election Go VOTE!

Last day of NED show sales

Get In Motion Training Run 3-3:30pm

November 5

Math Challenge #3 Due

Get In Motion Training Run 3-3:30pm

A huge thanks to all of you who took your Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF boxes along with you on Saturday Night!!

Please return your boxes with the money inside between November 2-5!



Look in the next Bugle to find out how much money Rockwellians were able to raise for UNICEF.

Thanks so much,
Thea Fortune
Trick or Treat for UNICEF Chair

Get In Motion - Seattle Marathon

Run 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, K-8th 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. The final part of the marathon will be run on Saturday November, 28th.

Join your Rockwell student and run in the marathon! For more information and to register for the marathon go to: www.seattlemarathon.org. Register early, you do not have to have your training miles, books or do-rights complete before registering. 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.

Meet a parent volunteer at the soccer fields to **run laps after school on Tuesday November 3 and Thursday, November 5 from 3:00 - 3:30.**

Mary Klug
Get In Motion Chairperson

Math In Action News

Quest Elementary Info Meetings 4:30 or 7pm Rose Hill Jr High

Early Learning Townhall Meeting
7pm Kirkland Women's Club

November 10

Veteran's Day Program 2pm

November 18

Online Math League Contest for 2, 5, 6th grades

November 28

Kids Marathon 10am

November 30

Deadline for Quest Application

November 31

Online Math League Contest for 3 & 4th grades

Community Bulletin Board

[Rockwell Bulletin Board](#)

CAMPS

[EBC Holiday Hoop Camp](#)

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, Mental Illness and the Law](#)



Math Challenge #3 is ready!

The prize this time is a popcorn ticket.
Due date for prize drawing:

November 5, 2009.

[CLICK HERE for printable PDF](#)

Online Math League Contest

Students (grade 2-6) who are participating at the Online Math League can now start practicing at www.onlinemathleague.com.

1. Go to the website and login using mathinaction@gmail.com and type **rockwell** as the password.

2. Click the Practice Area page and select a practice test. They are organized by grade.

These practices are very useful for students to get familiar with the types of questions and the format of contests.

Our first contest is scheduled as follow:

Grade 2, 5, 6: Nov. 18 (WED) at 1:40-2:15PM

Grade 3,4: Nov. 31 (FRI) at 3:10-3:45PM

Contact Elly Sarwono at mathinaction@gmail.com if you have any question about the contest. More information also available online at www.mathinaction.org.

Math In Action Online

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

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

Grade 1: **Nishant B, Phoebe J, Bas R, Amol V, Maximilian W**

Grades 2-6: **Ryan B, Keshav K, Vanshika K**

Students will receive the following prizes based on milestones achieved:

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

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

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

CLUBS

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

[Camp Fire USA Fall 2009](#)

[Boy Scouts Troup 557](#)

SPECIAL EVENTS

[EHS Holiday Bazaar](#)

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

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

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

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

-

[Redmond Lights](#)

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

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

-

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

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SPORTS

[Eastside Precision Drill Team](#)

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

[Eastside Basketball Club](#)

Visit MathInAction.org for more information.

Early Learning Townhall Meeting

Learn how \$\$ are spent on Preschool, Child Care and Early Learning Development

November 5th, 7-8:30pm

Kirkland Women's Club, 10052 NE 137th St, Kirkland

[CLICK HERE for printable PDF flyer](#)

We have a rare opportunity in Kirkland and the Eastside where you can truly make a difference for kids in our community and statewide. You are invited to a special meeting with the Director of the Department of Early Learning. It's a chance to have your voice heard by the leaders who have the power to affect the cost and quality of preschool, childcare and early learning for all children in Washington State.

It's not often you have a chance to directly talk to key decision makers and share what life is really like for families struggling to find early learning opportunities for their children. Bring friends, children, your partner, parents, relatives and neighbors - let's fill the room to overflowing! [Read More...](#)

Wendy DeLong
Co-Advocacy Chair
Lake WA PTSA Council

Veteran's Day Invitation

Calling all Veterans and their loved ones!

Please join the 3rd - 6th grade in honoring those who have served **November 10, 2009 at 2:15 p.m. in the gym.**

[Click Here for printable invitation.](#)



Rockwell School Directory



The Directory is Done!

They went out to all families on Thursday and Friday of last week. Be sure to get your hands on your copy. We have a limited number of extras. If you would like purchase a second copy for \$5, please email your request to me at tracy@tracybrooks.com.

[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](#)

[Boys & Girls Club Pee Wee Sports Classes](#)

I always like to have two. One in my car and one on my desk. Then when one of my kids has "borrowed" my desk copy, I know not all is lost.

Tracy Brooks

Director of Communications

The PTA Needs You!

Levy and Bond 2010 Campaign

The state funds 63.8% of our children's educational needs and most of the remainder is paid for by levies and bonds. As many of you may know, our existing levies and bonds are expiring, which means that on February 9th, our community will vote on their renewal.

The Lake Washington School District held six public meetings to gather input on replacement of the current educational programs and operations levy, the capital projects levy and a new bond measure to prevent overcrowding. At these meetings, Superintendent Chip Kimball reviewed several options for each measure, what the cost would be for each option and what that money would pay for. On November 9th, the advisory committee will present their findings, and on November 23rd, the Superintendent will make his recommendations.

The Washington State PTA endorses the passing of this levy and is seeking volunteers to assist in the levy and bond 2010 campaign. Norman Rockwell is hoping to find 30 volunteers to make phone calls in support of a yes vote. Please contact Celia Kennedy at Celia@Kennedyresidence.com if you would like to help get the word out.

For more information on the levy and bond campaign, please visit the [district's website](#) and check out their [levy and bond presentation](#) or visit the League of [Education Voters' website](#) and look under "Current Issues."

The PTA is still looking for a legislative advocate or a levy committee volunteer. Please contact Celia Kennedy at Celia@Kennedyresidence.com if you are interested.

PACE Program

There is still time to join

PACE!!!

Did you know . . . last year 70 Rockwell families raised over \$2,500 for Rockwell, just

from their everyday shopping and dining out? **Please sign up!**

Did you know . . . the pace program is the Rockwell PTA's primary fundraiser for the 6th grade Outdoor Education program? **6th grade parents, please sign up!**

Did you know . . . by joining the pace program, you support wonderful local restaurants and businesses, who in turn send 5% of your check total to Rockwell, and you get a check back the first time you visit each restaurant?**Please sign up!**

Did you know . . . teachers and staff receive a free pace membership? **Please sign up!**

Did you know . . . \$10 of the membership fee is sent directly back to Rockwell. It only takes a couple restaurant visits to earn back your membership fee! **Please sign up!**

Did you know . . . Signing up is easy. Visit the [PTA's fundraising page](#) for more details and a list of local restaurants and businesses. **Please sign up!**

Minerva Butler

Fundraising, 09/10

Other Information

Food Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

Tips for Celebrations with Food Allergies & Dietary Restrictions

Thanks to all the room parents and staff for keeping Rockwell's kids with food allergies and dietary restrictions safe and including them in the fun of the class Halloween parties! Kids feel sad if they are left out, so when planning future celebrations, please remember to ask the teacher(s) what food allergies and/or other dietary restrictions you need to be aware of. For tips for celebrations and reading ingredient labels, please read [Food Allergies at Rockwell 2009.pdf](#).

Here are just a few of the ideas that have worked for many families and teachers:

Limit the number of food items in the classroom. The class might play a favorite game, do a craft, sing songs, or watch a movie along with a simple snack, rather than having an elaborate "feast".

Some teachers establish a rule that foods provided for parties must have ingredient labels so the teacher and students can identify the presence of allergens.

Let parents know when a celebration is coming up and what will be served, such as cupcakes, cookies, etc., so that they can provide a similar safe treat for their child for the party, if necessary.

This year Rockwell has 20 kids with severe food allergies. For them, eating even a trace amount of a food can cause a medical emergency that requires a trip to the emergency room. In the lower grades, there are often several children in a class who have food allergies. There are also children with dietary restrictions for reasons other than food allergies (for example: food/additives intolerances, celiac/gluten-free diet, diabetes and vegetarian).

Thanks for doing your part to keep kids safe and having fun together!



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), and at the Quest Office on the third floor of the Resource Center (425-702-3238; 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.

Do You Know?

Ms. Megan Porter



This week I would like to introduce you **Ms. Megan Porter**. Ms. Porter has been teaching 2nd grade at Rockwell for 8 years. She likes to cook and read. She enjoys visiting new restaurants and bakeries. Ms. Porter is very active playing sports, rock climbing and snowboarding. She loves spending time with friends and family. Two of her sisters are also teachers. She currently has 12 nieces and nephews but will soon have

14.

Thank You

All Abilities Fair Volunteers

A special THANK YOU to all the volunteers that made Rockwell's All Abilities Fair possible this year. Your enthusiasm was contagious and our fourth graders had an amazing opportunity to experience how other people perceive and feel the world around them.

A big cheer for **Leena Hansen, Allyn Higashi, Srilakshmi Parvathaneni, Renate Reitingner, Tracey Gilman, Ana Milton, Dana Paxton, Deb Murphy, Rebecca Murman, Ivonne Rodriguez, Viki Krum, Tina Livingston, Celia Kennedy, Nora Coy, and Rose Mayeda!**



Staff Appreciation Bakers



The Staff Appreciation Committee had a bread and soup lunch for the staff recently. Thank you to all that baked or cooked something yummy for the staff. A big THANK YOU goes to **Werona Armstrong, Kelli Egberg, Lou Formantes, Karen Hernan, Jennifer Macchiarella, Ana Milton, Gretchen Reibold, Joyce Tsao and Tricia Fernandez.**

Every month, the staff appreciation committee plans a treat or lunch for the staff. If you would like to contribute and occasionally bake a food item please email Tracey Gilman tgilman@earthlink.net to get on

the "bakers list".

Student's Voice

Poetry Corner

The Cave

She walks into the dark
The chilling breeze surrounding her
The darkness squeezes her tightly never daring to let go
She wants to scream but no voice comes out
She hugs herself not knowing what to do
Wind whips her face with great force
She wants to cry but no tears fall
Finding the passage out she says
Good-bye to the strangling darkness
Hello to the welcoming light
Good-bye to the coldness surrounding the dark
Hello to a new day and night
Hello to the world
And Good-bye to the cave

By: Krystal, 6th grader

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.

Sincerely,

Tracy Brooks

Beagle Bugle Editor

Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA