

Welcome to Norman Rockwell Elementary

The Norman Rockwell PTA welcomes you and is excited to have you join our community. Enrolling at a new school can be a stressful time for students as well as parents. The New Family Welcoming Committee would like to help! Below are some facts about our school and a list of frequently asked questions to make the transition a bit easier. Still have questions? Feel free to call or email and we will try to help. Our contact information is listed at the end of this packet.



Our School

Norman Rockwell is entering its 29th year of educating students in Redmond. Starting in 1981, the school was named to honor the artist, Norman Rockwell. The name was submitted by parents and students. Our school colors

are purple and yellow and our mascot is the beagle. You can find more information about Norman Rockwell by visiting the website

<http://www.lwsd.org/school/Rockwell>

We look forward to meeting you!
Norman Rockwell PTA's New Family Welcoming Committee

Norman Rockwell Elementary is part of the Lake Washington School District. To get more information about the district, please visit the website

<http://www.lwsd.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Our PTA

Norman Rockwell's Parent Teacher Association is a collaboration of parents, teachers and community members. It is a great resource for both parents and students. We sponsor many of the enrichment activities at the school as well as family community events in the evening. Are you looking to become more involved? Check out our website
<http://www.lwsd.org/school/Rockwell/PTSA/Pages/default.aspx>



PTA's Mission

The Norman Rockwell PTA provides a variety of opportunities for parents to become involved in the education of our children. The PTA provides a forum for parents to have a voice and advocacy representation of that voice. The PTA collaborates with Rockwell administration and teachers to provide meaningful enrichment opportunities to support the success of all our students. The PTA sponsors community events that aim to strengthen and engage the entire community.

Upcoming Events

The following is a list of events and program that will occur in September and October. These events provide some great opportunities to find out what is going on at Rockwell and how you can be more involved. Hope to see you there!

Welcome Back Coffee • *Wednesday, September 1st, 2010 at 8:25-9:00am at the school entrance*

The PTA's annual first day of school parents' coffee. After the kids have gone off to their new classes, the PTA serves coffee and treats to moms and dads at the front of the school. It's a great time to reassure moms of first time Kindergarteners, catch up with friends and meet new friends.

Labor Day No School • *Monday, September 6th, 2010*

Orchestra Parent Meeting • *September 13th, 2010 at 7pm*

New students and parents can learn more about the String Orchestra Program. Students can learn to play the violin, viola or cello beginning in the 4th grade through the 6th grade.

Curriculum Night and Pass the Hat Fundraiser • *September 16th, 2010 in the evening*

This is a night devoted to learning about your child's classroom. Your child's teacher will discuss curriculum, daily agenda, homework, and other classroom issues. It also is a great time to sign up for individual conferences with the teacher as well as learn about volunteer opportunities in the class. Pass the Hat is the PTA's primary fundraiser. 100% of your contributions go to academic enrichment for our students.

Back-to-School BBQ • *Friday, September 24th, 2010 at 6-8pm on the playground*

We hope everyone comes out for the PTA's Back-to-School BBQ! Usually over 500 people come to socialize with their Rockwell friends, welcome new friends and families, and visit with Teachers and Staff.

LEAP Day No School • *Friday, October 1st, 2010*

Learning Enhancement and Academic Planning for the teachers and staff.

Picture Day • *Friday, October 15th, 2010*

Students' portraits are taken. Portrait packages are made available for purchase.

NR PTA's General Membership Meeting • *Thursday, October 21st, 2010 from 7-9pm in the library*

The PTA membership will vote to approve the Standing Rules and Budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Additionally, there will be discussion about adding an Engineering Club as an extra-curricular activity.

Half Days • *Thursday, Friday, Monday, October 21st 22nd and 25th, 2010 11:30am Dismissal*

Parent Conferences • *Thursday, Friday, Monday, October 21st 22nd and 25th, 2010*

Teachers meet with parents and students to set education goals for the upcoming year.

Scholastic Book Fair • *Thursday, Friday, Monday, October 21st 22nd and 25th, 2010 from 11:30 to 5pm in the library.*

The Book Fair helps promote learning and reading while raising funds to support the Rockwell library. There is a large assortment of books for everyone in the family.

Fall Costume Parade and Class Parties • *Friday, October 29th, 2010*

Rockwell students celebrate the end of October with Halloween Festivities. Children dress up at the end of 1:45 recess. The parade begins at 2pm and followed by a short classroom party. Parent and younger siblings are invited to enjoy the festivities.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I stay informed?

- The Beagle Bugle, an email newsletter, is the primary means of communication about PTA events and important school information. It is emailed weekly to subscribers. To subscribe, email rockwellbugle@yahoo.com
- Please visit the Norman Rockwell website. It is updated regularly. www.lwsd.org/rockwell
- The Lake Washington School District website contains information and news that affects our district. www.lwsd.org

How do I contact the school during the day?

- The school's phone number is 425 936-2670. Kerry Bauman (secretary) or Julie Wulf (office manager) will be able to help.
- The Safe Arrival phone number is 425 936-2671. This is where you can leave a message if your child will be sick or will be arriving late to school.

How do I volunteer?

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Rockwell and ways to sign up for volunteer opportunities:

- During the Meet and Greet and Curriculum Night, your child's teacher will have a list of various volunteer opportunities in the classroom.
- Complete the PTA volunteer opportunity sheet. Someone will get in contact with you.
- Read the Beagle Bugle. Volunteer Opportunities are listed often for various events and functions. Just call or email the contact person for the event!

All Volunteers in the Lake Washington school district need to complete an application before volunteering. To get an application, visit the following website:

<http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/Online-Volunteer-Application.aspx>

Where can I find the Lunch Schedule?

The lunch schedule is on the district website. <http://www.lwsd.org/parents/breakfast-lunch-menus>

Cost for school lunches is \$2.25. Milk and juice are available at a cost of \$.50

You can pay for school lunches online, or bring your payment into school.

How do I become a PTA member?

A membership form will be included in your welcome packet. Send it in via Kid Mail (with your child or in your child's backpack) in a sealed envelope with your payment. Membership forms are also available in the office. Label the envelope "PTA membership" and have your child's name and his/her teacher's name listed on the outside. The Membership fee is \$15.00 per person, \$25.00 per couple. Your dues help provide funds for the various activities that PTA sponsors.

What activities and enrichment programs does Rockwell offer?

There are several after-school optional enrichment classes that the PTA sponsors. Sign ups typically take place in September and in the winter. Look for information about these programs in the Beagle Bugle or on our website.

I still have questions. Who can I call?

Please feel free to call or email the New Family Committee members. They will try to answer your questions or find the appropriate person for you.

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