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Dear Rockwell Families,

Our primary teachers had an incredible learning opportunity when we hosted Kathy Collins, nationally known reading expert, at Rockwell. Kathy modeled lessons in three classes, provided insight into her instructional decision-making and answered questions from our staff. We were joined by teachers from around the area which gave our teachers a chance to share ideas with instructors from other school districts. We wish to thank PTA for helping fund the event.

Sixth grade students love their new netbooks. Teachers are finding kids are able to access resources easily and are taking more responsibility for their learning. Students are using OneNote to share ideas with peers. This year long pilot is being observed and evaluated carefully by the Lake Washington School District Technology Department. Thus far, Rockwell is all thumbs up in support of the concept.

Soon the legislature will finish their session and school districts will be notified of their funding for next year. Once the data is available, Superintendent Chip Kimball, will communicate with the community and seek input as to how best to use our allocation.

The staff is looking forward to seeing everybody at McTeacher's Night on Feb 4th. We won't promise to get your order correct but we promise to serve you with gusto! As we have kindergarten registration the same evening I will be going up and down the hill trying in vain to be two places at once. I hope to have a chance to say hi to most of you sometime during the evening. Kudos to our staff for being brave enough to step outside of their comfort zone.

Enjoy the rest of this mild January.

Tina Livingston

Grateful for an easier winter than last year