

**BEAGLE BUGLE  
Newsletter**

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**1/9/2017**

**Upcoming Dates:**

Link to LWSO [Tandem Calendar](#)  
(Filtered for Rockwell, More LWSO events found there)

**1/16/17**

**NO SCHOOL: MLK DAY**

**1/18/17**

Dine Out at [Panera](#)

**1/19/17**

**[PTA General Membership Meeting & Parent Education Speaker](#)**

**1/23/17**

**[K-2 Author Visit](#)**

Pre Order books by Friday, January 13

**1/24/17, 1/26-27/17**

**HALF DAYS FOR CONFERENCES**

**2/3/17**

**Family Bingo Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**2/9/17**

**2nd Grade Music Program 6:30pm**

**3rd Grade Music Program 7:30 pm**

**2/16-20/17**

**NO SCHOOL: MID WINTER BREAK**

2/24/17  
Family Movie Night

3/30/17\*date change from last Bugle  
PTA General Membership Meeting

**LEGISLATIVE FOCUS DAY**  
**Monday, January 16**

Focus Day is January 16, 2017

Focus Day is intended to serve as a focal point for WSPTA's legislative advocacy. It's a day of training, education, meetings with legislators, and other activities that help members engage directly in the legislative process.

[Register today!](#)

Register by **Monday, January 9** to reserve/pay for a boxed lunch and to receive your free t-shirt at Focus Day. Full registration closes **Wednesday, January 11**.

[Valdene Claux](#)  
Legislative Chair

**SPECIAL NEEDS GROUP PARENT WORKSHOP**  
**Tuesday, January 17**

WHEN: Tuesday, January 17, 2017

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm [Parent networking opportunity from 6:30 - 7:00]

LOCATION: Lake Washington School District Resource Center  
16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond (at Redmond Town Center)

Parking in back or on street

GUEST SPEAKER: Sarah Butcher of Social Emotional Learning for Washington will speak about the initiative as well as give an overview of the work recently done in workgroups regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act.

[Jamie Kivela](#)  
Special Needs Awareness Liaison

**DINE OUT FOR ROCKWELL: PANERA**  
**Wednesday, January 18**

Anytime between 4pm and 8pm, dine out at Panera Bread and earn money for the PTA. See the [flyer for details](#), take the flyer with you for funds to be counted!

[Kiran Shaharyar](#)  
Dine Out Chair

[Myriam Pollack](#)  
Fundraising VP

**PARENT EDUCATION & PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETING RESCHEDULED**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

Save the Date for Parent Education:

**Thursday, January 19**

Rockwell PTA is offering an hour of Parent Education in conjunction with the General Membership Meeting in the library.

7-8pm Parent Ed. Mtg 8-8:45pm  
Seating is limited to 120. (Adults only please)

TOPIC: Anger and Consequences Versus Empathy and Solutions

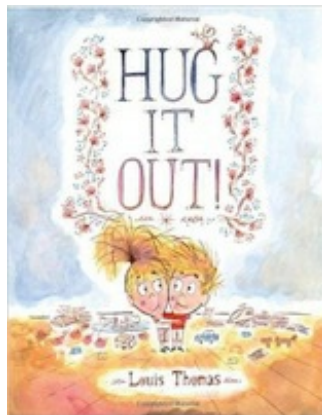
It's natural to feel angry when children misbehave. However, when we respond with harsh words and consequences, the children's focus often turns to our response instead of their poor choices. We'll look at why blame and shame don't work well and how empathy can lead to solutions to children's problems. Presented by Kathy Slattengren M. Ed.

[Click here for more information!](#) (Flyer says the December snow date, this meeting will be on January 19.)

[Stacy Hatch](#)

Rockwell PTA President

## **K-2 AUTHOR VISIT: LOUIS THOMAS** **Monday, January 23**



Thanks to the generosity of the Bellevue University Bookstore, Norman Rockwell Elementary is proud to host author/illustrator Louis Thomas in our school library on **Monday, January 23** for our Kindergarten, First and Second grade students.

Louis Thomas graduated from Gobelins, Paris, and CalArts, Los Angeles, in 2012.

He then worked full-time in California animation studios, working at Pixar and DreamWorks on projects such as Cars, Minions, and many others. Louis has since returned to France where he currently lives and works with his cat, Pipo, in his art studio, which can be found between the Pantheon and the Luxembourg Gardens of Paris, France. He is in the states to promote his new book, [Hug It Out!](#) A fresh, funny take on sibling rivalry and conflict resolution, as two sparring siblings are forced to "hug it out".

Books are available for purchase prior to the visit and can be autographed and personalized. Students will each receive a printed copy of the order form or you can [click to download and print the order form yourself](#). Completed forms and payment may be returned to the school by **Friday, January 13**.

## 2017 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Optional Information Meeting for prospective Kindergarten parents will be **January 25, 2017 at 2:00 pm** in the school library. Meet the principal, tour the school and ask questions! Adults only - no child care provided. Registration packets will be available to take home.

Please call Inez for more information at 425-936-2670.

Kindergarten Registration will begin **Thursday, Feb. 2** from 1:00 - 7:00 pm in the school library. Child must be 5 by August 31, 2017 to register. Bring birth certificate or passport, immunization records, emergency contact information, and proof of address (recent utility bill with your name on it, lease, or mortgage statement.)

More information can be found [here](#).

[Inez Mobley](#)  
Rockwell Office



## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

Rockwell PTA Family Bingo Night/Dance Party!  
Join us at the Rockwell Gym Friday, **February 3rd 6:30-8:30 pm**

It's the annual Rockwell PTA family bingo night/dance party.

**TOTALLY AWESOME 80'S THEME** \*COSTUMES WOULD BE RAD, BUT, LIKE, TOTALLY NOT REQUIRED! Bring the whole family, play Bingo, win Prizes, plus 80-s themed Music/Dance Breaks

- Admission: \$1.00/per person (Volunteers get one free admission)
- Concessions and snacks for sale!

Parent helpers needed to help out a little bit! Set up /Clean up. Admission Sales. Concession Sales. Please email Jean to help out for a short shift. Time slots are only 30 minutes so you will still have time to play bingo and boogie.

**Chairperson:** Jean Long [jeanlong@johnlscott.com](mailto:jeanlong@johnlscott.com)

Click Here for Our [Flyer!](#)

## ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Due to our charter with the National and State PTA and in accordance with our bylaws, ***the expectation that all volunteers for PTA events must be PTA members.***

That means that if you are signing your child up for an enrichment session, you must be a PTA member in addition to obtaining background clearance from LWSD in order to volunteer during the session. Every after school program requires a PTA member to

monitor the class. Therefore, each family is asked to volunteer for at least one session. We are working with vendors to offer reduced rates if you can volunteer for the entire duration of the class. All volunteers must be 18 or over or must volunteer with someone over 18.

The good news is that your membership gives you access to our online parent directory and fun times with the rest of the members--like PTA meetings coming this month!

If PTA membership is a financial hardship, please let one of the board members know as we have gift memberships we can award to families in need.

[Stacy Hatch](#)

Rockwell PTA President

## WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

[Smart with Art](#) - Registration opens at 10am **TODAY!**

- Mondays - 3:10-4:10 Imagine with Fashion, grades 1-5 (new class!) Class begins 1/23
- Wednesdays - 3:00-4:00 Create with Clay, grades K-5 (new class!) Class begins 1/25
- Thursdays - 3:10-4:10 Visual Arts, grades K-5 Class begins 2/2 \*Corrected from last Bugle.

**Smart with Art is offering discounted tuition if ONE parent can commit to volunteering EVERY class during the session. Please see registration page for details.**

[Chess 4 Life](#) - Registration now open

- Fridays - 3:00-4:05pm (grades K-5) Class begins 1/13

Please be sure to check each vendor website for detailed class descriptions and registration information. Per PTA guidelines, parents **MUST** be current Rockwell PTA members and must commit to **volunteer** during AT LEAST one class session per child enrolled (**In addition**, must be an approved LWSD volunteer).

Thank you!

[Elizabeth Rosemond](#)

Enrichment Chair

## LEGO ENGINEERING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

LEGO ENGINEERING CLUB - Winter Sessions

Lego club is back again for the winter sessions. Do sign up your kids for the sessions and don't forget to sign up to be a parent volunteer.

**Jedi Engineering using LEGO®** (K to 2nd Graders) from Jan 30th - Mar 27th on Mondays

The Force Awakens in this introductory engineering course for young Jedi! Explore engineering principles by designing and building projects such as LEGO® X-Wings, R2 Units, Energy Catapults, Defense Turrets, and Settlements from a galaxy far, far away. Create motorized and architectural projects with imagination and engineering to defeat the Empire!

No Class Dates: 2/20

Time: 3:15-4:45pm

[Sign up here](#)

**STEM Challenge with LEGO, Session 1** (3rd to 5th Graders) from Jan 31st - Mar 21st on Tuesdays

Power on your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of LEGO®! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as Catapults, Pneumatic Cranes, Arch Bridges, and Battletacks! Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. An experienced instructor will challenge new and returning students to engineer at the next level.

No Class Dates: None

Time: 3:15-4:45pm

[Sign up here](#)

This class is being sponsored by Rockwell PTA. A PTA MEMBER Parent needs to volunteer for each one of the sessions. Parents, please sign up using below to be volunteers.

[Jedi K-2](#)

[STEM 3-5](#)

[Sivakumar Ananthakrishnan](#)

Lego Engineering Club Chair

## CODING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### GAME DEVELOPMENT / BEGINNER

Grades 1-3

Tue, 3:10 PM-4:10 PM

Jan 10 - Mar 14

\$199 / 10-week session

Do you play games and wonder how they are created? Would you like to build your own computer programs? Come learn how at the Coding with Kids Academy! In this fun after-school class, you will be introduced to the core concepts of computer programming, including loops, conditionals and variables. Using the Scratch development environment, you will learn how to create your own programs, such as simple games, animations, and interactive stories. With new projects each session, you will be able to express your creativity and advance as a coder! Our progressive curriculum will allow you to move to the next level after just 1-2 sessions.

[Sign up here](#)

### GAME DEVELOPMENT / INTERMEDIATE-ADVANCED

Grades 3-5

Fri, 3:10 PM-4:10 PM

Jan 13 - Mar 17

no class on Feb 17, Mar 10

\$159 / 8-week session

Do you love coding and want to learn more? Push your programming skills to the next level in our Intermediate/Advanced class! INTERMEDIATE students will build on their previous knowledge and be introduced to more advanced concepts, such as nested

conditionals and functions with parameters. ADVANCED students will dive into complex concepts, such as game physics, arrays, and artificial intelligence. The Intermediate/Advanced coding class is recommended for kids who have already completed one or more sessions with the Coding with Kids Academy or have attended other Scratch coding classes (min. 15 hours of classes completed).

[Sign up here](#)

QUESTIONS? Email [Coding with Kids](#)

This class is being sponsored by Rockwell PTA. A PTA MEMBER Parent needs to volunteer for each one of the sessions. After registration, parents will have access to Sign Up Genius for slots.

[Swati Kaul](#)  
Coding Chair

### **PTA ESSAY CONTEST**

#### **Entries Due Wednesday, March 1**

"Men Making a Difference" is a statewide essay contest. It explores the important and different contributions that men make in the lives and education of children - from our children's perspective. All men involved in a child's life - fathers, uncles, grandpas, brothers, step-fathers, mentors, neighbors, pastors, coaches, and friends - impact the children they care about.

Is your child willing to write an essay about an important male in their life? [Read over the complete details here](#) and submit your entry & application by March 1st.

[Stacy Hatch](#)  
PTA President

### **SPRING RESOURCE FAIR**

#### **Saturday, March 18**

All parents and students from the Lake Washington School District are invited to attend Lake Washington PTSA Council's Spring Resource Fair. It will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Lake Washington Institute of Technology, 11605 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034.

Admission is free for everyone to attend.

[Stacy Hatch](#)  
Rockwell PTA President

### **ART OF DISCOVERY**

We had another amazing three weeks of the Art of Discovery program, a "mini museum" of seven original art pieces that live in our library for a few weeks, while classes come in one by one to experience and discuss their ideas, thoughts, and reactions to the art. In order for a program like this to succeed, there are many people involved who deserve a shout-out.

Thanks to Diane Davenport and Deb Ward, for letting us take over the library side room. Thanks to all the teachers who signed up and brought their classes in. Thanks to the PTA for its continued sponsorship of this program, which we run in conjunction with The Junior League of Seattle and the Bellevue Arts Museum.

Thanks to all the Art Docents who led the sessions: Leslie Edmunds, Mary Anne Blake, Angela Flynn, Patricia Lezama, Emily Curcio, Jon Yeckley, Kellie Larson, Seda Calargun, Holly Hall, Kristine Bikdash, and Rashmi Agarwal. Thanks to Julie Balkcum for help with unpacking/packing up the art.

Cheers to all of you!

"Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." -Franz Kafka

[Myriam Pollock](#)  
Art Docent Chair



We have some great SchoolPool news for you! The results have been tallied, and Rockwell had 244 participants, and earned **\$2440 for Rockwell PTA!** As an incentive for the students, participants who provided their contact information on the back of the calendars were mailed coupons for a free cookie at Hoffman's and \$2 off a paperback book from McDonald's Book Exchange.

We can't thank you enough for your participation! We're looking forward to doing it again this spring!

[Beth Batig](#)  
VP Volunteer Services

### BOX TOPS UPDATE



Great job, everyone! Thanks to all the Box Tops you turned in as part of our Fall contest, **our school received a check from Box Tops For Education for \$654!** Our goal for the year is \$1,000, so we are well on our way towards achieving that goal.

We will be having our second Box Tops contest next month, which will be a school-wide contest. So keep clipping and saving those Box Tops! You can save them in a Ziploc bag or envelope and bring them in during our February contest, which will be announced soon.

Click [here](#) for a list of participating products. Happy clipping!

[Ellie O'Rourke](#)  
Box Tops Chair



## QUICK LINKS - IN EVERY ISSUE

### Places to earn:

[Click here](#) for all the easy ways that your shopping can benefit Rockwell!

### [PeachJar E-Flyers:](#)

View the flyers approved by LWSD and targeted to Rockwell from local organizations...sports tryouts, after school classes, and community events.

### [PTA Membership Directory](#)

Join PTA to access all the directory information.

### Volunteer Application:

#### [LWSD Volunteer application](#)

It's easy to complete and is good for 2 years. Fill yours out or check your renewal status today! Do it now and be ready to volunteer when school begins!

### Rockwell PTA Facebook Page:

Stay connected and updated on Rockwell PTA, school, and community info. [Stop by and Like Us!](#) Don't miss any posts...after liking us, make sure to hover over the Liked Button to turn on notifications.

### Yearbook Photographs:

Upload your event photos as you take them! Use code DGQBGI at the secure [LifeTouch website](#).

### [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 may be submitted to the Peach Jar E-flyer system. 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**. The Bugle Staff reserves the right to be selective regarding the materials that are publicized.

Contact the Bugle staff or submit articles at [bugle@normanrockwellpta.org](mailto:bugle@normanrockwellpta.org)

#### **Denise Waters**

Beagle Bugle Editor  
Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA

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