

**BEAGLE BUGLE
Newsletter**

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1/2/2017

Upcoming Dates:

Link to LWSO [Tandem Calendar](#)

(Filtered for Rockwell, More LWSO events found there)

1/6/17

[Welcome Back Coffee](#)

1/16/17

NO SCHOOL: MLK DAY

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

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

2/23/17
PTA General Membership Meeting

2/24/17
Family Movie Night

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Rockwell families,

Happy New Year! Welcome to fresh starts, where we can return rested and renewed and ready for the challenges ahead. I hope your time away from school allowed everyone time with those you love.

Thank you to all who donated during our Week of Giving: We brought nearly 200 toys and 899 lbs of food to Hopelink! They were astonished at the generosity of our community and the kids were so excited to see all that we were able to do for those less fortunate. Your spirit of Compassion and Generosity was evident.

This month we will be talking and thinking about Determination -- setting our minds to new goals and staying with them when we are challenged to grow in new and sometimes scary ways. As we begin a new year together, let us seek ways to become our best selves, and to offer those to one another as well.

As Martin Luther King Jr advised, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." As we honor Dr. King this month, let us all seek to be sources of light and love for one another.

Happy New Year. Thank you, always, for the opportunity to work with your children.

[Kirsten Gometz](#)
Rockwell Principal

WELCOME BACK COFFEE
Friday, January 6

Welcome back coffee this Friday!

Rockwell PTA invites you to the library between 2:00 - 2:45pm on **Friday, January 6** for a quick cup of coffee! Bring a treat to share before the afternoon school bell rings.

This casual coffee break provides you the opportunity to say hello to familiar faces, welcome new families and thank one another for making Rockwell the great community it is.

[Stacy Hatch](#)
PTA President

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

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

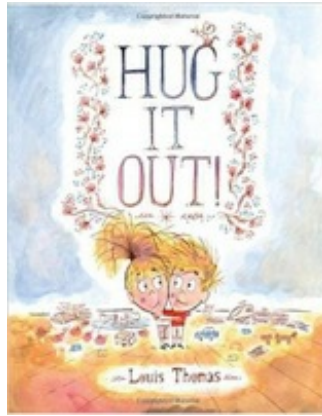
HOLIDAY THANK YOU



THANK YOU ROCKWELL FAMILIES!

Thanks to your generosity and compassion, we brought more than 600 food items and nearly 200 toys to Hopelink for the holidays. Many families and children will have a happier holiday season because of you. Thank you for truly making this a season of giving.

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**.

[Diane Davenport](#)

Teacher Librarian

WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

[Smart with Art](#) - Registration opens at 10am on **Monday, January 9**

- 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 1/26

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 Battlitracks! 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

5TH GRADE PARENTS: MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS

Be sure to consult the [TANDEM calendar](#) for Middle School meetings coming up this month. There are many options for your student for next year!

SAVE THE DATE: LEGISLATIVE FOCUS DAY **Monday, January 16, 2017**

Join us in Olympia, WA on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

This is an opportunity to advocate on behalf of the Rockwell PTA and share our school's funding needs with representatives and senators!

[Valdene Claux](#)
Legislative 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

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

Denise Waters

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