

BEAGLE BUGLE
Newsletter
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1/23/2017

Upcoming Dates:

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

1/23/17

[K-2 Author Visit](#)

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
PTA General Membership Meeting

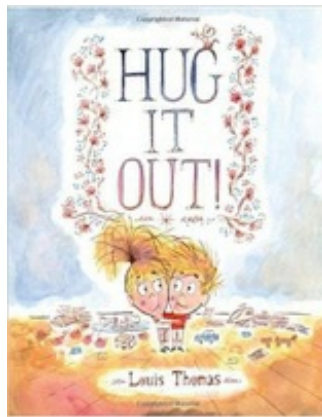
REDMOND COMMUNITY SURVEY

The city's lease on the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center is coming to an end next year. The Redmond Pool is more than 40 years old.

What should we do about all the classes, community group meetings and activities that are held at the center? Where will Redmond swimmers and teens go if the Redmond Pool or Teen Center isn't able to serve them due to age and conditions?

The city of Redmond is seeking your feedback. Visit [REDMOND COMMUNITY CENTER](#) to share your ideas for Redmond's Community Centers.

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".

[Diane Davenport](#)
Teacher Librarian

RMS INFORMATION NIGHT **Tuesday, January 24**

We would like to invite you to our 5th Grade Parent Night on **Tuesday, January 24th, from 6:30-8:30**. The official program begins at 7:00 PM in the gym and will end at 8:00.

The time slot 6:30 to 7:00 is optional as it is for a self-guided tour where the school will be open for you to walk around on your own to see what our school is like. We also will have some materials from 6th grade classes as well as a PTSA table set up for you to look at.

There is an optional question and answer session from 8:00-8:30 with Principal Kelly Clapp in the gym.

I look forward to meeting all of you next Tuesday.

[Kelly A. Clapp](#)

Principal, Redmond Middle School

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

HELP WANTED: PARENT VOLUNTEERS

PTA has been busy advocating for students at Legislative Focus Day January 16th, providing parent education January 19th and now we need a few volunteers to assist in operational tasks. If you are available to team up on the work ahead, we need **you!**

Mid-Year Financial Review

Needed this **Thursday, January 26th 12-3pm**: Join a team of two other volunteers to audit our books and reports. Only two PTA member volunteers are needed **by Wednesday**. Contact [Stacy](#) for location.

Capital Funds Committee

Needed Now- March: Our budget holds a lump sum of funds to either be used on a special project for the school OR make a motion to be reallocated into the PTA budget.

The task - Seek input from staff & parents, discuss with LWSD and present finding to the membership **March 30th**. Contact [Liz Kwan](#)

Nominations Committee for 2017-2018 Board

Now-May 11: PTA is seeking a THREE PTA member team.

The task - Receive training on **Jan 30th**, interview candidates, maintain confidentiality, fill the slate for 2017-2018 Elected PTA positions, and ensure our PTA's success for next year.

These THREE candidates will be officially elected as the Nominations Committee at the **March 30th** Membership meeting.

Elected PTA positions will be elected May 11th. Contact [Stacy](#) to volunteer.

FACE (Family and Community Engagement)

Needed Now-June: Rockwell is not just a building filled with people and materials. It is a welcome mixture of cultures and experiences!

The task: PTA is looking for volunteers to welcome new families, establish a "buddy system" (partner at events, build relationships) and provide PTA with feedback on better ways to address the needs and engage our new and existing families. Contact [Stacy](#) to help out.

Lunchroom Volunteer

Requested Now-June: The cafeteria serves over 600 students during lunch.

The task: **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**; 11:30-12:30pm TWO volunteers are asked to assist serve pizza, ensure students get fruits and veggies, wipe tables and pass out utensils.

You must be an approved LWSD volunteer. Contact [Stacy](#) to sign up.

SPELLING BEE

Friday, January 27

The Written Vocabulary Multiple Choice Test will be held on **January 27th, 2017 (11:30 am - 12:45pm)**. Good luck to all the spellers!

[Spelling Bee Team](#)

KEEP ALL STUDENTS SAFE

Speak up to keep schools and students safe!

If you or your student have information on threats to safety of students or staff, the district's SafeSchools Alert system now has four ways to report it. Threats to safety could include but aren't limited to bullying, intimidation, harassment, weapons or drugs. Reports may be made anonymously.

Here are the four ways you can report information:

- Website: <http://1342.alert1.us>
- Email: 1342@alert1.us
- Phone: 425-529-5763
- Text: 425-529-5763

All tips submitted to our SafeSchools Alert system are taken seriously and will be acted on.

THANK YOU AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT OFFERED!!! The teachers now have the microwaves and silverware they need.

One more request: The health room often has students with wet clothes from accidents or recess rain, so they supply clothes for students and they are OUT of socks. Please send in socks for students, all sizes for boys and girls! They will replenish their needs and donate the rest!

FUNDRAISING GOALS MET!

A Heartfelt Thank You!

On behalf of the Norman Rockwell PTA, I'd like to share the fantastic news that we have reached our fundraising goals for the 2016-17 school year! Hurray!

THANK YOU for your Pass the Hat donations, your PTA memberships, and your Corporate Matching gifts. It is wonderful to know that all our planned academic enrichment, school services, and events will be fully-funded for this year! Can't remember what Pass the Hat is about? Check it out here: <http://normanrockwellpta.org/Page/Fundraising/PassTheHat>

Of course, we do continue with fundraising throughout the year. :) We will continue to have monthly Rockwell Dines Out events, as well as other smaller drives.

Please don't forget to fill out your [Corporate Matching forms](#)! We are still a little short on the pledged amounts for this, and it would be great to reap the matching funds from your organizations.

[Myriam Pollock](#)
Fundraising Chair

MATH CHALLENGE #7 WINNERS

Thanks for all those who participated in Math Challenge #7. Congratulations to the following winners: Vyas P, Cinar G, Pranav V, Prema J, Elaine C, Max C, Even E, Cooper K, Koji H, Sebastian K, Layla A, Talah A.

Cheers,
[Mandy Ning](#)
[Nithya Nagarajan](#)
[Kit Craig](#)

ROCKWELL SPRING MUSICAL: SHREK JR.

Norman Rockwell PTA in partnership with Youth Theatre Northwest announce the spring musical will be the hilarious stage spectacle, **Shrek The Musical JR**. The Rockwell musical builds performance confidence, life skills and close friendships.

No performing experience necessary. Participation is open to all 4th and 5th graders.

Registration and audition details coming soon.

[Dawn Hildebrand](#)
Producer

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Salmon eggs have arrived in the tank at Rockwell. If you are at school stop by and take a look. They are currently in the eyed egg stage and in a few weeks they will hatch and become alevins. Then in February they will "swim up" or emerge from the gravel and become fry.

In early March, the 4th grade students will begin to feed the fry. At that time we will need lots of **parent volunteers to help supervise the feeding**. Also I will be needing someone to **monitor the tank and salmon during Spring break** as I will be out of town. This would entail a couple of trips to the tank to check on it.

If you are interested in helping with either of these things contact [Nate Chinn](#) for information.

[Nate Chinn](#)
Chair of Salmon in the Classroom

REDMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL: BEAUTY & THE BEAST February 2-4

Don't miss the RMS production of Beauty and the Beast Jr. [Click here for details!](#)

February 2nd & 3rd at 7pm, and Saturday, February 4th at 2pm & 7pm

\$8 Adults

\$5 Children under 12



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

Click Here for Our [Flyer!](#)



MEMBER BENEFIT: LUZIA TICKETS

Cirque du Soleil returns to Marymoor Park, under the Big Top, with its newest creation, LUZIA opening Thursday, March 30. [Take advantage of the Family Pack offer](#) and get 20% off tickets on select show times (minimum: 3 tickets; maximum: 8 tickets).

LUZIA is a poetic and acrobatic ode to the rich and vibrant culture of Mexico. Like in a waking dream, LUZIA takes you to an imaginary Mexico, where light quenches the spirit and rain soothes the soul. The tableaux of LUZIA weave an intricate, contemporary mosaic that awakens your senses and transports you to a place suspended between dreams and reality.

[Stacy Hatch](#)

Rockwell PTA President

MEMBER BENEFIT: TICKETS

Great Wolf Lodge discount, [click here](#).

Disney World discount, [click here](#).

[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

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](#)

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.

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

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

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

Beagle Bugle Editor

Norman Rockwell Elementary PTA

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