



Roguewood Reporter

Roguewood Elementary: A National and State Blue Ribbon School

"Making the world a better place one student at a time"

MAY-JUNE 2010

Summer Child Care

Available for children ages 3-going into 6th grade at the administration building on Main Street. Open 7am-6pm, M-F. Children are divided by grade. The theme is THE AMAZING RACE. Children will be involved in games, sports, nature, crafts, literacy, science, swimming, special themed activity days, walking and bus field trips. Cost for school age children is \$25.00 a day, call 863-6560 for pricing for preschool children and for more information. Minimum enrollment is 2 days a week.

PTO MEETING MAY 20TH @ 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

Student Placement Parent Input Forms are DUE by MAY 21, 2010!

The school staff and Mr. Hibbeln will soon be working together to develop class lists for next school year. The goal in this process is to insure that class placements consider each child's unique academic, social, emotional and medical needs. Parent input in this process is highly valued and encouraged. If you'd like to share your thoughts with us please pick up a **Student Placement Input Form** in the Roguewood office.

IN-DISTRICT SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROCEDURES

- A Schools of Choice application form **MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED EACH YEAR.**
- A schools of choice application may be granted or denied based on class size and projected enrollment.
 - Decisions regarding schools of choice applications will be announced in mid-August.
- Applications for schools of choice are currently available in all elementary school offices and at the Adm. Bldg.

SOC FORMS ARE DUE BY MAY 21, 2010

**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND
NO SCHOOL MAY 28th & 31st**

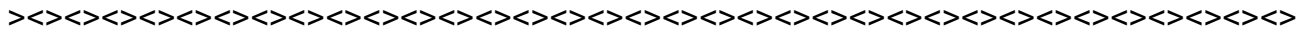
**FIELD DAY THURSDAY JUNE 3 FOR GRADES 1-5
GRADES 1&2 From 9:45-11:30 GRADES 3-5 From 1:10-3:30**

**HONORS DAY CELEBRATION GRADES 3-5
FRIDAY JUNE 4TH @ 1:00 P.M.
IN THE GYM**

Calendar

MAY & JUNE 2010

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| Tuesday May 18 | Roguewood Family Night – Whitecaps |
| Thursday May 20 | PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday May 21 | Relay for Life begins @ NRMS |
| Monday May 24 | 5th Grade Choir Concert – 6:00 p.m. @ Frenz Coffee House |
| Friday & Monday May 28 & May 31 | No School Memorial Day Holiday Weekend |
| Wednesday June 2 | RSI Cultural Program at the Freshman Center |
| Thursday June 3 | Field Day for Grades 1-5 Grades 1 & 2 from 9:45-11:30 Grades 3-5 from 1:10-3:30 (In the event of rain, make-up day for Field Day will be Tuesday June 8 th) |
| Thursday June 4 | Grades 3-5 Recognition Ceremony in the gym |
| Monday June 7 | 5 th graders to Camp Roger |
| Wednesday, Thursday Friday: June 9, 10 & 11 | Half-days, school dismisses @ 11:50 a.m. |



*******FIFTH GRADE PARENTS*******
PLEASE SEE THE NEXT 3 PAGES
FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 6TH GRADE

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT ROCKFORD

Instrumental music at Rockford begins in the sixth grade. In the sixth grade the students meet in four full band instrument groups. There are two sixth grade bands at North Rockford Middle School and two at East Rockford Middle School. During this beginning instrumental experience the students work on the fundamentals of playing the instrument and toward a better understanding of the basics of music. There are also two concerts during the year, one before the holiday break and another in the spring. The students in the 6th grade band also take part in the 6th Grade Solo Festival after January.

The Middle Schools also have a Concert Band for seventh grade students and a Symphonic Band for eighth grade students. Both the Concert Band and Symphonic Band perform local concerts, attend District and State Festivals, and students have the opportunity to participate in small ensembles or as soloists. Each year the 7th Grade Band performs at a home Whitecaps game and the 8th Grade Band travels to Chicago in May to take part in their annual Chicago trip.

The North Rockford Bands have a long history of excellence. The Symphonic Band was selected in 2005 and 2008 to perform at the Michigan Music Conference. The bands at NRMS have consistently received Superior ratings at District and State festivals.

The Rockford High School Instrumental Music Program consists of five bands: a Wind Ensemble, a Symphonic Band, a Concert Band, and two Jazz Bands. These five concert organizations combine to form the Rockford High School Marching Band.

During the fall the marching band performs at all home football games and some away games. The band also competes at various marching competitions and festivals throughout the West Michigan area. The marching band has performed for the Detroit Lions and has also participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

The Rockford Bands are recognized throughout the state and nation as truly outstanding performing organizations. It is our hope that the Rockford Music Program will continue to grow in quality and quantity and in this way provide an even better musical education for those students who take part. Please feel free to call me at school or email me if you have any questions concerning any aspect of the North Rockford Instrumental Music Program.

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NORTH ROCKFORD BANDS ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parent:

In August, we will be kicking off our instrumental music beginners' program in the Rockford Public Schools. If your student is planning on taking band or is interested in taking band this fall, we would like the opportunity to fit your child to a musical instrument in August.

Which instrument should my child play? This fitting process involves letting your child play the various instruments, therefore determining which instrument will allow your child the greatest opportunity for success. Each student will be given a hands-on experience with the various instruments used in our band program, with instruction on proper mouth formation, hand position, and posture. Our goal is to select the instrument on which your child can produce the ***best sound***. We believe any child selected by this process has the basic ingredients to become a successful member of our band program.

When can my child be fitted for an instrument? Instrument fittings will take place as listed below between **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm** in the band room at each school:

East Rockford MS - 8 am to 4 pm North Rockford MS - 8 am to 4 pm
Monday August 23 Wednesday August 25
Tuesday August 24 Thursday August 26

The band directors will be unavailable from 1 p.m. till 1:30 p.m. each day for lunch. If you cannot make it to your scheduled school times then feel free to stop by at any time during the scheduled fitting times at either school.

If you are unable to come to any of the fitting dates, please have your child see Mr. McCarthy on the first day of school to setup an appointment.

At Rockford we have a fine Instrumental Music Program for everyone who desires to participate. I hope that your family considers participating in the band program at NRMS. I look forward to meeting all of you at band fittings in August.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Cullen McCarthy NRMS Band Director cmccarthy@rockfordschools.org

VOCAL MUSIC NORTH ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Vocal music studies at Rockford begin in the sixth grade. Students choosing choir are assigned to one of two different class periods (based upon the magnet to which they are assigned). During this beginning vocal experience the students work on fundamentals of singing and music reading, working toward a thorough understanding of the basics of music. There are three performances during the year: a Christmas concert, a performance at the Rockford Expo and a spring concert.

Boys and girls are grouped together in sixth grade. Choirs in 7th and 8th grade are split by gender into three groups: seventh grade girls; eighth grade girls; and seventh and eighth grade combined boys. Seventh and eighth grade choir students may perform in local concerts, attend District and State Festivals, and have the opportunity to perform as soloists and in small ensembles. The major concerts are at Christmas, District Festival (where we have been very successful) and a late spring concert. Seventh and eighth grade students may also have the opportunity to audition for the Middle School State Honors Choir sponsored by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA).

There is an exciting future ahead for you in vocal music and it all starts in sixth grade. We promise to continue to provide the best music education possible for our students. We are excited about you becoming a part of this successful tradition in Rockford.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us concerning any aspect of the Rockford Vocal Music Program. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

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Mandy Scott, Director
Rockford High School Choirs (Freshman Center)