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Quality Schools, Quality Community... Together Building A Tradition Of Excellence



Dr. Michael Shibler

The above statement has been an important part of the Rockford Public Schools logo for over 20 years. Not only is the declaration true, it is ongoing – we live it every day.

The Rockford Public Schools and Rockford community enjoy a real and functioning partnership which has endured and expanded over the years. Despite the current economic challenges which are negatively impacting state, local, school, and family budgets, RPS remains an exemplary educational institution because of our people!

Several weeks ago, I spoke at the Citizens Research Council's annual conference in Detroit and I was asked, "What has RPS done, and what is RPS doing to improve educational opportunities for students?" Before I could finish my answer, the program moderator had to "cut me off" because the list of our accomplishments is so lengthy.

That question made me realize the importance of reminding the Rockford community of just a few of the excellent opportunities and successes we have enjoyed despite the economy.

Beginning in 1989, we began conducting focus groups and surveys of parents, employees, students, and the community at large to identify priorities and expectations for RPS. Thus, the first Rockford Action Model for Success (RAMS I) was born. Every three years since

that time, a new and relevant RAMS model has been created with input from our school/community. RAMS VII is nearing completion, and we have already started the process to create RAMS VIII. This ongoing strategic blueprint for continuous improvement has played a major role in our success.

RPS has earned a strong reputation as an exemplary public school system based on the following facts:

- Rockford is the only school district in Michigan to require students to demonstrate proficiency in math and language arts by successfully passing the ACT WorkKeys high school competency tests to earn a high school diploma.
- All of our schools are recognized by the State Board of Education as exemplary Blue Ribbon Schools, which is based on student achievement test scores, educational programs, and parent involvement. We are the only school district in Kent County to earn this recognition.
- As defined by the federal government's No Child Left Behind Act and Michigan's Education YES! initiative, all of our schools have earned AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) and straight A's for the past six years.
- All of our schools are accredited by the NCA (North Central Association of Schools).
- Last spring, RPS earned the highest level of district-wide accreditation by the NCA, the AdvancED accreditation.
- We offer high school AP (Advanced Placement) and honors classes in all disciplines.
- Many world language opportunities are available, including elementary Spanish Immersion and four-year programs in Japanese and Mandarin Chinese at the high school level (in addition to traditional world languages of French, German, and Spanish).

- Every year, many students are named National Merit Semi-Finalists and Finalists.
- Our middle and high school bands have won numerous state competitions.
- Our choirs have been invited to perform throughout Michigan and the United States.
- Our theater program has performed such challenging musicals as *Beauty & the Beast* and *Les Miserables*, receiving accolades comparable to college and professional productions.

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- Several students have received scholarships and recognition for their outstanding works of art.
- Students and staff make a difference in our community by volunteering thousands of hours and raising money for charitable causes, including Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, etc.
- Many intramural and club sports opportunities are available for middle and high school students.
- The district offers 34 varsity interscholastic opportunities, with nearly 60 percent student participation.
- Students have earned 31 state athletic championships, mostly since the mid 1990's.
- Odyssey of the Mind teams have earned several awards, including four world championships.
- Our TV studio has won numerous state-wide awards for excellence.
- We offer an array of community services, including Hola Amigos preschool, student and adult leisure time and recreational activities, and opportunities for our senior citizens.
- The Rockford community has shown support for the schools by passing several bond issues. With the 2008 bond, classrooms were added to many schools, technology was updated, infrastructure was improved, Classrooms of the Future became a reality, and 20 athletic/recreation fields were added for students and the community.
- Our energy conservation program has saved the district several million dollars in energy costs, and every facility has earned the Energy Star Award for energy conservation.


The above examples are a small representation of RPS' commitment to be the very best for our students and community. We practice continuous improvement despite a difficult economic environment and, with strong community support, we will continue to build on our tradition of excellence.



Michael S. Shibley, Ph.D.
 Superintendent of Schools
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Everybody Love Everybody!



**Stephen May
Scholarship
Fundraiser**

Friday November 26, 2010
7:00 p.m. – Midnight
 Assumption Catholic Church
 Family Life and Church
 Activity Center
 6369 Belmont Avenue NE

Live Music
 Featuring "Tribune" and "Main Street"
Food • Cash Bar • Silent Auction

Students \$5.00
Adults \$10.00

Interested in helping?
 Volunteers contact Dixie Newell
 at DNewell@rockfordschools.org
 or call Dixie at 616. 874.5871
 For donations contact Colette Smiley
 at crsmiley@comcast.net

YEAR OF THE RAM



We are so blessed to live, work, volunteer, go to school, and belong to such a wonderful community. The Rockford Community always displays their RAM pride. This year, one way to show our RAM pride is through a business, community and school district partnership by celebrating the “Year of the RAM” community art project.

Nearly 25 businesses and another 15 organizations and schools partnered up to create and show off our own local art prize. Wait until you see the nearly 45 RAMS on the dam, around the city and surrounding area, and at the Rockford High School homecoming football game on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010. The RAMS will appear in the Santa Claus parade on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 2010 as well.

Most of the RAMS have been designed by students. All of these RAMS have been painted by teachers, students, local

artists, and Kendall School of Art and Design. Please visit downtown Rockford and the surrounding areas to see this successful community project beginning Thursday evening, Sept. 30, 2010, and continuing through Friday, Oct. 15, 2010. The RAMS then will be displayed permanently throughout the community. Let our businesses know that we appreciate what they do for our community.

This is yet another example of how special our community is. We look forward to continuing our RAM Pride together.

Jamie Hosford,
Assist. Superintendent of Human Resources

Rockford Public Schools Hall of Fame Committee Sends

Thanks

Earlier this month, the Rockford Public Schools and the Rockford Education Foundation inducted 10 individuals into the first ever Rockford Public Schools Hall of Fame. The RPS Hall of Fame committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make this a success.

Thank you to our Sponsors!

The RPS Hall of Fame weekend was a tremendous success due in great part to the sponsors that made the event possible. Thank you to our Master Sponsors: Wolverine World Wide, United Bank, and Grand Rapids Controls. These local businesses committed to sponsoring the granite monument you see in front of Rockford High School. If you have not already seen the commemorative monument you will want to stop by and see it. It is as impressive as the inductees themselves.

Additional sponsors who partnered with the Hall of Fame were: Patten Monument; Rockford High School Class of '77; Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge; Jack & Madelyn Bolt; Ron & Nancy Hager; Jon & Carol Muth; Randy & Diane Sellhorn; Bishop Hills; Blakeslee, Fry & Scales; Drs. Dater & Cadorette DDS; Founders Bank & Trust; Herremans Orthodontics; Huntington Bank; Lake Michigan Credit Union; McDonalds – Randy & Debbie Price; Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.; Speese Painting Co., LLC; Thom & Sue Arends; Neil & Mary Blakeslee; Doug & Jeri Derks; Ric & Kirsten Farmer; Jim & Jacquie Fase; Greg Garner & Kate Bolt Garner; Floyd & Nancy Martin; John & Jacque Melin; Bob & Cathy Newberg; Wayne & Carole Richardson - State Farm Insurance; and Paul & Sue Spindler. All contributed in making this event successful.

Thank you to local restaurants!

The following restaurants provided the food for our Inductee Dinner: Bostwick Lake Inn, Cannonsburg Grist Mill, Grill One Eleven, and Johnny B'z. The menus were delicious and helped make the evening a success.

Thank you to all our Volunteers!

Thank you one and all for helping us put on a great event. Your volunteerism for the months leading up to the weekend of events, and the actual event weekend, helped bring the inductees back to Rockford to inspire our students. No matter what your role was, the event was a great success and we could not have done this without you!

Thank you to our Advisory Council!

The role of the Advisory Council was to review the nominated candidates and select the inductees. We appreciate the time, special effort, and consideration the following volunteers provided: Wally Anderson, Neil Blakeslee, Jack Bolt, Dan Gaydou, Sarah Ginebaugh, Dr. Ryan Kelley, Nancy Martin, Jacquie Melin, Fred Reusch, and Jim Scales.

Thank you to our Inductees!

This inaugural class of inductees had a busy weekend. They travelled from their homes, attended receptions and the monument dedication, and spoke in classrooms throughout the district. We would like to thank them for sharing their individual talents with students and community members. Without their participation there would be no RPS Hall of Fame. The inductee class of 2010 is as follows: Carole Baker, Scott Baldridge, Linda Blackmore, Clarence Blakeslee, Neil Blakeslee, Erik Douglas, Brett Grill, Linda Johnston, Michael Lepech, and Dr. Michael Shibler.

The Rockford Public Schools Hall of Fame is a biennial event. Our next induction weekend will be in 2012. If you know an individual that has graduated from the Rockford school system that deserves this honor, please nominate them. Nomination forms for 2012 are available at www.rockfordschools.org/ref

The Buy a Brick campaign is on-going. Brick pavers are available for purchase and make great gifts for Christmas, graduation, birthdays, or as a remembrance. This is a great way to honor a loved one and contribute to REF. For more information call 863-6317.



On Friday, September 17th, Mrs. Sollner's 5th graders at Belmont spent the day celebrating 223 years since the birth of our nation's Constitution. Many of the students came to school dressed in red, white and blue.

Holiday Foods WITH DEANNA HOUSE

Jump start your Holiday Season with quick and easy recipes that will please both family and friends. Door prizes and samples will be cleverly packaged for gift giving. *You may be a winner!*

Tuesday, November 2
7:00-9:00 p.m.
(1 session) #1202-F10A
RHFC Cafe - \$10

Register online at
www.rpssignmeup.com



2010-11 RHS Rams Fall/Winter Athletics

Basketball Boys Varsity

Friday	12/10/10	East Grand Rapids HS	Home	6:00PM
Saturday	12/11/10	Muskegon Heights HS	Away	6:00PM
Tuesday	12/14/10	West Ottawa High School	Away	7:00PM
Friday	12/17/10	Grandville High School	Home	6:00PM
Monday	12/27/10	Holiday Hoops vs E Lansing	Away	TBA
Tuesday	01/04/11	Hudsonville High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	01/07/11	Grand Haven High School	Home	6:00PM
Tuesday	01/11/11	Kalamazoo Central	Home	7:00PM
Friday	01/14/11	Janison High School	Away	6:00PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Forest Hills Northern	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/25/11	Muskegon HS	Home	7:00PM
Friday	01/28/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	6:00PM
Tuesday	02/01/11	West Ottawa High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	02/04/11	Grandville High School	Away	6:00PM
Tuesday	02/08/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	7:00PM
Friday	02/11/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	6:00PM
Friday	02/18/11	Janison High School	Home	6:00PM
Tuesday	02/22/11	Muskegon HS	Away	7:00PM
Friday	02/25/11	East Kentwood High School	Home	6:00PM
Monday	03/07/11	Districts Week	Away	TBA

Basketball Boys JV

Thursday	12/09/10	East Grand Rapids HS	Away	7:00PM
Saturday	12/11/10	Muskegon Heights HS	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	12/14/10	West Ottawa High School	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	12/16/10	Grandville High School	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	01/04/11	Hudsonville High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	01/06/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	01/11/11	Kalamazoo Central	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	01/13/11	Janison High School	Home	7:00PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Forest Hills Northern	Home	3:30PM
Tuesday	01/25/11	Muskegon HS	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	01/27/11	East Kentwood High School	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	02/01/11	West Ottawa High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	02/03/11	Grandville High School	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	02/08/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	02/10/11	Grand Haven High School	Home	7:00PM
Thursday	02/17/11	Janison High School	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	02/22/11	Muskegon HS	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	02/24/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	7:00PM

Basketball Boys Freshman

Thursday	12/09/10	East Grand Rapids HS	Away	5:30PM
Saturday	12/11/10	Muskegon Heights HS	Away	2:00PM
Tuesday	12/14/10	West Ottawa High School	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	12/16/10	Grandville High School	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	01/04/11	Hudsonville High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	01/06/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	01/11/11	Kalamazoo Central	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	01/13/11	Janison High School	Home	5:30PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Forest Hills Northern	Home	12:30PM
Tuesday	01/25/11	Muskegon HS	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	01/27/11	East Kentwood High School	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	02/01/11	West Ottawa High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	02/03/11	Grandville High School	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	02/08/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	02/10/11	Grand Haven High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	02/17/11	Janison High School	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	02/22/11	Muskegon HS	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	02/24/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	5:30PM

Basketball Girls Varsity

Tuesday	11/30/10	Northview High School	Away	7:30PM
Friday	12/03/10	Forest Hills Central HS	Away	7:00PM
Friday	12/10/10	East Grand Rapids HS	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	12/14/10	West Ottawa High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	12/17/10	Grandville High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/04/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	7:00PM
Friday	01/07/11	Grand Haven High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/11/11	West Catholic High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	01/14/11	Janison High School	Away	7:30PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Forest Hills Northern	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	01/25/11	Muskegon HS	Away	7:00PM
Friday	01/28/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	02/01/11	West Ottawa High School	Away	7:00PM
Friday	02/04/11	Grandville High School	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	02/08/11	Hudsonville High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	02/11/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	7:30PM
Friday	02/18/11	Janison High School	Home	7:30PM

Tuesday	02/22/11	Muskegon HS	Home	7:00PM
Friday	02/25/11	East Kentwood High School	Home	7:30PM
Monday	02/28/11	Districts Week	Away	TBA
Friday	03/04/11	District Finals	Away	TBA
Tuesday	03/08/11	Regionals Week	Away	TBA

Basketball Girls JV

Tuesday	11/30/10	Northview High School	Away	5:30PM
Friday	12/03/10	Forest Hills Central HS	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	12/09/10	East Grand Rapids HS	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	12/14/10	West Ottawa High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	12/16/10	Grandville High School	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	01/04/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	01/06/11	Grand Haven High School	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	01/11/11	West Catholic High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	01/13/11	Janison High School	Away	7:00PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Forest Hills Northern	Home	2:00PM
Tuesday	01/25/11	Muskegon HS	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	01/27/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	02/01/11	West Ottawa High School	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	02/03/11	Grandville High School	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	02/08/11	Hudsonville High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	02/10/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	7:00PM
Thursday	02/17/11	Janison High School	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	02/22/11	Muskegon HS	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	02/24/11	East Kentwood High School	Home	7:00PM

Basketball Girls Freshman

Tuesday	11/30/10	Northview High School	Away	4:00PM
Friday	12/03/10	Forest Hills Central HS	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	12/09/10	East Grand Rapids HS	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	12/14/10	West Ottawa High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	12/16/10	Grandville High School	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	01/04/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	01/06/11	Grand Haven High School	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	01/11/11	West Catholic High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	01/13/11	Janison High School	Away	5:30PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Forest Hills Northern	Home	11:00AM
Tuesday	01/25/11	Muskegon HS	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	01/27/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	02/01/11	West Ottawa High School	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	02/03/11	Grandville High School	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	02/08/11	Hudsonville High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	02/10/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	02/17/11	Janison High School	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	02/22/11	Muskegon HS	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	02/24/11	East Kentwood High School	Home	5:30PM

Ice Hockey Boys Varsity

Friday	11/12/10	Scrimmage: G.H., DeWitt, St John	Home	8:00PM
Wednesday	11/17/10	Scrimmage: Kenowa Hills	Home	7:00PM
Friday	11/26/10	E.K. Thanksgiving Tourney vs FHC	Away	8:00PM
Saturday	11/27/10	E.K. Thanksgiving Tour 2/4 pm	Away	TBA
Friday	12/03/10	West Catholic High School	Away	8:00PM
Saturday	12/04/10	Tier I Showcase: EGR @ Muskegon	Away	TBA
Saturday	12/11/10	FHN/E Away 5:00PM		
Wednesday	12/15/10	Muskegon Catholic Central	Away	6:30PM
Saturday	12/18/10	G.R. Catholic Central	Home	7:30PM
Wednesday	12/29/10	Big Rapids New Years Tourney	Away	5:00PM
Thursday	12/30/10	Big Rapids New Years Tour 1/3pm	Away	TBA
Wednesday	01/05/11	Reeths-Puffer High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	01/07/11	Walker Classic vs Grandville	Away	8:00PM
Saturday	01/08/11	Walker Classic 1/3 pm	Away	TBA
Wednesday	01/12/11	Mona Shores High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	01/14/11	East Grand Rapids HS	Away	7:30PM
Saturday	01/15/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	7:00PM
Wednesday	01/19/11	Mona Shores High School	Away	6:30PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Forest Hills Central HS	Away	8:00PM
Wednesday	01/26/11	Forest Hills Northern	Home	7:00PM
Friday	01/28/11	GR Christian High School	Home	8:00PM
Friday	02/04/11	Grandville - Dawg Classic	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/05/11	Grandville - Dawg Classic	Away	TBA
Friday	02/18/11	Manistee - Sr Night	Home	8:00PM
Wednesday	02/23/11	Muskegon Catholic Central	Home	7:00PM
Friday	02/25/11	G.R. Catholic Central	Away	7:00PM

Wrestling Boys Varsity

Thursday	12/02/10	Orange & Black	Home	6:00PM
Friday	12/03/10	JV Wrestling Invite	Home	5:30PM
Saturday	12/04/10	Comstock Park Inv	Away	TBA
Saturday	12/04/10	Allendale - 'B' Tourney (2 teams)	Away	9:30AM
Wednesday	12/08/10	Janison High School	Home	6:00PM
Saturday	12/11/10	Kent County Classic @ Union - Var A	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	12/11/10	Holt - JV Invite	Away	9:00AM
Wednesday	12/15/10	Grand Haven High School	Away	6:00PM
Saturday	12/18/10	Holland - Tim Horn Tourn - Var A	Away	9:00AM
Wednesday	12/22/10	Greenville JV Invite	Away	11:00AM

Wednesday	12/22/10	Varsity Quad	Home	5:00PM
Wednesday	12/29/10	Canton High School	Away	9:00AM
Wednesday	01/05/11	West Ottawa High School	Away	6:00PM
Saturday	01/08/11	E Kentwood - JV Invite	Away	9:30AM
Saturday	01/08/11	Allendale Tourny - 2 teams	Away	9:30AM
Wednesday	01/12/11	Muskegon HS	Home	6:00PM
Saturday	01/15/11	Northview - B Tourny	Away	8:00AM
Saturday	01/15/11	Kenowa Hills - JV Invite	Away	8:30AM
Saturday	01/15/11	Rockford Varsity Invite	Home	9:00AM
Wednesday	01/19/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	6:00PM
Saturday	01/22/11	Holt - Varsity Invite	Away	10:00AM
Wednesday	01/26/11	Grandville High School	Home	6:00PM
Saturday	01/29/11	Varsity 'B' Invite	Home	9:00AM
Wednesday	02/02/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	6:00PM
Saturday	02/05/11	Conference @ Gr Haven	Away	TBA
Thursday	02/10/11	Team Districts	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/12/11	Individ. Districts	Away	TBA
Wednesday	02/16/11	Team Regionals	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/19/11	Individ. Regionals	Away	TBA
Friday	02/25/11	State Finals W/End	Away	TBA
Thursday	03/03/11	Individ. Finals (3rd-5th)	Away	TBA

Bowling Boys/Girls Varsity

Monday	12/13/10	Grandville High School	Home	3:30PM
Wednesday	12/15/10	Hudsonville High School	Away	3:30PM
Saturday	12/18/10	Bangor John Glen Holiday Bowl (Girls)	Away	TBA
Wednesday	01/05/11	Jenison High School	Home	3:30PM
Monday	01/10/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	3:30PM
Monday	01/17/11	Muskegon HS	Home	3:30PM
Wednesday	01/19/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	3:30PM
Monday	01/24/11	Grandville High School	Away	3:30PM
Wednesday	01/26/11	Hudsonville High School	Home	3:30PM
Saturday	01/29/11	E Kentwood Invite	Away	10:30AM
Monday	01/31/11	Jenison High School	Away	3:30PM
Wednesday	02/02/11	Grand Haven High School	Home	3:30PM
Wednesday	02/09/11	Muskegon HS	Away	3:30PM
Monday	02/14/11	East Kentwood High School	Home	3:30PM
Saturday	02/19/11	Conference @ Muskegon	Away	TBA
Friday	02/25/11	Regionals W/End	Away	TBA
Friday	03/04/11	State Finals W/End	Away	TBA

Gymnastics Girls Varsity

Saturday	12/18/10	Christmas Quad	Home	11:00AM
Saturday	01/08/11	Rockford Flip-Flop Invite	Home	10:00AM
Wednesday	01/12/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	7:00PM
Wednesday	01/19/11	Lowell High School	Away	7:00PM
Wednesday	01/26/11	Kenowa Hills High School	Home	7:00PM
Saturday	01/29/11	Kenowa Hills Invite	Away	10:00AM
Wednesday	02/02/11	Forest Hills Northern	Away	7:00PM
Wednesday	02/09/11	Mona Shores High School	Away	7:00PM

Saturday	02/19/11	Conference @ Mona Shores	Away	TBA
Saturday	03/05/11	Regionals	Home	TBA
Friday	03/11/11	State W/End	Away	TBA

Compet. Cheer Girls Varsity

Wednesday	01/05/11	OK Red Pre-Conference @ EK	Away	TBA
Wednesday	02/09/11	OK Red Post-Season Conf @ G-ville	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/12/11	PR Cheer	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/19/11	Cheer Districts	Home	TBA

Compet. Cheer Girls JV

Wednesday	01/05/11	OK Red Pre-Conference	Home	6:00PM
Tuesday	01/25/11	EK - Falcon Invite #2	Away	6:00PM
Monday	02/07/11	OK Red Post-Season Conf @ H-ville	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/12/11	PR Cheer	Away	TBA

Compet. Cheer Girls Freshman

Wednesday	01/05/11	OK Red Pre-Conference	Home	TBA
Tuesday	01/25/11	EK - Falcon Invite #2	Away	6:00PM
Monday	02/07/11	OK Red Post-Season Conf @ H-ville	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/12/11	PR Cheer	Away	TBA

Swimming/Diving Boys Varsity

Tuesday	12/07/10	Byron Center High School	Away	6:30PM
Thursday	01/06/11	Hudsonville High School	Away	6:30PM
Saturday	01/08/11	Rockford Varsity Swim Invite	Home	10:00AM
Thursday	01/13/11	Jenison High School	Home	6:30PM
Thursday	01/20/11	Grand Haven High School	Away	6:30PM
Thursday	01/27/11	West Ottawa High School	Away	6:30PM
Saturday	02/05/11	Grandville 9/10 Invite	Away	9:00AM
Thursday	02/10/11	East Kentwood High School	Away	6:30PM
Thursday	02/17/11	Grandville High School	Home	6:30PM
Thursday	02/24/11	Conference (24, 25 & 26th)	Away	TBA
Friday	03/11/11	State Finals	Away	TBA
Saturday	03/12/11	State Finals	Away	TBA

ALL-SPORTS PASSES

All-Sports Passes are available at the RHS Athletic Office

Family Pass \$185 Adult Pass \$70
Student Pass \$50
Adult Punch Pass \$40
Student Punch Pass \$20

CHANGES & DAILY UPDATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE RPS ATHLETIC WEBPAGE OR @ highschoolsports.net

Ruth Hosler Open House

Ruth Hosler has completed her 35th year with the Rockford Community Services Preschool Program.

She has enjoyed having the children of former preschool students in class. Ruth attended Grand Rapids Community College and has completed additional studies in preschool workshops at Calvin College. She has also been personally involved with children through several church programs, and is active in other programs and organizations for Rockford Public Schools. Ruth enjoys spending her free time outdoors, hiking, cross country skiing, gardening, and traveling. She has two grown children who both attended Rockford Public Schools.

Please join us as we honor Ruth for her many years of service.

The open house will be October 21st from 5-7 pm at the Administration Building in the Board Room.



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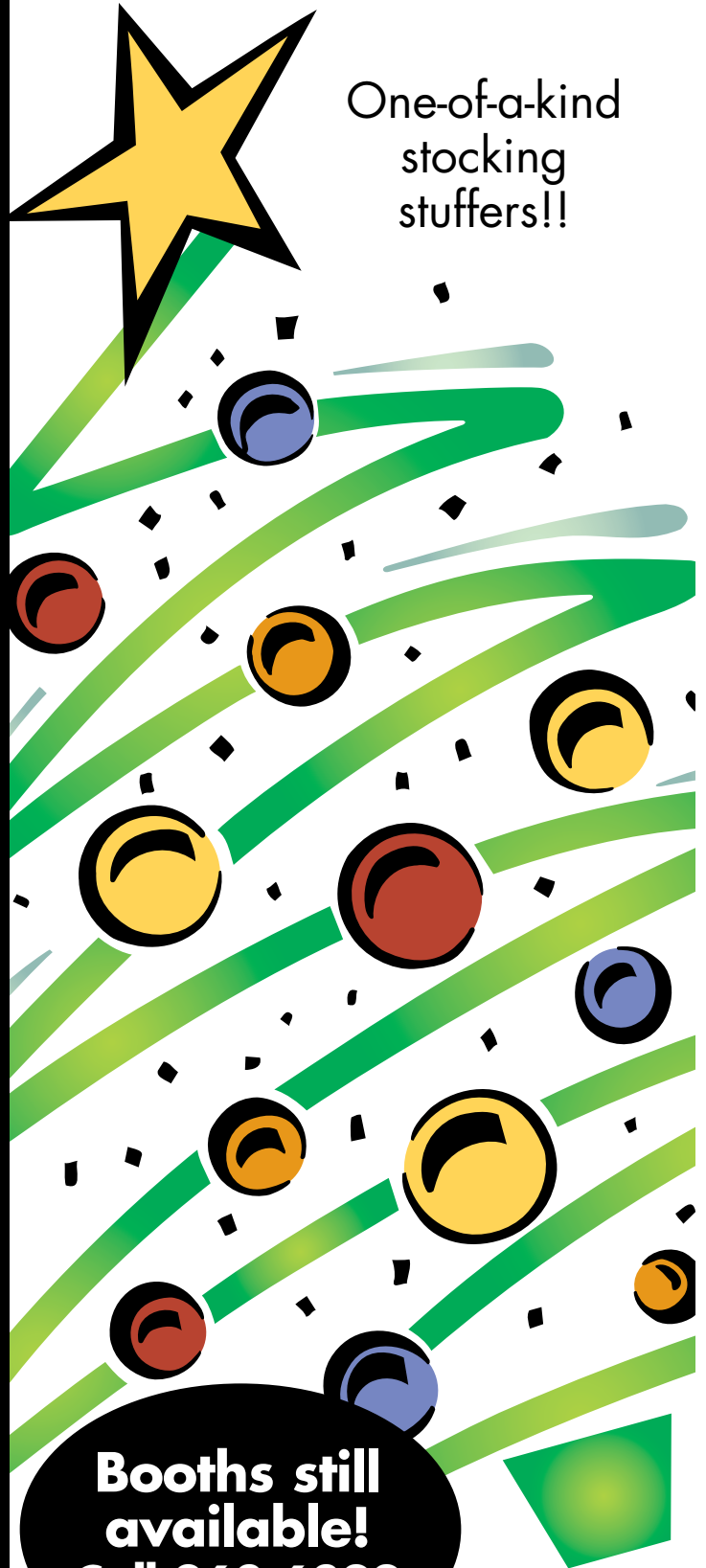
Holiday

ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

ROCKFORD HIGH
SCHOOL

4100 Kroes Ave. Rockford
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, November 13

- Lunch
- Lots of crafters!!
- Lots of wonderful gifts!!
- Baked Goods
- Cookbooks and gift bags for sale



One-of-a-kind
stocking
stuffers!!

**Booths still
available!
Call 863-6322**

ALUMNI PICNIC

Thank you to all who joined in the fun at our 2nd Alumni Picnic!

We look forward to seeing you all at the 3rd Annual Alumni Picnic in 2011, prior to the first home football game.



DADDY  DAUGHTER
14TH ANNUAL

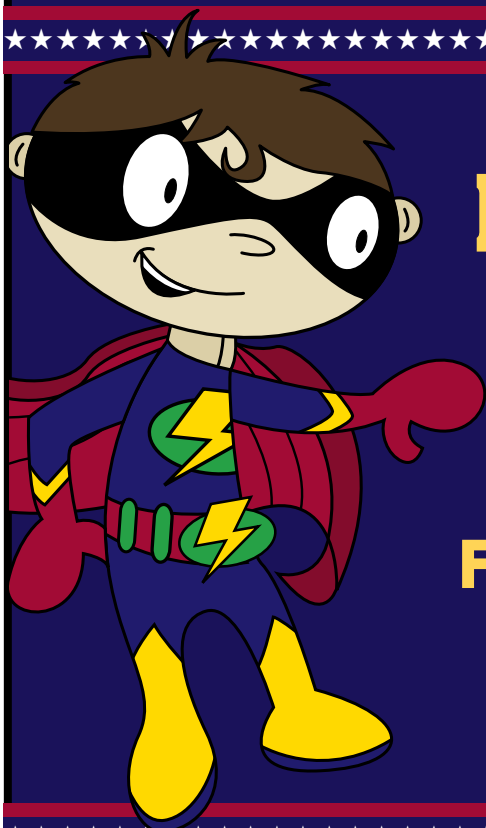
Valentine

Semi-Formal Gala

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 4, 2011

TWO LOCATIONS - ERMS Cafe OR RHS Cafe
6:30-8:00 pm



**Marvel-ous
Mother/Son Dance**
Super Heroes Unite!

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011

6:30-8:00 P.M.

East Rockford Middle School Cafe

Rockford Education Foundation: Promoting Excellence in Education Since 1991

"It shall be the mission of the Rockford Education Foundation to provide resources for increased educational opportunities for people of all ages in the Rockford community."

The Rockford Education Foundation (REF) has become a trusted source of funding for teachers and staff of Rockford Public Schools, Assumption, OLC, Rockford Christian, and Rockford Seniors Unlimited. Since its incorporation in 1991, the REF has awarded more than 1300 grants totaling over \$830,000.

Governed by a volunteer Board of 17 Trustees from the community, the Foundation raises funds, manages assets, and determines which grant requests are funded each year. Fund raising efforts include the annual entertainment event in January (see ticket order form in this issue of the Rampage) and the annual phone-a-thon. This year, the REF is also introducing the Rockford Public Schools Hall of Fame as a biennial event.

The state budget cuts in education have made our work even more important. Last year we awarded more than \$60,000 in grants to the schools and community and we expect to maintain that level of giving throughout these tough economic times. These grants benefit Rockford area

students and the community, as a whole, not just for today, but for many years ahead.

We appreciate the support we continue to receive from the Rockford community - we could not do what we do without it.



To find out more about the REF and see the grants we awarded last year, visit our website at www.rockfordschools.org/ref
You can also reach us by phone at 616.863.6317.



TAILGATE AT "THE TED"

Rockford Sports Boosters & Rockford Community Services

Would like to thank all the local businesses that supported this 2010 "Tailgate at The Ted" Home Football Season!

Image Quest	Gild the Lily
Studio D2D	Herremans & Bosscher Orthodontics
All Weather Seal	Dater & Cadorette DDS
Chef Robin	Byrne Chiropractic
Newman Chiropractic	Chemical Bank
Northland Animal Hospital	MVP Athletic Club
Dream Maker Bath & Kitchen	

Sorry for any businesses left off this list as it may have gone to print prior to confirmation of participation.

The Capitol Steps

"They're the best. There's no one like them, no one in their league."
— Larry King, CNN

Saturday, January 15, 2011

8:00 p.m.

Rockford HS Auditorium

Always **Fresh** And Crispy,
Right From The Headlines!

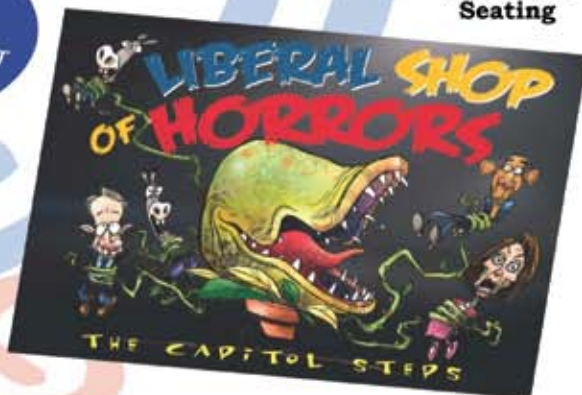
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"THE SATIRE HITS THE MARK."
— THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

"The Capitol Steps are what Washington would be like if everyone were smarter and could sing." — P.J. O'Rourke, Humorist

Tickets: \$35

Reserved Seating



Performing songs from their new album, "Liberal Shop of Horrors" and MORE!



Tickets:

\$35 reserved seating

Sponsorship Opportunities

\$500 – Gold Circle (8 tickets)

\$300 – Silver Circle (4 tickets)

Make checks payable to:

Rockford Education Foundation
P.O. Box 777, Rockford, MI 49341

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Rockford Education Foundation Presents

The Capitol Steps

Saturday, January 15, 2011, 8:00 p.m.

Rockford Fine Arts Auditorium, 4100 Kroes



Please send my tickets to:

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Daytime phone _____ Tickets _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp. date _____ 3-digit security code (on back of card) _____

Signature (credit orders) _____

** Call 616.863.6317 or visit our website at www.rockfordschools.org/ref for more info.

PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

As mandated by the Michigan School Code, a public hearing requesting input was held on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the regular Board of Education meeting. The annual hearing was held to determine if there is sufficient interest in establishing a state-mandated school breakfast program.

Since there was not sufficient interest in a state-mandated breakfast program expressed at the meeting, and since the number of students qualifying for free and reduced price meals does not generate enough revenue to pay for a program, no action was taken to implement a school breakfast program. Rockford Public Schools will continue with the current food service programs.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY EDUCATION

Snowmobile safety training is recommended for all snowmobile operators. Modern snowmobiles are capable of high rates of speed over snow and ice. Did you know a person less than 17 years of age may not cross a highway or street with a snowmobile without having a valid snowmobile safety certificate? With the countless hazards associated with operating a snowmobile, training is a crucial factor in safe and responsible snowmobile operation. Students must attend both nights. Students must be at least 12 to take the class. Bring to class a pen or pencil. Instructor: Terry Barton.

2 sessions: Monday and Tuesday,

November 8 & 9 6:00-8:30 pm

North Rockford Middle School - FREE

Call Rockford Community Services to register 616-863-6322.



A Lakes Kindergarten class planted sunflower seeds in the spring. Look what they've grown into this fall!



We will continue to include Alumni information in our district newsletter to help keep in touch with our former graduates. Let us know the year you graduated from RHS, and what you have been doing since. Please send your information to our new email address alumni@rockfordschools.org. Feel free to include any contact information if you would like to hear from former classmates. Also, if you have reunion information we could pass along for you, please let us know.

RHS ALUMNI

Emily Blakeslee Weinmann – 2000

Emily.weinmann@gmail.com Taught in Washington D.C. with Teach for America. Emily and her husband Cory have recently moved back to Rockford.

Jennifer VandeBunte Haverkamp – '94

jenhaverkamp@yahoo.com Owner of "Sugar n Spice Creamery" restaurant.

Jacquie Gielczyk McCarthy – '95

jacquiemccarthy@aol.com Mom of two, Gracie and Maggie – resides in Rockford.

Teresa Border – '94

tlbmgr@yahoo.com Bachelors in Education from Western Michigan, substitute teacher here in Northern Kent County.

OCTOBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17	18 6-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences	19 9-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 7th/8th Band Concert @RHS	20 9-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences	21 6-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences	22 Valley View PTO Parent Night Out	23
24	25 Rockford Board of Education 7:30 pm Admin Office	26	27 Picture Makeups Belmont & Cannonsburg	28	29	30 RHS Marching Band Show

NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 PAC @ RFC 9:00 am	2	3 Picture Makeups Parkside	4 Kdgn Picture Makeups Parkside Pasta Dinner Belmont 5:30 pm	5	6
7	8 Rockford Board of Education 7:30 pm Admin Office Cannonsburg PTC 6:30 pm	9 PAC@NRMS 9:00 am Belmont PTO 6:00 pm Parkside PTO 6:30 pm	10 PAC @ ERMS 9:00 am	11 Fall Play @ RHS Valley View PTO 7:00 pm	12 Fall Play @ RHS	13 Seniors Unlimited Craft Fair @ RHS Fall Play @ RHS
14	15	16	17 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences	18 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences HS Choir Cabaret @ RHS	19 HS Choir Cabaret @ RHS	20
21	22 Rockford Board of Education 7:30 pm Admin Office HS/HSFC EXAMS	23 HS/HSFC EXAMS End of 1st Trimester	24 Thanksgiving Vacation	25 Thanksgiving Vacation	26 Thanksgiving Vacation	27
28	29	30	<h3>RHS OPEN SWIM</h3> <p>Lap Swim Mon-Fri from 5:30 am-7:30 am. Open Swim Mon & Wed from 7:30-9:30 pm. Fees: \$2 Adults; \$1 Students and Seniors <i>No Open Swim During Christmas Vacation</i></p>			

The Rockford School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, height, weight and marital status in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Mr. Jamie Hosford, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Rockford Public Schools, 350 N. Main, Rockford, Michigan 49341, telephone (616) 863-6554.



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DECEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Belmont Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am Band Solo & Ensemble Festival @ NRMS
5	6 PAC @ RFC 9:00 am 7th/8th Band Concert @ RHS	7 Christmas Choir Concerts @ RHS	8	9	10 Holiday Collage Concert @ RHS 7 pm	11 Close Up Craft Show @ RHS
12 Holiday Collage Concert @ RHS 2 pm	13 Rockford Board of Education 7:30 pm Admin Office	14 Belmont PTO 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18 Christmas Vacation
19 Christmas Vacation	20 Christmas Vacation	21 Christmas Vacation	22 Christmas Vacation	23 Christmas Vacation	24 Christmas Vacation	25 Christmas Vacation
26 Christmas Vacation	27 Christmas Vacation	28 Christmas Vacation	29 Christmas Vacation	30 Christmas Vacation	31 Christmas Vacation	JAN 2011 1 Christmas Vacation
2 Christmas Vacation	3 School Resumes	4	5	6	7	8

The mission of the Rockford Public School District is to provide the teaching and learning environments which will ensure, with the support of the students, parents and community, that all students, upon graduation, will have the academic and social skills and strategies to be successful life-long learners.