



Rockford High School

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Hello RHS Families,

This week marks the culmination of a year of extraordinary effort on the part of students, staff, families, and community members. We want to thank all RHS stakeholders for their support of our efforts to help students grow academically, behaviorally, and emotionally.

The end of a school year can be a bittersweet time. Many of us can't wait to experience a new schedule, start a job, travel, or read a new book. With an adjusted schedule, we start a new routine and that means we won't have the opportunity to connect with students and staff as often as we have over the past nine months. Regardless of our destination for next year, nothing can take away the positive memories and relationships that have developed throughout the 2016-17 school year.

Have a wonderful summer and please let me know if there is anything I can do for you at 763.477.5846 ext. 3002 or via email at scheidlerm@rockford.k12.mn.us.

Yours in Rocket Pride,

Matthew J. Scheidler, Ed.D.
RHS Principal

POINTS OF PRIDE

Congratulations to the Class of 2017

The graduation commencement for the Class of 2017 was held on Saturday, June 3, 2017. On behalf of the faculty at Rockford Area Schools, best wishes to all RHS graduates. Continue to make us proud!



PROM 2017 PHOTOS



View Your Prom 2017 Photos

A message was sent this week to families of juniors and seniors with links to Prom 2017 pictures. If your student is a freshman or sophomore who attended Prom with an upper classman and you would like access to these links, please contact Stacey Larson (larsonst@rockford.k12.mn.us) or Sally Smith (smiths@rockford.k12.mn.us) in the high school front office.

RAS SOCIAL MEDIA



Social Media- #Rockets883

Each of our school buildings are diligently working to inform our families of the classroom programs and upcoming events through their weekly parent bulletins and monthly newsletters. However, social media is becoming a necessary communication tool for many families. With this in mind, Rockford Area Schools is putting an additional effort to celebrate our students and to connect with our community. We plan to streamline our information through the usage of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. [Click here for more information about this initiative.](#) . If you are on any of these sites, follow us!

ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Teacher Mini Grant Program

Thank your teacher for a great year! Make a tax-deductible \$10 donation in honor of a teacher or special staff member. Your donation directly supports the Teacher Mini-Grant Program. This grant opportunity is available to Rockford PreK-12th grade teachers for books, technology, projects and more. An average of \$10,000 is awarded every year! ORDER ONLINE at www.rockfordfoundation.org. (The **deadline to order is June 5th** at Midnight.) [Click here for more details.](#)

Annual Fund - A Small Gift can make a BIG Impact

The **Rocket Launch Annual Fund** is a brand new initiative by the Rockford Education Foundation with the purpose of launching (planning and preparing) for the following school year - hence the name "Rocket Launch." If every family in the school district donated \$25 per child, we could start next year with an additional \$40,000 or more. This annual fund will be successful if everyone participates. Every donation matters, no matter what the amount. The campaign ends June 30th, 2017. This campaign is targeted to parents in the school district but anyone is welcome to give.



Your donation to the annual fund can make it possible to start the 2017-18 School Year with \$100,000! We are half-way there with the \$50,000 donation! [DONATE TO THE ANNUAL FUND](#)



Order 2017-2018 School Supplies for Home Delivery!

This Ship-to-Home program by School Tool Box is available for all schools and parents. This is a Rockford Education Foundation fundraiser. 15% of your order is donated to the Teacher Mini-Grant Program! Some of the great benefits include:

- Customizing your list! If you already have a pair of scissors at home, take this item out of our list and save.
- Order late into the summer. Order by August 15th to guarantee shipment in time for school.
- Orders will ship right to your home.
- FREE SHIPPING on all orders over \$50.

[School Tool Box](#) – Select "Find Boxes Now" to order your 2017-2018 supplies. [Click here](#) for more information.



Rockford Area Schools Parent Directory

Sign up and stay connected over the summer! The Parent Directory helps connect area families with children Pre K – 12th Grade. Online access is FREE for anyone who joins. The online directory is secure – each family will have a unique login and password. The directory can't be lost or stolen. Parents can decide how much contact information they want to share. You can search by student's first name, grade, teacher and family last name. Please select this [link](#) for additional information. This service is paid for by the Rockford Education Foundation. Questions – please email Kelly Grimm @ kelly@rockfordfoundation.org.

FUNDRAISERS



Pre-order Your 2017-18 Rockford Football Spiritwear

The Rockford Rockets football team is selling t-shirts again this year to help support their team. The choices this year include short sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. They come in five different colors: forest green, white, black, grey or light pink. If you are interested, please click here for the [link to your Football page](#) and download an order form. All orders are due by **June 8, 2017!** If you have any questions, please contact Coach Houghton at houghtond@rockford.k12.mn.us.

RAS DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS



ISD 883 Rockford Area Schools Job Opportunities

- Rockford Community Center Front Desk Worker- Monday/Wednesday/Friday 5:00am-8:00am
- Grounds and Maintenance Technician- Full Time, 12-month

For more information or to apply online visit the Rockford Schools Appli Track web page at: <https://www.applitrack.com/rockfordmn/onlineapp/>



Rocket Report

The monthly district newsletter, **Rocket Report**, is posted on our website. [Click here](#) to check out the most recent issue or watch for it in your mailboxes!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



School Bus and Van Drivers Needed!

Looking to earn a little extra money and to work close to home? Rockford Bus Service is now hiring Bus and Van Drivers. No experience necessary. We will train! We offer a fun, flexible work environment with a schedule that allows for you to have free time during the day, with opportunities to work more if desired. E-mail myersb@rockford.k12.mn.us or call 763-477-6100.

ROCKFORD FARMERS MARKET
FRIDAYS 3 – 6:30 PM JUNE 2ND – OCT 13TH
ROCKFORD MALL PKG. LOT 8900 WALNUT ST.

FRESH PRODUCE
HONEY, JAMS, JELLIES
BERRIES, APPLES, BAKED GOODS
PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN
HOMEMADE LOTIONS, SHAMPS, ETC.
TUPPERWARE
ESSENTIAL OILS
UNIQUE CRAFTS
FOOD TRUCK



Flea Market every other week
Drawing for customers monthly
Kids Crafts once a month
www.rockfordmarket.weebly.com
Facebook: @rockfordmarket
Facebook photo each week at RockfordCommunityMarket
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Rockford Farmers Market Opens June 2nd

3:00-6:30 pm, Rockford Mall, 8900 Walnut St.
Every Friday until October 13
New this year--Flea market every other Friday

For more information:

Nancars14@gmail.com

Facebook—rockfordcommunitymarket

www.rockfordmarket.weebly.com



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Now Hiring and Training Substitutes at Rockford Area Schools

Rockford Area Schools has partnered with Kelly Educational Staffing to hire substitute teachers and paraprofessionals to provide quality education in the absence of our full time educators. If you have a bachelor's degree (in any discipline) and want to serve the community through helping to educate our children, Kelly Educational Staffing will help you get what's called a "Short Call Substitute Teaching License." Obtaining this license through the Minnesota Department of Education will enable you to substitute teach in Rockford! Training available! [Select this link to learn more.](#)



District 883

Dollars for
SCHOLARS[®]
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Dollars for Scholars

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Dollars for Scholars needs new team members! Our only requirement is that you possess a strong desire to support our graduating seniors. If you have interest/skills in fundraising, website management, donor relations, social media campaigns, or finance that would be a bonus! In order to maintain our District 883 Dollars for Scholars as an active Scholarship America chapter, we must have at least three board members. Our current board members no longer have students in Rockford Schools. Commitment is approximately 2-3 meetings per year; interim decisions are made via phone/email. We also share responsibility of coordinating any DFS fundraising events. Please contact Karen Nielsen (karen.nielsen@nielsen.com or 612-719-1703) if you are interested or know someone who might be. We would love to expand our team!!

A LOOK AHEAD...

For details on student activities or upcoming events,
[click here](#) for the RHS Activities Calendar or [click here](#) for the Interactive District Calendar.

June 8:

Final day of classes for 2016-17 school year

June 9:

Track & Field State Tournament (away)

NO SCHOOL, Have a great summer!

August 7:

Fall Activities meeting, 6:00pm, Auditorium

August 30:

RHS Open House, 4:00-6:00pm

September 5:

First day of classes for 2017-18 school year

Link orientation, 8:00am, Commons & Gym

September 13:

RHS Fall picture day

September 18-22:

Homecoming week