

“Be Somebody Who Makes Everybody Feel Like a Somebody”

December 1, 2023

Eagle Families,

Thank you to all of you who completed our family culture and climate survey! That’s very helpful to us, and we appreciate the time you took to provide your thoughts. I’ll share a summary of the information at a later date.

We have our Holiday Bowling coming up on December 5, 6, and 7. If you’d like to participate in holiday bowling during your child’s PE class, just come to the school a few minutes prior to the start of class. You’ll check in at a table in the foyer, get a visitor sticker and then you’ll go down to the gym for the class. Please remember to sign out on our visitor log after the gym class.

I’d like to welcome our new Registrar, Colleen McGrew, and share a little background about her. She is one of the first people you’ll see when you come to school, and even though she just recently started this job, she is a quick learner and is already helping us a great deal. Colleen likes to garden and to play Minecraft. Her daughter attends THS and her husband works in the district as well. Welcome Colleen!

Thank you for being our partners in the education of your child or children. If there is anything we can do to support you, please let us know.

Happy holidays,
Emilie Hard



Fostering
relationships and
teamwork for
student success.





Dec 1	MCT Rapunzel Performance – 6 p.m. – RCES Gym
Dec 6	Kindergarten field trip
Dec 7	Choir Concert – 6 p.m. – RCES Gym
Dec 8	Early Release @ 1:50 p.m. PTO Snack Day
Dec 11-13	Vision & Hearing Screening
Dec 12	Brennan & Rademacher field trip
Dec 13	Shelter in Place drill Emerson & Peterson field trip
Dec 14	Sipila & Parker Roberts field trip
Dec 15	Early Release at 1:50 p.m.
Dec 18-Jan 1	Holiday Break

Nutrition Services

For weekly menus and more, visit the [Nutrition Services](#) website or phone 425-413-3450 or 425-413-3452.

Holiday Gift Drive

Our Rock Creek PE Department is sponsoring its 28th annual Holiday Gift Drive and **will be collecting gifts until 9 a.m. on Monday, December 4.** Donations will go directly to the Maple Valley Food Bank Children’s Gift Store to help support families in our community. Student participation is optional.

The goal for this year is to collect 700 gifts. Students are encouraged to ask close family members who may traditionally donate gifts at this time, to do so for this cause.

A wide variety of gifts are needed, including gift cards. Small and large gifts are welcome. The monetary value of the gift is far less important than the effort to be a community contributor. Please remember that the gifts need to be **new and unwrapped.**

Thank you for your generosity during this holiday season.

Holiday Assistance

With the Holidays approaching, many families may need extra assistance. Here is a link to [Holiday Assistance Programs in King County](#):

The Maple Valley Food Bank & Emergency Services is also currently signing up families for their [gift programs](#).

Maple Valley Food Bank

21415 Maple Valley Hwy
Maple Valley, WA, 98038
(425) 432-8139

Free food, gifts, and toys will be handed out. It is for children, students, and teenagers of the Tahoma School District, Maple Valley, Hobart, Ravensdale, and Covington.

You may also contact our school counselor directly if you need Holiday assistance.

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Rock Creek Students are Future Ready!

Future Ready students worked hard during the month of October to earn the Community Contributor Class Award given by Jody Dixon, the FRS teacher. This means students are showing they take care of their many communities. Rock Creek students made it difficult to choose only one class from the primary (K-2) and one class from the intermediate (3-5) levels. The two classes that earned the Community Contributor Award are Mrs. Taylor's 4th graders and Mrs. Boyer's 1st Graders! Congratulations Eagles!

Every month we celebrate a new Future Ready Skill. During the month of November our Future Ready Skill was being a Responsible Decision Maker. In December, we will be working toward being a Quality Producer.



Mrs. Boyer's 1st Graders





Mrs. Taylor's 4th Graders



Student Art Makes Great Holiday Gifts!

Winter artwork is on its way, and it makes a great holiday gift! Your child will be bringing home a flyer from ARTSONIA, which is the same app that we use in the art room to share your student's artwork with you electronically. Go to this link if you're not yet connected to our online gallery: <https://www.artsonia.com/connect/5MKWXRHE>

Order unique gifts featuring your child's artwork by Dec 16th & use our promo code to get 15% off! MERRY23. Thank you for your support of the art program at Rock Creek Elementary!

CLEMENT, STEPHANIE N. Grade 5 Jennifer McPherson - Rock Creek Elementary

Check out these products with my school artwork!

Snap Jewelry Coffee Mugs Ornaments T-Shirts

Jennifer McPherson, NBCT
Art Specialist, Rock Creek Elementary

Winterfest 2023

Tahoma High School is hosting [Winterfest](#) on December 13, 5-7 p.m. There will be tons of holiday games and prizes, along with a story corner! Everyone who attends can also enjoy FREE hot chocolate and apple cider. There is no cost to attend this event, and if you would like to support the community, we invite you to bring non-perishable cans of food for donation!"

Lunch Bunch

The SEL (Social/Emotional Learning) Program is pleased to announce that we are bringing back Lunch Bunch for our students! Lunch Bunch is a time for kids to get together and meet other kids in their grade level and learn appropriate social skills. The teacher chooses a different student /or students volunteer each week to attend.

Day	Time	Grade
Mon	12:00 -12:20	2nd
Mon	1:05 -1:25	4th
Tues	12:45 -1:05	3rd
Wed	11:40 -12	1st
Wed	1:05 -1:25	5th
Thu	12:20 -12:40	K

Lunch Bunch will start next week, **December 4-7**. It will be held Monday through Thursday. The schedule for Lunch Bunch is as follows:

Highly Capable Testing

The 2023-24 highly capable referral window for grades K, 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7 is currently open and will close Dec. 31, 2023. All students in grades 2 and 5 are screened for the Highly Capable program, and parents do not need to refer students in grades 2 and 5. Learn more and find the referral form at the [Highly Capable webpage](#).