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A MESSAGE FROM DR. MATTHEWS

People ask me about the Rockford Public Schools. I tell them we have a great school district.

The skeptics reply, “Well you are supposed to say that. You’re the Superintendent. Give me one good reason to believe that the schools are great.”

I tell them, “I’ll give you a bunch of reasons.”

Reason one: A recent article on mlive.com today identified the top 50 school districts in Michigan based on their M-STEP performance. As you know, the M-STEP assessment is given to students in grades 3-8 and 11. The results show Rockford did very well.

- All subjects combined: Rockford 10th in the state
- English Language Arts: Rockford 10th in the state
- Mathematics: Rockford 11th in the state
- Science: Rockford 5th in the state
- Social Studies: Rockford 22nd in the state

There are almost 600 school districts in the state of Michigan. This performance ranks Rockford academically among the top school districts in the state of Michigan.



Dr. Steve Matthews

But, as we all know, life is about more than a test score.

Reasons two, three, four, five, and six:

- Our Rockford High School Marching Band has won the Flight One (largest school category) Michigan Competing Band Association state championship for the past 6 years in a row.
- In 2023, Rebecca Kilgore, band teacher at East Rockford Middle School, was named the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association band teacher of the year.
- In 2024, Mandy Scott, choir teacher at Rockford High School, was named the Michigan State Vocal Music Association vocal music teacher of the year.
- We have the largest athletic program in the state of Michigan.
- Our Rockford High School student council competed and won recognition for Rockford High School to be named as a School of Distinction, celebrating the positive school culture and climate.

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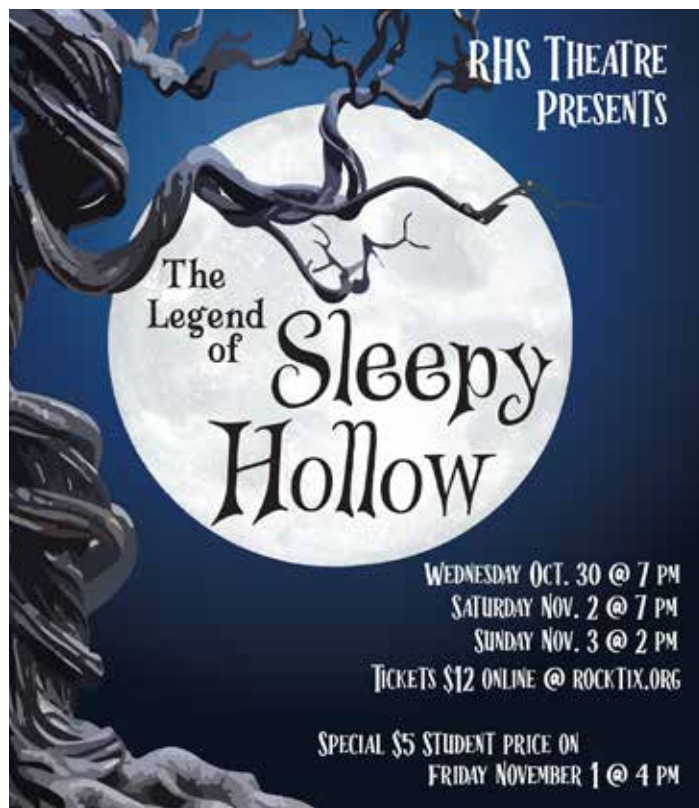
VISIT THE ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE AT WWW.ROCKFORDSCHOOLS.ORG

Reason seven: We have great staff in Rockford. On our district podcast Rams News and Views, the September 15th edition, I spoke with three of our Food Service staff – John Henry, the director, Lee Spicer, head cook at Rockford High School, and Kim Jones, catering head cook. They spoke eloquently about their jobs in food service and I could sense the deep pride they have in serving the students and staff in Rockford. They understand the responsibility they have to provide high quality food options for our students and they take that responsibility seriously. (Rams News and Views can be found on Apple, Spotify, or Amazon podcasts or at a link on our district website – www.rockfordschools.org)

Reason eight: Our Rockford community. Our community supports our students in their pursuits. I see families at athletic events, but I also see families at our theater productions, our elementary music concerts, and our middle and high school band and orchestra concerts. I see our families at preschool events and Community Services recreation activities. Our community is a wonderful community for our students to grow and learn in.

In my opinion, the Rockford Public Schools is a great place to be, and our district appreciates the support of our community as we work to build a great place for our students.

Dr. Steve Matthews,
Superintendent



ROCKFORD RAMS

ATHLETICS

TEAM SCHEDULES

All schedules can be found at rockfordrams.org. Navigate the Fall, Winter and Spring sports tabs to find a specific schedule or click on the "Master Schedule" tab to view all upcoming events.

ALL-SPORTS PASSES

All-Sports passes and single-game tickets will be sold digitally this year. Head to rockfordrams.org and click the "Tickets" link to purchase.

All admissions are \$5.00 (K-Adult)

Adult Pass \$85 | Student Pass \$25

Family Pass \$225

Allows up to 7 family members. Any additional spectators will need to purchase individual ticket.

All-Sports passes are good for HOME events only. *Excludes Ice Hockey, regular season tournaments/invites, and MHSAA tournaments*



ATHLETE REGISTRATION

All student athletes must have a valid physical (dated April 15, 2024 or later) on file and have athletic registration completed via "Aktivate" in order to compete. To complete registration, go to rockfordrams.org.

For additional help/instruction: rockfordrams.org

SENIOR CITIZENS

60 years of age or older

We offer a **Lifetime Golden Age Pass** which entitles you to admission to school sponsored sporting events.

THIS PASS NEVER EXPIRES!

Stop by the Community Services office to get your free pass!

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SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS

The decision to close or delay school can be a tricky one. As a Michigan resident, you know how fickle our weather is. Just as weather systems can appear without warning, there are times when weather systems predicted to appear do not. Please keep in mind that a forecast is a prediction. Even skilled meteorologists will agree that not all watches, warnings, and advisories materialize as predicted.

School personnel carefully monitor weather forecasts and road conditions. The Rockford Public Schools district spans approximately 97 square miles. Therefore, weather and road conditions can be significantly different within our school district. Ultimately, the decision to close or delay school is made by the Superintendent of Schools, with every effort to make a decision by 5:30am.

In summary, weather is unpredictable and district staff does their best to make reasonable and practical decisions with the safety of students as their top priority. In addition, please keep in mind that weather conditions can rapidly improve or decline from the time a decision is made in the early hours of the morning to the time school is scheduled to start. If at any time you feel it is unsafe to send your child(ren) to school due to the weather or road conditions, you are encouraged to exercise your right to keep them home with an excused absence.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Once students are in school, it is only in extreme cases the district would dismiss early due to weather, mainly due to the fact that many of our younger students could potentially go home to an empty house. However, in the rare case of an early dismissal, this will be posted on TV and the district website, and parents will be notified via the district's automated School Messenger system and/or the school phone tree.

Occasionally when road conditions deteriorate during the day, a decision is made to dismiss students up to one-half hour early to allow buses additional travel time so students arrive home at their regularly scheduled time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school principal or the Superintendent's Office at 616.863.6557. To receive free text information about School Closings or Delays, just send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

Morning closings and delays are posted on the district website and local TV/radio stations, with several stations offering notification options such as text or email alerts.

Rockford Preschool & Child Care services



For Preschool and Child Care information visit www.rockfordschools.org or call 616.863.6560.

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY NEWS



Thank you to our incredible support staff!

With over a month of the school year behind us, schools across the district are buzzing with energy and activity. A key part of Rockford's success as a district comes from the incredible dedication of our support staff. These remarkable individuals, though often behind the scenes, play an essential role in keeping our schools running smoothly. Whether it's opening car doors during drop off, lending a hand in DK and K classrooms, or making sure our students are nourished at breakfast and lunch, their contributions are invaluable.

Our support staff—paraprofessionals, cooks, custodians, crossing guards, front office employees, nurses, and so many more—are the heart of our school culture. They not only ensure the day-to-day operations go off without a hitch, but also provide love, care, and support to our students, helping them feel safe and valued.

On behalf of the entire Rockford community, thank you to our incredible support staff for the wonderful start to the 2024-25 school year. Your hard work and kindness make all the difference!

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PODCAST

Rams News and Views is a new Rockford Public Schools podcast. **Rams: News and Views** will share stories about the people and the activities of Rockford Public Schools and education in the 21st century. Our school district intersects with the lives of our students, families, and community members in a wide variety of ways.

We hope to explore many of those intersections here on **Rams: News and Views**.

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RAMS

News & Views

Hosted by: DR. MATTHEWS



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

On Tuesday, November 5,
Rockford voters will have the
opportunity to elect four trustees to
the Board of Education.

The candidates are each seeking
a four-year term which runs from
January 1, 2025 through
December 31, 2028.

Polls are open from 7AM to 8PM.

Please contact your township/city
office or go to
www.accesskent.com
for ballot information and voting
locations.



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CANDIDATES

The following candidates will appear on
your ballot:

TRICIA ANDERSON*

CHARLIE CURTIS

KELLEY FRERIDGE*

JAKE HIMMELSPACH*

ANDREA JACOBSON

JASON PETERSON

DEREK SCHUBERT

*Incumbent

CRESTWOOD ELEMENTARY NEWS



Donuts with Grown-Ups!

Crestwood Elementary hosted its annual Donuts with Grown-Ups event, a fun and welcoming opportunity for students to share breakfast with their favorite adult—whether it's a parent, grandparent, or special mentor. The event fosters community spirit and offers a chance for families to connect with the school in a relaxed, informal setting. With delicious donuts, it's always a sweet way to kick off the day for students and their families! It's a special event each year!



School Assistance Program

A Guide to Your Benefits



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800.442.0809

(press 1 and follow the prompts)

Please remember to say, "I have a SAP with Rockford Public Schools"

Your SAP Benefits Include

- 3 sessions of free, confidential counseling per episode of care
- In-the-moment support available 24/7
- Free consultations
- Personal Advantage online library
- Wallet Wisdom online financial wellness
- All benefits available to every member of the household



Scan the QR code
to call the SAP
benefit line.

What if I Need Immediate Support?

If you or a loved one are in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts, please visit a hospital ER or Pine Rest Psychiatric Urgent Care Center.*

Access in-the-moment support by calling 800.442.0809 (press 1 and follow the prompts).

**ER and Psychiatric Urgent Care are not included in the SAP benefits.*

SAP Contact Info

800.442.0809 (press 1 and follow the prompts)

eap@pinerest.org

Confidential Counseling Services

How do I schedule my free counseling sessions?

Call 800.442.0809, press 1 and follow the prompts. Remember to say at the beginning of your call, "I have a SAP with Rockford Public Schools".

What is an episode of care?

An episode of care begins with your first visit and doesn't end until you have left treatment and your case is closed. An episode of care may include addressing multiple issues.

Will my school be notified?

All SAP services are 100% confidential.

Are my family members eligible for SAP benefits?

Every member of your household is eligible including dependents who are away at school.

Free Online Resources

Personal Advantage is an online library with thousands of resources related to health and wellness, financial and legal issues and more. This library includes articles, videos, webinars, calculators, locators, assessments and trainings.



pinerest.org/PAL
My Company Username is:
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Wallet Wisdom is a financial resource library of webinars, calculators and articles to help you with complex financial issues such as debt consolidation, student loans, retirement saving, mortgage lending and more.



Wallet Wisdom
go.lmccu.org/pine-rest

Free Consultations

Elder Care Consultation with an elder care specialist from Pine Rest provides guidance, assessment of needs, education and resources for housing, care and support groups.

Legal Consultation with an attorney from law firm, Rhoades McKee, for a free 30-minute consultation on any legal matter. Additional services receive a 20% discount.

Financial Consultation with a finance expert from Lake Michigan Credit Union to discuss any financial matter via telephone, video call or in-person at a LMCU location.

Infant Feeding Support Consultation with a board-certified lactation consultant from baby beloved, inc. to discuss prenatal, postnatal, return-to-work, breastfeeding, or bottle feeding concerns. Free webinars and 25% discount on additional online educational courses.

Real Estate Consultation with a licensed realtor from Cripe Real Estate to discuss any real estate related questions, receive a home valuation and property availability search. Free 1-year home warranty with purchase or sale of a home.

How to Access Your Free Consultations

Option 1: Call 800.442.0809, press 1 and follow the prompts to select your free consultation.

Option 2: Scan the QR code below to email your request. Please identify the type of consultation requested.

Remember to say, "I have a SAP with Rockford Public Schools".



Scan the QR code to
email your request for a
free consultation.

2024 - 2025

SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

26: First Student Day
30: Labor Day Weekend (no school)

SEPTEMBER

2: Labor Day Weekend (no school)
11: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
25: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

OCTOBER

9: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
23: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

NOVEMBER

13: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
27, 28, 29: Thanksgiving Break (no school)

DECEMBER

11: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
WINTER RECESS: December 23 – January 3 (no school)

JANUARY

6: School Resumes
20: No School (Staff Personal Development)

FEBRUARY

5: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
14, 17: Mid-Winter Break (no school)
26: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

MARCH

12: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
26: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

APRIL

SPRING BREAK: April 3 – April 11 (no school)
14: School Resumes
23: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

MAY

7: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
23, 26: Memorial Day Weekend (no school)

JUNE

5, 6: Half Day, 10:55 (Gr 6-12), 11:55 (Gr DK-5)
6: Last Day of School (Half Day)
9-13: Reserved for make-up days



The mission of the Rockford Public Schools 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, lifelong learners.

Hopper welcomes students!

Nothing makes a new school feel more like a home than a therapy dog! At Meadow Ridge Elementary, we welcomed over 150 new students this fall and Hopper, our four-year-old Golden Retriever, led the welcoming committee!!! Hopper is truly a best friend for so many of our students and as these pictures demonstrate, Meadow Ridge students really connect with him. He is wonderful at helping kids regulate their emotions and many kids develop their interpersonal relationships while they share time with Hopper. Kendra Weidenfeller, our school social worker, is the handler for Hopper and she makes sure that Hopper has chances to interact with kids every day. Hopper plays a big role in what we do at Meadow Ridge to help everyone feel safe and secure.



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HALL OF FAME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

We will honor these outstanding community members
at the 2024 Hall of Fame Reception

Academic & Career Accomplishments

Gregg Donley, *Class of 1983*

Service to Rockford Public Schools & Community

Linda Southwick, *Class of 1972*

Sean Wheeler, *Class of 1990*

Honorary Achievement

William & Bobbi Jo
Blanton

Mike Cuneo
Terry Konkle

Athletics

Sam Cuneo, *Class of 2015*
Drew Powell, *Class of 2003*

Andi Raymond, *Class of 2010*
Joe Staley, *Class of 2003*

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For more information contact ref@rockfordschools.org

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THE 2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Rockford Public Schools and Rockford Education Foundation (REF) are pleased to announce the inductees of the 2024 Rockford Hall of Fame. The Rockford Hall of Fame recognizes those who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in their chosen field or who have made significant contributions to the schools or the Rockford community.



GREGG DONLEY: CLASS OF 1983
Academic & Career Accomplishments

Gregg Donley, a 1983 graduate of Rockford High School, has had a distinguished career in the field of computer engineering. He earned both his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Michigan, which laid the foundation for his work as a Design Engineer at Unisys from 1989 to 1995. Gregg later co-founded Network Virtual Systems, where he served as Director/VP of Engineering from 1996 to 2004. For the past two decades, Gregg has been a key contributor at Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), where he is an Engineering Fellow and holds multiple industry patents. Gregg's innovative work has left a lasting impact on the field of computer engineering, demonstrating his commitment to advancing technology.



LINDA SOUTHWICK: CLASS OF 1972
Service To Rockford Public & Community

Born and raised in Rockford, Linda Southwick has dedicated her life to the betterment of her community. Beginning her career at Grand Rapids Controls, Linda played a crucial role in fostering collaboration within the local industrial park. Her commitment to Rockford is evident through her 25 years of service on the Rockford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and her leadership as Executive Director of the Chamber for 12 years. Linda also served on the Board of North Kent Connect, focusing on enhancing their programs to better serve the community. Her passion for Rockford, its downtown area, schools, and businesses has been the driving force behind her efforts to create a prosperous and united community.



SEAN WHEELER: CLASS OF 1990
Service To Rockford Public & Community

Sean Wheeler has dedicated his life to public safety and community service. With 29 years of experience in law enforcement, Sean has worked with the Michigan Department of Corrections and currently serves on the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) taskforce. Sean is also a passionate volunteer for Special Olympics Michigan and the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), where he plays an active role in fundraising and event coordination. Sean was Michigan's law enforcement representative to escort the Olympic Flame to start the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany. His commitment extends to his work with the Rockford Department of Public Safety and his involvement in the Grand Rapids Polar Plunge. Sean's dedication to both his profession and his community has earned him numerous accolades, including the prestigious David Wonch Award in 2022.

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THE 2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



WILLIAM AND BOBBI JO BLANTON
Honorary Achievement

William and Bobbi Jo Blanton are pillars of the Rockford community, with a deep commitment to philanthropy and volunteerism. William, the CEO and owner of Middleville Tool and Die, has successfully balanced his professional responsibilities with raising a family and volunteering as a coach. Bobbi Jo, Chief Operating Officer at Innovia Wealth, former Chair of the Rockford Education Foundation and former Rockford Public Schools Board of Education Member, has brought her extensive experience in accounting and business operations to the team, earning recognition as a Woman of Excellence by MetalForming magazine. Together, they own Le Macaron and volunteer with the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan and CASA. Their support for the Rockford Counseling Dog Program and other community initiatives highlights their dedication to making a positive impact in Rockford and beyond.



MIKE CUNEO
Honorary Achievement

Mike Cuneo served Rockford Public Schools for over 24 years, culminating in his role as Assistant Superintendent of Finance. Mike was instrumental in shaping the district's financial strategy, including spearheading the 2019 bond project that secured \$185 million for improvements across the district. This bond led to the construction of Edgerton Trails Elementary and numerous other projects that have enhanced the educational experience in Rockford. Mike's leadership during times of financial challenge and prosperity ensured that Rockford remained a top choice for families in West Michigan. Known for his infectious personality and storytelling ability, Mike is a humble and talented leader whose contributions to Rockford Public Schools are immeasurable.



TERRY KONKLE
Honorary Achievement

Terry Konkle is a revered educator and coach who spent his entire career teaching American Literature and writing at Rockford High School. Over 41 years, Terry coached football, basketball, tennis, and softball, achieving remarkable success, including back-to-back undefeated seasons in varsity basketball and leading the tennis team to a Class B runner-up finish. He also started the softball program in 1978, guiding the team to seven straight 20-win seasons. In 1990, Terry was honored as part of the first class of the Rockford Athletic Hall of Fame. Beyond athletics, Terry served on the Rockford Housing Commission for 18 years and the Rockford City Council, where he was elected Mayor in 2022. His dedication to preserving Rockford's history is evident in his work to establish the Rockford Area Museum, earning him a Daughters of the American Revolution National Community Service Award in 2014.



SAM CUNEO: CLASS OF 2015
Athletics

Sam Cuneo, a 2015 graduate of Rockford High School, is a decorated track and field athlete who earned 11 All-State and All-Academic honors during her high school career. Sam holds the 400m dash record at Rockford High School and was the MHSAA Division 1 State Champion in the 400m dash in 2015. She also holds the 200m dash record at RHS and placed 3rd in the 200m dash state finals three consecutive years. She continued her track career at Central Michigan University, where she was the 2017 Indoor Mid American 400m Conference Champion and helped break the CMU 4x400m relay indoor record, alongside winning the 2019 Indoor MAC Track and Field Championships with her team. Sam's dedication to her sport and her achievements on the track have made her a standout athlete in Rockford's history.

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THE 2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



DREW POWELL: CLASS OF 2003
Athletics

Drew Powell, a 2003 graduate of Rockford High School, was an integral part of the Rams' 2003 State Championship Basketball team. A standout athlete in both football and basketball, Drew's leadership and athleticism were key to the team's success. After pursuing a career in business, Drew found his true calling in education and now teaches high school Spanish in Virginia. His journey from a state champion athlete to a dedicated educator reflects his commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of young people.



ANDI RAYMOND: CLASS OF 2010
Athletics

Andi Raymond, a 2010 graduate of Rockford High School, is a celebrated athlete who made her mark at Rockford High School as a four-year letter winner in lacrosse and 3-year letter winner in basketball. She led the Rams to a state title in lacrosse as a senior and set Michigan's single-season scoring record with 197 points as a junior. At Towson University, Andi continued to excel, earning multiple All-CAA honors and being named CAA Co-Player of the Year in 2014. Andi's collegiate career was capped by her inclusion on the Tewaaraton Award Watch List, recognizing her as one of the top female lacrosse players in the nation. Her athletic achievements and leadership on and off the field have cemented her legacy as one of Rockford's greatest athletes.



JOE STALEY: CLASS OF 2003
Athletics

Joe Staley, a 2003 graduate of Rockford High School, is a celebrated athlete who achieved remarkable success in football. A four-year football and track athlete at RHS, Joe went on to play for Central Michigan University before embarking on a 13-year career in the NFL. During his professional career, Joe earned six Pro Bowl selections, played in two Super Bowls, and was inducted into the Senior Bowl Hall of Fame. Joe's accomplishments on the field are a source of pride for the Rockford community, and his legacy as a Rockford Ram continues to inspire young athletes.

Please consider honoring these individuals for their outstanding contributions. To make a donation in honor of a Hall of Fame inductee, please visit www.rockfordEDfoundation.org or contact the REF office at 616.863.6317 or ref@rockfordschools.org. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Rockford Education Foundation which awards educational grants to schools and organizations throughout Rockford.

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Edgerton Trails Elementary Open House November 18, 2024 | 5:30-7:00pm

Public Welcome



We welcome our Rockford community to come and see our new school, Edgerton Trails Elementary. Doors will be open to view our new state-of-the-art DK-5 learning environments from 5:30-7:00pm.



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