

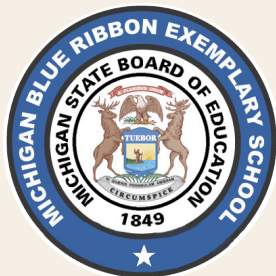
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RPS NEWS ALERTS

For up-to-date information regarding Rockford Public Schools delays and/or closings, events and safety alerts, send a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our district’s short code number, **67587**.

Opt out any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. MATTHEWS

Three Things to Know About the Non-Homestead Operating Millage

Most of us don’t think much about how public schools are funded in our state and in our district. And frankly, Michigan’s school funding system can be complicated.

But the non-homestead operating millage does not have to be. As we approach the November 3 election, I hope every Rockford voter understands three important things about the proposal.

1. It does not apply to your principal residence.

The non-homestead operating millage is not levied on a homeowner’s principal residence. It applies primarily to businesses, commercial and industrial properties, rental properties, second homes, and vacation homes.

This proposal replaces an existing operating millage. It does not create a new source of operating revenue for Rockford Public Schools.

2. It supports the day-to-day operation of our schools.

The approximately \$9.5 million generated annually through the non-homestead millage supports the work happening in our schools every day. It helps pay for classroom instruction, teachers and support staff, student transportation, utilities, instructional materials, technology, school safety, student services, and building maintenance.



Dr. Steve Matthews

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This is different from a bond or sinking fund. Those dollars are generally restricted to buildings, facilities, technology, and other capital needs. The non-homestead millage is operating revenue that supports the programs, services, and people our students rely on each day.

3. If it is not renewed, Rockford Public Schools loses approximately \$9.5 million in annual operating revenue.

For the 2026-27 school year, Rockford Public Schools receives \$10,300 per student through Michigan's foundation allowance. Part of that funding comes from the local non-homestead operating millage. The state provides the remaining portion.

The simplest way to think about it is that the local revenue and the state contribution are two pieces of the same per-pupil funding. The non-homestead millage is not additional money on top of the \$10,300 per student. It is already part of how that amount is funded.

If the district does not collect the full 18 mills, the state does not replace that missing local revenue. Rockford would lose approximately \$9.5 million in annual operating revenue.

Part of our responsibility as a school district is making sure our community has clear and accurate information about how our schools are funded. I hope this makes an otherwise complicated topic a little easier to understand.

Dr. Steve Matthews,
Superintendent



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.

2026 - 2027
SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

24: First Student Day

SEPTEMBER

4-7: Labor Day Weekend (no school)
16: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
30: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

11: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
25, 26, 27: Thanksgiving Break (no school)

DECEMBER

9: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
WINTER RECESS: December 21–January 3 (no school)

JANUARY

4: School Resumes
18: No School (Staff Personal Development)

FEBRUARY

3: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
12, 15: Mid-Winter Break (no school)
24: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

5: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
28, 31: Memorial Day Weekend (no school)

JUNE

3, 4: Half Days, 10:55 (Gr 6-12), 11:55 (Gr DK-5)
4: Last Day of School (Half Day)
7-11: Reserved for make-up days

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

September 16, 30	December 9	April 21
October 14, 28	February 3, 24	May 5
November 11	March 10, 24	

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ROCKFORD VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 2026

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

WHAT IS A NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE?

A non-homestead operating millage is a property tax levied on businesses, rental properties, commercial and industrial property, second homes, vacation homes, and non-principal residences.

VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER A NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal would maintain the district's ability to levy the maximum statutory rate of 18 mills on non-homestead property. If approved, the non-homestead millage is expected to generate approximately \$9.5 million annually, representing more than 8% of the district's **operating budget**.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 2026

VOTE BY MAIL: If you are a registered Michigan voter, you may request an absentee ballot without providing a reason using either of the methods outlined below:

- Online (requires personal ID information and signature upload) – until 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day.
- By mail – must be received by your local clerk by 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day; it is recommended to mail at least 15 days early.

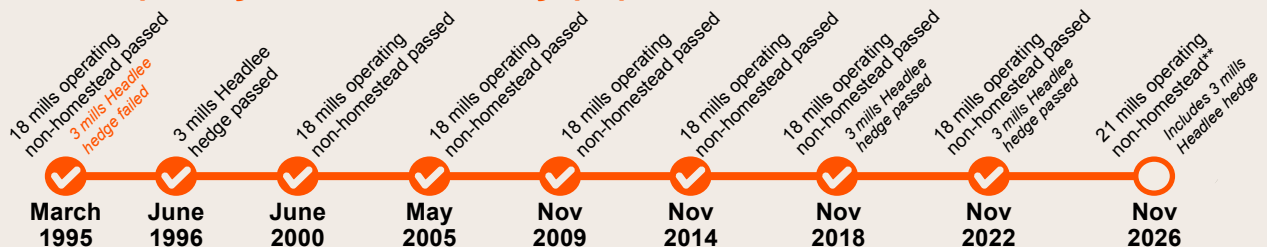
EARLY VOTING:

- There are 9 days of early voting ahead of the November election. This begins the second Saturday before and ends the first Sunday before Election Day.
- Early voting procedures are just like Election Day – show up, complete a voter application, mark your ballot, and place it into the tabulator.

VOTE IN PERSON:

Find your local clerk's office, early voting site, schedule, and your polling location by visiting: michigan.gov/vote.

Since Prop A's approval in 1994, Rockford Public Schools electors have voted regularly on the district's operating non-homestead millage proposal.



**Cannot exceed 18 mills in any year per state law

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED AT RPS?

Revenue from the 18-mill non-homestead levy goes towards the district's general operating budget which includes:

Student programs and services, Teacher and staff salaries, Instructional materials, Educational services, Technology and operational support, School safety initiatives and learning opportunities.

COST TO TAXPAYERS

A homeowner's principal residence is **exempt from this tax**. For most taxpayers with a single residence, they will not pay the non-homestead millage.

A mill equals \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of taxable value. An 18-mill tax equals \$18 for every \$1,000 of taxable value for non-homestead properties.

For more information, visit RockfordSchools.org



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RAMS ATHLETICS

WWW.ROCKFORDATHLETICS.ORG

TEAM SCHEDULES can be found on its home page.

ALL-SPORT PASSES AND TICKETS

All-Sport passes and single-game tickets are now sold digitally.

Head to **www.rockfordathletics.org** and navigate to the OTH-ER INFO link on the left. There you will find a list of events and how to purchase tickets online.

All admissions are \$5.00 (DK-Adult)

FAMILY PASS \$225

Allows up to 5 family members. Any additional spectators will need to purchase individual tickets.

ADULT PASS \$85 | STUDENT PASS \$25

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

ATHLETE REGISTRATION

All student athletes must have a valid physical (dated April 15, 2026 or later) on file and have athletic registration completed.

Registration forms can be found at rockfordathletics.org under **Final Forms** (left-hand side).

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Head to **www.rockfordmsathletics.org** for all middle school athletics, news, schedules and registration information.

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 do 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 that 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 Library and Media Services
37th Annual

Holiday CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 12

9:00am - 3:00pm

Rockford High School,
4100 Kroes St. NE, Rockford

Last minute holiday gifts,
food and fun!
For more info call 616.863.6348

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

**On Tuesday, November 3,
Rockford voters will have the
opportunity to elect three trustees
to the Board of Education.**

Seven candidates are each seeking
one of three available four-year terms
which run from January 1, 2027
through December 31, 2030.

Two candidates are each seeking
a two-year term which runs from
January 1, 2027 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:

4-YEAR CANDIDATES

Jarrold W. Folsom*

Lissa Geglio-Weidenfeller

Josh Hall

Jason P Peterson

Miguel Quintanilla

Brian Vella

Emily Whalen

2-YEAR CANDIDATES

Christie Ramsey*

Megan Romano

*Incumbent

BELMONT ELEMENTARY NEWS

Belmont Elementary has been shining bright since our flag raising on the first day of school. This has a lot to do with our fifth-graders. They have modeled for younger students what it means to be RAMS (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, and Safe) and are being amazing leaders. We are excited to celebrate all of our students' shining moments throughout the year.





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STEAM NIGHT

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NOVEMBER 17TH, 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL

DK - 5TH GRADE FAMILIES



www.rockfordEDfoundation.org

RAMS

Hosted by:
Dr. Matthews

News & Views

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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LAKES ELEMENTARY NEWS

New Year, New Opportunities

Lakes Elementary kicked off the 2026-2027 school year by meeting at the flagpole. This tradition of coming together to say the Pledge of Allegiance is one that Lakes is proud to continue. While at the flagpole, we visited our focus this year of being R.A.M.S.: Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, and Safe students every day. Lakes students were encouraged to continue to work to be R.A.M.S. both here at school and in the community. Kicking off our year together with new friends, classmates, teachers, and staff was a great way to begin!



MTSS- Behavior Focus at Lakes

DENS- Lakes Elementary continues to focus on supporting our daily behavior here at school. Our building is divided into 6 Dens that work together to support our R.A.M.S. model. Each Den blends multiple grades working together to promote positive school behavior. This year, we have incorporated a DEN meet-up day and a DEN assembly into our monthly schedule to learn and celebrate positive behaviors. Our goal is to grow even more within our behavior-focused communities as we look to launch year 3!

Kindergarten Learners

Lakes is so excited to see our newest learners in action as they begin their Kindergarten year. Working together, problem-solving, and exploring the world around them are just a few of the soft skills our Kindergarten students have started developing this year. It is amazing to see how much our youngest learners grow throughout the school year in their love for learning.



PARKSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS



The beginning of the school year at Parkside Early Childhood Center has been filled with excitement, exploration, and lots of learning! Our preschool, Developmental Kindergarten, and Early Childhood Special Education students have been busy getting to know their teachers, making new friends, and learning what it means to be part of a classroom community. From hands-on activities and creative projects to practicing routines and learning classroom expectations, our students are already building confidence and developing a strong sense of belonging.

Our first few weeks were all about creating relationships, encouraging curiosity, and helping each student feel safe, welcomed, and ready to learn. Our classrooms have been filled with busy hands, big smiles, and plenty of opportunities for children to learn through play and exploration. We are excited for the year ahead and appreciate our wonderful staff for creating warm, engaging learning environments where our youngest learners can grow, discover, and be AMAZING!



ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HALL OF FAME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

We will honor these outstanding community members at the 2026 Hall of Fame Reception

Academic & Career Accomplishments

Becca Carlson, *Class of 2013*

Athletics

Maddy Watters, *Class of 2017*

Jeremy C. Jones, *Class of 2007*

Honorary Achievement

Ron and Nancy Hager

Service to Rockford Public Schools & Community

James Alles, *Class of 1967*

Jeremy Amshey, *Class of 1998*

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For more information contact ref@rockfordschools.org

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE 2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Rockford Public Schools and Rockford Education Foundation (REF) are pleased to announce the inductees of the 2026 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.



BECCA CARLSON

Academic & Career Accomplishments

Becca Carlson, a 2013 graduate of Rockford High School, is a scientist and entrepreneur working to solve complex challenges in medicine and human health. After earning a degree in chemical engineering from Michigan State University, Becca completed a Ph.D. in Medical Engineering and Medical Physics through the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology program. Her research has explored how human cells respond to viruses and other threats, helping scientists better understand disease and the immune system. A 2017 Hertz Fellow, Becca is now co-founder and co-CEO of the nonprofit The Deliverome Project, an ambitious effort to help scientists develop medicines that can reach the right cells in the body. Her curiosity, ingenuity, and drive to improve lives have placed her at the forefront of scientific innovation.



MADDY WATTERS

Athletics

Maddy Watters, a 2017 graduate of Rockford High School, made her mark as an outstanding basketball player and one of the region's top student-athletes. A four-year varsity letterwinner and senior team captain, Maddy earned multiple All-State honors and was named the 2017 Grand Rapids Press Dream Team Player of the Year. She continued her career at Central Michigan University, where she became one of the most accomplished three-point shooters in program history. Maddy finished her CMU career seventh in three-pointers made and second in three-point shooting percentage. As a senior, she ranked 14th nationally from beyond the arc and advanced to the semifinals of the State Farm College Three-Point Championship. An Academic All-MAC honoree known for her teamwork and positive attitude, Maddy represented Rockford with skill, determination, and class.



JEREMY C. JONES

Athletics

A 2007 Rockford High School graduate, Jeremy was an all-conference defensive back and part of three consecutive Division 1 state finals appearances, including championships in 2004 and 2005 and a runner-up finish in 2006. At Wayne State University, the four-year letterwinner became the first defensive player in program history to earn First Team All-America honors and was named an All-American in two consecutive seasons. He finished his career as Wayne State's all-time leader in tackles by a defensive back and career interception return yards, with 17 interceptions and three returned for touchdowns. Jeremy and his teammates advanced to the 2011 Division II national championship game, and he later signed with the Chicago Bears. A humble, team-first player, Jeremy credits his teammates and coaches with making his success possible. His talent, toughness, and determination carried him from Rockford to football's national stage, creating a legacy that continues to inspire future Rams.

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS THE 2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



RON AND NANCY HAGER
Honorary Achievement

Ron and Nancy Hager have spent decades quietly making life better for others. While raising their two boys in Rockford, Nancy became deeply involved at Belmont Elementary, serving as PTO President and as an original member of the district's Interschool Advisory Council. In 1991, she helped establish the Rockford Education Foundation as a founding trustee. Together, Ron and Nancy led by example through their generosity, volunteerism, and enduring commitment to education. They have supported REF, North Kent Connect, the Grand Rapids Public Museum, the Wolverine Worldwide YMCA, and programs for cancer survivors. Whether they are supporting students, serving neighbors, or strengthening local nonprofits, Ron and Nancy are a true team who lead with compassion, humility, and a genuine belief in the power of community.



JAMES ALLES
Service to Rockford Public Schools and Community

James Alles, a 1967 graduate of Rockford High School, has built a remarkable legacy of service to his country and community. A United States Coast Guard veteran, James returned home and began decades of civic leadership in Cannon Township, serving as trustee, supervisor, and now township clerk. His commitment to young people is equally impressive. As Scoutmaster of Troop 228, James helped guide more than 16 Scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout and continued supporting Scouting for nearly two decades through its district advancement committee. Inspired by his father's example of community leadership, James has also volunteered through his church for 40 years. His decades of leadership reflect a lifelong willingness to step forward and help, making James a true lifelong Ram.



JEREMY AMSHEY
Service to Rockford Public Schools and Community

Jeremy Amshey, a 1998 graduate of Rockford High School, has built an impressive career through hard work, hands-on experience, and a commitment to developing others. After beginning in the skilled trades as a finish carpenter, Jeremy earned degrees in architectural graphics and construction management and joined Owen-Ames-Kimball in 2008. He rose through the company to become its Chief Operating Officer. Jeremy has remained closely connected to education, previously serving as a trustee of the Rockford Education Foundation and currently serving on the Ferris Foundation Board of Directors. He has also mentored students interested in design and construction. Whether he is leading professionals or encouraging young people to explore new possibilities, Jeremy brings a spirit of teamwork and service.

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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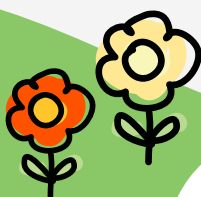


**There Are Many Different
Preschool Opportunities
Offered Through
Rockford Preschool &
Child Care Services.**

SPANISH PRESCHOOL

*Rockford Community Services,
350 N. Main Street*

A great first introduction to Spanish! In this program, preschoolers will be introduced to the Spanish language while using math, sensory, vocabulary, science and practical living materials. Spanish culture will also be explored through music, art, literature and movement.



Preschool Openings for 2026-27

There are still openings in the following programs:

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESCHOOL

- 3-year-old T/TH from 8:15–10:15am OR 10:30am–12:30pm
Program costs: \$900 per year.
- 4-year-old M-TH from 8:45–11:15am OR 11:45am–2:15pm
Program costs: \$1900 per year.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB PRESCHOOL

- 3-year-old T/TH from 12:30–3:00pm
- 4-year-old M/W/F from 9:00–11:30am
Program costs: \$1150-\$1700 per year.

MONTESSORI

- 3/4-year-old blended M–F from 8:30–11:30am OR
12:00–3:00pm. Program costs: \$3900 per year.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESCHOOL

Rockford Community Services, 350 N. Main Street

This program helps children learn to work and play together in an enjoyable group setting that utilizes a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Our teachers make it a priority to make learning fun while providing plenty of individual attention and encouragement. Children are offered a variety of activities and experiences emphasizing a focus on environmental topics.

*To enroll in our Community Education Preschool,
call our office at 616.863.6560*



**For more information about any of our programs, contact our
Child Care office at 616.863.6560 or visit our website at www.rockfordschools.org**

Child Care and Preschool for Young Rams and School Age

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB PRESCHOOL

Rockford High School, 4100 Kroes

This unique program, located at Rockford High School, teaches preschoolers to become successful learners through cooperative experiences, problem solving and play while simultaneously training high school students to become potential educators.

To enroll in our Child Development Lab Preschool program, call our office at 616.863.6560

FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL

Parkside, 156 Lewis Street

Our full-day preschool is open year-round from 7:00am to 6:00pm. This is an ideal program for working parents who want the assurance that their child will be engaged in a variety of learning experiences in a planned preschool program, as well as rest and outdoor play.

MONTESSORI

Rockford Community Services, 350 N. Main Street

This program introduces children to practical living skills, sensory education, language, math, science and cultural activities, art, music and movement. A mix of ages is a key premise of the Montessori philosophy with 3-4 year olds attending together.

To enroll in our Montessori program, go to our registration portal at rockfordschools.arux.app



SCHOOL AGE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Enroll now for before and after school care! BAC is offered at each elementary school from 7:00am until the start of school, after school until 6:00pm, and BAC is also offered on some school vacation days. Enrollment packets can be found online at www.rockfordschools.org, or call our office for more information at 616.863.6560.

Registration Rate: \$40 per student

Morning BAC: \$10 per day Afternoon BAC: \$15 per day

Registrations will be considered based on availability.



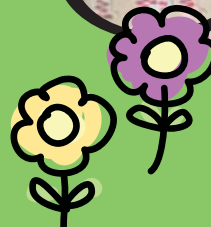
PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You will need to create a user account prior to enrollment at our registration website: rockfordschools.arux.app



TO REGISTER:

- Create your ARUX account.
- Select preschool registration.
- Select the class and follow prompts to register.





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44th ANNUAL

Holiday

ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

FREE
Admission!



Rockford High School
4100 Kroes Ave. Rockford

9:00am–3:00pm

Saturday, November 14

- Lunch available for purchase
- Unique vendors!
- Lots of wonderful gifts!
- One-of-a-kind stocking stuffers!
- Free Parking!

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