

The
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The End of an Unusual School Year

Staff Report

It's no secret that this has been an unusual school year at Rhodes School. In March 2020, Rhodes School students and staff went remote due to COVID-19. Rhodes School students came back for hybrid learning on April 6, 2021. Students also had the option of staying remote. Rhodes teachers and students have worked so hard this year. We want to say thank you to everyone who helped make this year possible, even though it was difficult.

Mr. McConnell's Update for the Next School Year

By: Britanya Brambila

Mr. McConnell talked with Rhodes School's newspaper club about the protocol for next school year. He said that J.B. Pritzker passed a law that schools must have in-person

learning next year. A student can stay home if they have a medical issue. Mr. McConnell said we will have regular school hours next year, which will be 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. He said that students will sit in the cafeteria and old gym for breakfast and lunch to keep students spread apart. Students and staff will probably have to continue wearing masks. Students must stay at least three feet apart.

If a child experiences COVID symptoms, they will need to get a test in order to come back to the school. The test must come back negative. He said Rhodes School must follow the state rules next school year.

Mr. McConnell also said students will **not** be required to get the COVID vaccine to return to school next year. He said that there will be outdoor sports.

Mr. McConnell said he is SO proud of Rhodes staff and

students. He feels that students know so much about technology! He cannot believe how well everyone has adjusted to online learning. He said he is beyond proud of our community.



Dominick and Christian are having fun in PreK!

Fun Facts About Mr. McConnell

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Mr. McConnell is our school principal. He said he starts his day by dropping his son off at preschool. When he gets to Rhodes School, he meets with

teachers, parents, students, the social workers, and Mr. Prather. Recently, he's been working on the eighth-grade graduation.

He said he born in Kokomo, Indiana, and then grew up in St. Louis. His two brothers encouraged him to move to Chicago. He decided to stay in Chicago because he met Mrs. McConnell. Every weekend, he likes to take his two sons to museums, parks, and Wrigley Field.



Who said masks must be boring?

World Records in 2020

By: Julianna Beard

Every year many world records are broken. There were two cool world records that were broken in 2020. On Oct. 18, 2020, Ren Keyu of China received the Guinness World Records title for tallest teenager. He is 7 feet and 3 inches! That is about a foot taller than a baby giraffe. He is only 14 years old.

Martin Rees from the United Kingdom achieved the World Record for the most magic tricks performed underwater in three minutes and 20 seconds. Wow!



Slime!

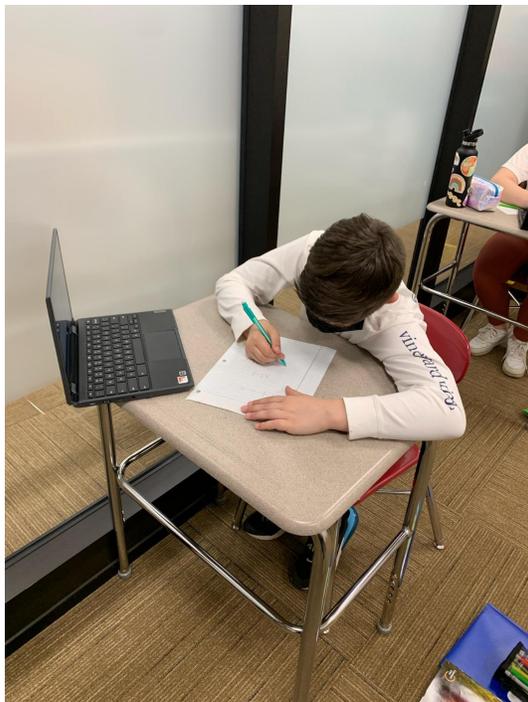
How to Take Care of a Dog

By: Marie Devore

The first step to take care of a dog is to have a dog! Next, you must buy food and water bowls. Other supplies you must purchase is dog food and a dog bed. However, it is very likely that your dog will want to sleep with you at night. Your dog will also want toys and bones. If you don't buy your dog these things, they may chew your furniture. Dogs also need a collar. If you don't have a collar for your

dog, they may run away. Always be sure to have your information on your dog's collar if your dog does run away.

The most important step to having a dog is to love them and hug them often! Dogs are the best!



Jackman Kopecky is working hard in enrichment math

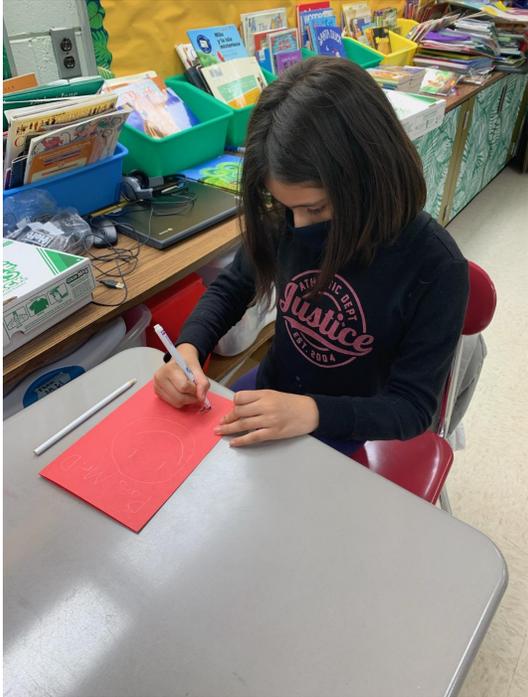
How to Work for NASA

By: **Britanya Brambila**

To be considered for the NASA astronaut program, there are several requirements. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in engineering, biology, physical science, computer science or math. In order to go into space, it takes at least a decade of very vigorous training. Astronauts must be in perfect mental and physical health.



Kindergarten dressed up for career day



Making cards in Mr. Dembowski's class



Sammy is just sliding by to say hi!



We love kindergarten!

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