

# Rockwell Elementary School Newsletter



May-2022

## Welcome Message

Dear Rockwell Families,

It is so hard to believe that this is the last Roadrunner Newsletter for the 2021-22 School Year! Thank you to all of the families and staff members of Rockwell Elementary for making this such an amazing year for all of our Roadrunners.

Next week, May 2nd - 6th, is Staff Appreciation Week. There will be appreciations sponsored by the PTO, myself, and the district to help our staff know their work is truly important and appreciated. Please consider having your child take a moment next week to let their teacher know how they have impacted their education over the course of this school year or in years past. This can be easily done with a homemade card or picture. We have the best staff here at Rockwell and this week is our opportunity to make sure they know it!

Events like Staff Appreciation Week and our Monthly Roadrunner Spirit Days could not be as successful as they are without the support of the PTO. It is that time of year when we begin winding down the activities of this year and begin planning for the fall. I want to thank Sarah Rao, Heather Radloff and Teri Drake for serving as this year's PTO officers. Thank you for all of your dedication to this important group. Please consider attending next Tuesday night's PTO Meeting to learn more about ways you can get involved in PTO and the open officer positions.

I also want to thank all of the families of our students in grades 3-5, for making sure their children were at school and ready to test on our state testing during the past few weeks. The students truly put forth their best effort and we are so proud of them. They worked very hard and represented Rockwell very well.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled May and the close of the best school year yet!

Ms. Walden



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### One Team, One District, One Community

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Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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## Calendar of Events: May

We hope you can join us!

**May 3rd:** PTO Meeting, 6 pm IMC

**May 4th:** 4th Gr. Field Trip, Kutz Dairy Farm

**May 6th:** Spirit Day!

**May 11th:** Band Rehearsal at Luther  
12-12:45

**May 12th:** K Field Trip, Betty Brinn Museum

**May 12th:** 1st Gr. Field Trip, MPM

**May 12th:** Joint 5th Gr. Choir concert at Luther, 6:30

**May 13th:** Orchestra Rehearsal at Luther  
12-12:45

**May 16th:** Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm

**May 17th:** Band & Orchestra Rehearsal  
Luther, 12-1:30

**May 17th:** Band & Orchestra Concert High School, 6pm

**May 18th:** May Birthday Lunch

**May 19th:** 4th Gr. Field Trip, Overture Center

**May 19th:** Board of Education Meeting  
Luther, 6:30 pm

**May 20th:** PTO Roadrunner Night at the Library

**May 25th:** August Birthday Lunch

**May 26th:** 4th & 5th Grade Track Meet

**May 27th:** 4th Gr. Field Trip  
Buckskinners

**May 27th:** 2nd Gr. Field Trip, Milwaukee County Zoo

**May 30th:** Memorial Day, No School



## PTO News

April was a busy month at Rockwell and for the PTO! We had our online Papa Murphys fundraiser, served walking tacos at Fine Arts Night, hosted the Scholastic Book Fair, and ended the month with the UW Whitewater Wheelchair Basketball Assembly! We appreciate everyone who participated and made these events possible!

The End of the Year Picnic will be our final big event of the school year. We will be finalizing the details at our May meeting. We would love any ideas you may have to make this event our best yet!

We are very excited to be hosting a new event this month; Roadrunner Night at the Library! Please see the next section for all the details! This is sure to be a fun event for your entire family.

Our Secretary position has been filled; we welcome Abby Petitt as the our new PTO Secretary! She will begin her term at the beginning of the 22/23 school year. Our President position is still open!

If you would like to get in touch with the PTO for any reason, please feel free to email us at [rockwellpto@fortschools.org](mailto:rockwellpto@fortschools.org). We look forward to seeing you on May 3rd for our meeting!

Rockwell Elementary School &  
Dwight Foster Public Library  
present

## Roadrunner Night at the Library

- ★ Enter to win a doorprize
- ★ Join a scavenger hunt
- ★ Decorate your own bookmark
- ★ Read with your family
- ★ Sign up for a library card
- ★ Pre-register for the summer reading program



Special meet &  
greet with the  
roadrunner!



When: Friday, May 20th, 2022  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: Dwight Foster Public Library  
209 Merchants Ave  
Fort Atkinson



## Lunch Account Reminder

Please check your child's lunch account balance! If your child is purchasing milk at meal time, and NOT a full meal, those milks are not free, and funds are withdrawn from your account to cover that purchase.

Also, based on current legislation, starting in September, meals will go back to "normal" and will no longer be free for all families. Since we have not regularly used these accounts since March 2020, you may have funds available to start the 2022-23 school year...but, many of you may be carrying a negative balance, from meals purchased prior to March 2020. Now is a good time to check them, and see where you stand, so you are ready to go come fall!

If you have any questions, please contact Nutrition Services at [oswaldc@fortschools.org](mailto:oswaldc@fortschools.org) or 920-563-7811 ext.1159.



## Safety Patrollers of the Month

**Gavin Manthey** and **xxx** were chosen as Safety Patrollers of the month for April. They were treated to a special lunch at Culvers for the great job they did teaching safety and being great role models for the students at Rockwell.

## Teacher Requests for the Fall

We will begin working on classroom placement for the fall in the coming weeks. If you would like to request a specific teacher for next year, please email that request to Ms. Walden ([waldenj@fortschools.org](mailto:waldenj@fortschools.org)) no later than **Friday, May 13th**. Our teachers consider many factors when choosing your child's next teacher and it is important that we have all requests prior to placing students.



## **Band & Orchestra News**

Band and Orchestra concert:

5th grade band and orchestra will perform on Tuesday, May 17 at Fort Atkinson High School. Students need to arrive by 5:30 and the concert will begin at 6:00.

In order to practice for this concert, band and orchestra students will have all school rehearsals during the day on the following days.

Wednesday, May 11 - All Band Students

Friday, May 13 - All Orchestra Students

Tuesday, May 17 - ALL Band and Orchestra students

Orchestra Festival Concert

Thursday, June 2 is the last orchestra concert. This will be at Fort Atkinson High School at 7:00pm. This will feature all orchestras grades 5-12.

Orchestra Sign up Night 4th into 5th:

Attention all 4th Grade families! Tuesday, May 10 is the orchestra sign up night for orchestra next year. This will be held from 3:30-5:30 at Luther Elementary. There will be parent information meetings at 3:30 and 5:30. There will be a representative from Breber Music to sign students up for instrument rental.

All students will see a demonstration of the orchestra instruments on May 5 and will get to try out instruments that are interesting to them. Ask your child about what they liked!

## **Important Immunization Information for 5th Grade Students**

Wisconsin Student Immunization Law requires a dose of Tdap vaccine for students entering the 6th grade. Parents are required to have their children vaccinated or claim a waiver.

For the 2022-2023 school year the following is required:

Students entering	Vaccine
Grades 6 through 12	Tdap (1 dose)

We encourage you to make plans now to have your child vaccinated well in advance of school starting next fall to avoid the late summer rush at doctor's offices and immunization clinics.

Please provide the school with the dates of your child's vaccinations

You may contact the School Nurse office with any questions at 920-563-7805 or email at [schoolnurse@fortschool.org](mailto:schoolnurse@fortschool.org).

## Community Survey - Closes May 16th

In November of 2021, the School District of Fort Atkinson asked voters to participate in a community survey to **evaluate the district's financial and facility needs, consider possible solutions**, and offer their feedback.

Understanding that much has changed over the past several months, we are asking residents to **complete a follow-up survey** to provide additional input.

Paper copies are available at the Municipal Building, Dwight Foster Public Library, Chamber, Senior Center, and each SDFA school office.

If you have questions, please contact Marissa Weidenfeller, SDFA Director of Communications, at [info@fortschools.org](mailto:info@fortschools.org) or 920-563-7851.



**CLICK HERE to take the survey!**

## Summer School Registration - OPEN!

Have you registered for summer school yet? Registration is now open. There are plenty of available courses/camps to choose from.

Registration is completed online. Visit [www.fortschools.org/summer](http://www.fortschools.org/summer) for more information.

If you have any questions, please call 920-563-7802 during business hours or email [summerschool@fortschools.org](mailto:summerschool@fortschools.org).



## ESSER Dashboard - LIVE

Between March of 2020 and 2021, Congress passed three stimulus bills that provided over \$2.3 billion under the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief Fund (ESSER or ESSERF) to local educational agencies (LEAs) in Wisconsin. These funds provide emergency financial assistance to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools.

In an effort to provide transparent communication with stakeholders, SDFA created an interactive dashboard. What you will find on this dashboard are links to information about these funds, as well as sub-pages dedicated to outlining each of the three waves of funding and how the School District of Fort Atkinson leveraged these one-time funds. Stakeholders provided feedback to direct the District where to invest these one-time funds.



**CLICK HERE!**

## Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration

Currently accepting membership applications for the 2022 summer program!

The 2022 summer program will run from June 13th-August 26th. We will be open from 7:30 am-5:30 pm and offer a fun-filled day with activities, field trips, and friends.

Summer fees range from \$40-\$90/week per child with discounted fees for additional children, and additional financial support may be available for qualifying families. [Click here to start the registration process!](#)

Affordable fees and scholarships available for those who qualify

**BASE**

Open Monday-Friday 3pm-6pm and select early release and no school days

2022-2023  
AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Open to children ages 7+

INSPIRING KIDS

When school is out, BASE is in!

For more information and to register:  
[www.basefortatkinson.org/registration](http://www.basefortatkinson.org/registration)

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## Upcoming Events

- [American Legion Post 166 7th Annual Fishing Derby](#)
- [Fort Boys Basketball Association Summer Basketball Camp](#)

**BASE**  
Wings & Wheels  
Fly In Breakfast  
Sunday, June 5th 2022  
8AM-12PM

JONES CHEMARR HELICOPTERS

ALL YOU CAN EAT COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST  
50/50 CASH RAFFLE  
AIRPLANE RIDES FOR PURCHASE  
NEW RIDES & VINATAGE GLIDES CAR SHOW

Celebrating our BASE Kid of the Year and Lemonade Day Winners too!

**\$8/ADULT \$5/CHILD**

Ages 3-12. 2 & Under free  
for more information and to purchase tickets visit  
[WWW.BASEFORTATKINSON.ORG](http://WWW.BASEFORTATKINSON.ORG)

**Lemonade Day!**  
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WHAT'S LEMONADE DAY? WHEN IS LEMONADE DAY?

Lemonade Day is a fun, experiential program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their very own business - a lemonade stand.

**SATURDAY  
MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
2022**



Fort HealthCare is sharing some Backpack News for our families, which includes tips such as how to stay healthy as the winter weather approaches, tips for families, flu shots, and more!

[Click here for the PDF in English](#)

[Click here for the PDF in Spanish](#)

## Community Connections:

[Parks & Recreation](#)

[Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce](#)

[City of Fort Atkinson - News & City Council](#)

[Fort Atkinson Community Foundation - Projects](#)