

Rockwell Elementary School Newsletter



NOVEMBER-2024

Welcome Message

Greetings Rockwell Families,

November is such a wonderful time of year as it reminds us to take moment and reflect upon all the things we have to be thankful for. When I think back upon my years of service as the Principal of Rockwell Elementary School, my heart overflows with so many things for which I am thankful. I am thankful for the amazing staff who work tirelessly day in and day out to ensure every student who enters Rockwell receives the highest level of education possible. I am also thankful for all of the Roadrunner families who support their students at home every night with homework, volunteer their time with different PTO sponsored initiatives and are such important partners in their child's educational journey.

November is also a time with multiple opportunities for families to attend many special Rockwell events. Rockwell will be partnering with a group of local veterans to provide a powerful assembly in honor of Veteran's Day. The Rockwell Veterans Day Assembly will take place at 12:45 on Monday, November 11th in the Rockwell Gym. Families of veterans being honored are encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing all families at the Rockwell Family Meal, which will be held on Friday, November 22nd.

With a thankful heart,
Ms. Walden



Jennifer Walden

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Calendar of Events: November

We hope you can join us!

November 1st: No School

November 8th: Spirit Day, Reports Cards Coming Home

November 9th: Band Booster Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11:00am

November 11: Veteran's Day Assembly, 12:45
Early Dismissal, 1:30

November 12th: PTO Meeting, 6pm IMC

November 19th: Orchestra Field Trip, Overture Center

November 20th: November Birthday Lunch

November 22nd: Rockwell Family Meal

November 27th-29th: No School





PTO News

We hope you were able to join us for our first, big family event; the Fall Party! It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying their time together. Thank you to our volunteers and to everyone who made the event a success! We loved working with the student council to offer Trunk or Treat and the Haunted Hallway!

Did you order Salamone's on October 14? We received a generous donation from them from all the pizza our Roadrunners ordered that night! Stay tuned for our Quarter 2 Dine-Out night.

As we approach the holiday season, the PTO will set up the PTO Teacher Gift Tree in the front of the school. Teachers are asked to place their wishes in an envelope and you can pick from them if you feel inclined to purchase a gift.

We will be discussing future events at our next meeting; Quarterly Eat-Out Nights, the holiday teacher gift tree, and more! Please consider joining us on November 12th to learn more about how you can get involved in making our school a great place! If you would like to get in touch with the PTO for any reason, please feel free to email us at rockwellpto@fortschools.org. See you on November 12th!

Rockwell Family Meal

Your student should have brought home a yellow piece of paper detailing the Rockwell Family Meal! You are invited to join us for lunch on Friday, November 22nd. If you'd like, you may order a traditional Thanksgiving meal from our SDFA Nutrition Department for \$4.75. We ask that all orders be placed by Monday, November 4th so we can be sure to have enough food for all! You are welcome to bring your own meal, as well. If you have multiple students at Rockwell, and would like to all eat at the same time, please indicate that on your order from and we will plan to have your students eat at the same time with you. Contact Mrs. Radloff if you have any questions about this event! Lunch times can be found below:

Kindergarten: 11:15-11:35 (recess 11:35-12:00)

1st Grade: 11:35-11:55 (recess 11:55-12:20)

2nd Grade: 11:25-11:45 (recess 11:45-12:05)

3rd Grade: 11:00-11:20 (recess 11:20-11:45)

4th Grade: 11:50-12:10 (recess 12:10-12:35)



Safety Patrollers of the Month

Each month, two Safety Patrollers are chosen to attend a special lunch with other patrollers and principals in our district. Students are chosen for being great role models and leaders. In September, Captains Emma Scheckel and Adalyn Telfer were treated to lunch at McDonalds. Jace Fisher and Payton Ruhnke were treated to lunch at Culvers in October.



Report Cards

Los boletines de calificaciones se enviarán a casa en un sobre en la carpeta de su hijo el viernes 8 de noviembre. Por favor revise el reporte; ¡es suyo para que se lo quede! Por favor firme y devuelva el sobre.





Band & Orchestra News

Band lessons are well underway! Please remember to fill out and return practice logs weekly. It is so important to be practicing at home and showing accountability for that time as we learn how to play each instrument.

****THANK YOU** parents for attending Band Parent Night on October 21st! The 5th Annual Band Booster **Pancake Breakfast** is Saturday, November 9th, 7:30-11:00 am at the Middle School. Come and get your fill of pancakes while being entertained by the middle and high school jazz bands! See you there!

The Orchestra field trip to the Overture Center is November 19th. Please return the permission slip, if you haven't already done so!

****Orchestra Just Coffee Fundraiser** - Product pickup is on November 25th from 3:15-5:30 PM in the Fort Atkinson High School Orchestra Room. All products must be picked up at this time. We do not ship items.

-If you have friends or relatives ordering from you, you will need to pick up the items and deliver them to your friends and relatives.

Our next performance is our Holiday Band & Orchestra Concert on Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 pm at the HIGH SCHOOL Performing Arts Center. Mark your Calendars!!



Give Back to Rockwell

- Amazon Smiles - Designate Rockwell PTO as your charity of choice!
- Box Tops - Download the app and start scanning your receipts
- PTO Sponsors - 3 Levels of Sponsorship. Sponsors receive free entrance to PTO events, a free concession item, and half off 1 piece of Spirit Wear!



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<https://www.fortschools.org/Domain/273>

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My School Menu



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Lunch Times & Prices

Lunch schedule:

Kindergarten - 11:15

First - 11:35

Second - 11:30

Third- 11:00

Fourth- 11:55

Fifth- 12:00

School Meals:

Cost for breakfast*:

\$1.70 full price

30¢ reduced

Cost for lunch*:

\$3.15 full price

45¢ reduced

45¢ A la Cart Milk

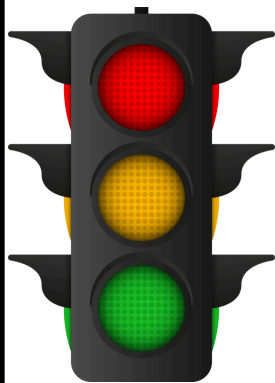
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Attendance

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the 24-25 school year ends on Oct. 30th. By that date, there will have been 41 days of school. As we continue to stress the importance of positive school attendance, we use a stoplight graphic to illustrate attendance and absences. Our goal is for students to be in school at least 90% of the school-year. So for a typical year with 180 days we want students to be here at least 162 of them (which means missing fewer than 2 days a month).

With that in mind, here is where things are at first quarter:



Red Light – You have been at school 29 days or fewer (absent 12 days or more). You may notice that school and learning is getting harder and it may be more challenging to catch up to your peers.

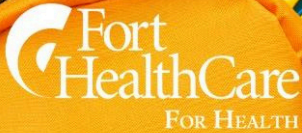
Yellow Light – You have been at school between 33 and 36 days. You have missed some learning and may notice that you are falling a bit behind.

Green Light – You have been at school 37 or more days and are on pace with your peers to make progress throughout the year.

If you find yourself or your child in the yellow or red light area, please reach out to the teachers or pupil services staff. We want to find ways to help build positive attendance, so that your child can learn and build habits that can help them be successful as they go through school and into adulthood. Good learning and habits start with positive school attendance.

We recognize that students may need to be absent for appointments or days when they are not well enough to attend school, please remember to contact the attendance office for those absences and know that we want students to be healthy and attending school.





BACKPACK NEWS KIDS

National Kindness Day

Mark your calendars! November 13 is National Kindness Day, a perfect opportunity to practice kindness and gratitude in your community. Think of fun ways to spread kindness—maybe you could write uplifting notes for your classmates, bake treats for a neighbor, or organize a community clean-up. Let's make this day a celebration of caring for one another!

**From Katie Paul,
School Nurse of Cambridge School
District:**

November is a great time of year to reflect and highlight the good things in your lives and what is going well, rather than only focusing on what you don't have or don't like about your situation. It can be natural for adults and kids to focus on their challenges; Life throws a variety of things at us. You can reach a point where it starts to hurt you if not enough time and space are given to the good things in life. Expressing gratitude is a skill, and just like any skill, it can be practiced! The more you practice positive thinking and gratitude, the easier it will become. Thoughts and actions of gratitude can decrease more challenging emotions such as anxiety and depression. An easy way to express gratitude is by saying, "thank you." If you are grateful for someone, tell them! Not only will it make you feel good, it will make them feel good, too. Challenge yourself to notice things you are

grateful for in the moment.

Encourage your children to share what they are thankful for at dinner each night. This can be a fun way to bond as a family and help everyone reflect on the positives in their lives. You might also consider creating a gratitude jar where family members can write down things they appreciate and read them together at the end of the month. It's a great way to reinforce the importance of

gratitude and well-being!

Kindness Counts!

Being kind is a fantastic way to improve your well-being and spread gratitude! Did you know that when you do something nice for someone else, it can make both of you feel good? Kindness creates a ripple effect; when one person is kind, it encourages others to be kind too! This November, let's focus on acts of kindness. You could start with small gestures, like holding the door open for someone, helping a classmate pick up their fallen books, or sharing a smile with someone who looks sad. These little acts may seem small, but they can mean a lot!

Why not take it a step further? Challenge yourself to perform one act of kindness each day this month. You could write a positive note for someone, help a neighbor with their yard work, or even volunteer at a local shelter. Not only will these actions make others feel appreciated, but they will also boost your mood and sense of purpose. You might also want to team up with friends or classmates to organize a kindness project. For example, you could create care packages for those in need, or start a "kindness wall" at school where students can post notes about their kind acts. Each small act adds up and can create a wave of positivity in your community. Plus, it's a great way to show gratitude for the people around you!

Did you know that saying "thank you" can actually make you feel happier? When we express gratitude, we're not just being polite; we're also boosting our own well-being! Studies show that practicing gratitude can improve mood, reduce stress, and even help us build stronger relationships with others.

This November, let's make it a goal to say "thank you" more often. Start by paying attention to the small things that make your day brighter. Did a friend share their favorite toy with you? Did your teacher take extra time to explain a lesson? Did a family member make a delicious dinner? Each of these moments is an opportunity to show appreciation! Over time, you might be surprised at how this simple practice can change your mood and outlook on life. Remember, gratitude is contagious! When you express thanks, it inspires others to do the same. So, let's spread those positive vibes and create a gratitude chain that connects all of us!