

Rockwell Elementary School Newsletter



APRIL-2025

Welcome Message

Dear Rockwell Families,

I hope you all enjoyed some much needed family time over the Spring Break. We love hearing from our students about all of the wonderful adventures you've had. It sounds like everyone had a great break creating beautiful memories.

Now that we have made it past spring break, we have begun our journey into fourth quarter. Time is moving along quickly and it has been exciting to see all of the academic gains our students have been making over the first three quarters. The staff put a lot of time and effort into the third quarter report cards, which will be sent home to you this Friday. If you have any questions regarding any information on the report card, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Even though we have begun fourth quarter, we are still in full swing with our academic programming. Our students in third through fifth grades are continuing to focus on their core instruction in preparation for continuation of our Forward Assessment. Families of students in grades 3-5 have already received the exact testing dates for their students. Thank you for ensuring your child is at school for their testing sessions. The best way you can help your child prepare for the test is to make sure they get a good night's sleep the night before and have had a healthy breakfast to start their day.

As we move into fourth quarter, we are also beginning to plan for the 2025-2026 School Year. Please consider attending the April 1st PTO Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockwell IMC. The PTO does so much for the staff and students of Rockwell and we truly appreciate everyone's consideration of this opportunity to get involved.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Ms. Walden



Jennifer Walden

Rockwell Elementary School Principal
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Calendar of Events: April

We hope you can join us!

- April 1st: PTO Meeting, 6pm
- April 2nd and 3rd: Forward Testing, 3rd Grade
- April 4th: Spirit Day
Group Photos for Yearbook
- April 6: Science Fair
- April 8th and 9th: Forward Testing, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades
- April 14th: Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
- April 15th: Forward Testing, 4th and 5th Grades
Dare Graduation, 6:00pm, High School
- April 16th: Forward Testing, 4th and 5th Grades
- April 24th: PTO BinGLOW
- April 25th: Safety Patrol Lunch at Culvers
- April 27th: Final Day to Order Yearbooks
- April 30th: April Birthday Lunch



PTO News

At our March meeting, we continued brainstorming ways the PTO can give back to our school. We applied for a grant through the Fort Community Foundation to pay for a set of soccer goals we'd like to purchase, and we'd also purchase another set. There was also discussion about gifting each teacher \$50 to use for their classroom and matching the funds Student Council is raising from school store proceeds to purchase a gaga ball pit. We'd love some additional input on these ideas and other ideas, as well!

Some of you have placed and received orders for spiritwear from our new online store! Use the following link to shop: <https://rockwell-elementary.square.site>. This store is available from now until the end of the school year, so families can order whenever is convenient for them! Items take about 2 weeks to be delivered to Rockwell.

We hope you can join us for BINGLOW on **April 24th!** There will be a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers. Please consider donating your time!

At our next meeting, we'll continue planning the talent show, a spring picnic and more! Please consider joining us on **April 1st** at 6pm to share your ideas and input! 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 April 1st!

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Online ordering for yearbooks is now live! The link to order is: <https://www.vipis.com/group/2896b676/rockwell-elementary-school>. The cost of the book is \$11 each. The final date to order is **April 27th, 2025**, after which late ordering will only be available after the last day of school.

Order your yearbook!

Here's how
to snag this
great keepsake:



1. Go to [vipis.com](https://www.vipis.com)
2. Click [view & order photos](#)
3. Type in your school name
4. Click [order now](#) on the yearbook button

*You will receive an email confirmation when your order is complete.



Safety Patrollers of the Month

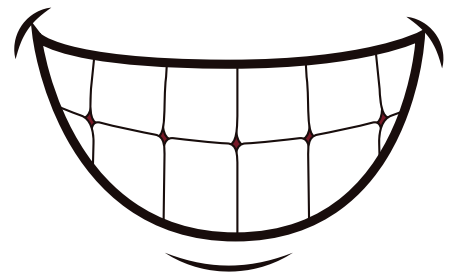
Each month, two Safety Patrollers are chosen to attend a special lunch with other patrollers and principals in our district. Students are chosen for being great role models and leaders. In March, Leo Alvarado and Chase Fuller were treated to lunch at McDonalds.



Group Photos

VIP, our picture company, will be at Rockwell on Friday, April 4th to take pictures of our various club groups at Rockwell. If your child is in any of the following groups, please have them picture ready on Friday!

- Safety Patrol
- Band
- Orchestra
- 1st Place & Runners Up Interpretive Reading
- Choir
- Student Council



Open Enrollment

APPLICATION PERIOD IS FEBRUARY 3RD TO APRIL 30TH

Open Enrollment is the process of applying to attend a non-resident school district in the State of Wisconsin. The Open Enrollment application window is February 3rd to April 30th at 4pm. For families now living in our district who may be considering moving out of our district but wish for their children to remain enrolled with Fort Schools or for parents from other districts wanting to enroll their students in our district, applications must be submitted online at dpi.wi.gov/openenrollment/applications during the application window. Paper applications are also available at the District office. Please contact the superintendent's assistant, Lisa Haas, at 920-563-7807 for more information on open enrollment. Any applications coming in after the deadline cannot be accepted per the open enrollment laws, so please mark your calendars and let us help you if you need assistance.



Lost and Found

Be sure to stop in periodically to check for any items your child may have left behind! The Lost and Found is located outside of Mrs. Wohlbedacht's office. Smaller, more valuable items are kept in the office.



Extra Clothes



Our playground has gone from a winter wonderland to a spring mud puddle! Thank you to everyone who has kept an extra set of clothing in your child's backpack for "just in case" situations. The office does have some clothing available, but our stock is running VERY low. If your child does borrow clothes from the office, we kindly ask that you wash and return them, so we can continue to provide them to anyone who may need them. Please be aware that if your child is too muddy to return to class and we don't have any clothes they can use in the office or in their backpack, we will need to have to call home for a change of clothes.





Band & Orchestra News

Below are some dates to note for Band and Orchestra families:

- Band Booster Meeting - April 16th, 2025 at 6 pm in the High School IMC.
- Orchestra Booster Meeting - April 21st, 2025 at 6 pm in the High School orchestra room.
- Band Candy Pick-up - Saturday, April 5th from 9:30AM - 11:00 AM in the High School Commons (during the Performing Arts Festival)



Rockwell Playground Reminders

April continues to be a “roller coaster” weather month! Snow and rain comes and goes quickly, leaving our playground full of mud! If students want to leave the blacktop at recess, they should still be wearing snow boots or rain boots so they can keep their shoes clean for the classroom. Hopefully there will be no more snow, but a reminder that, if there is, please keep it on the ground! If you do get full of mud, those extra clothes in your backpack will come in handy.

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!



Helpful Contact Information

Follow us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/FortRockwellPTO>

Rockwell Elementary PTO

<https://www.facebook.com/sdfort>

School District of Fort Atkinson

Check out these Websites:

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

Rockwell Elementary School

<https://www.fortschools.org>

School District of Fort Atkinson

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/instance/783/district/779>

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

**Free for those who qualify*



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4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



CALLING ALL 4-YEAR-OLDS - LET'S REGISTER FOR FALL 2025!
REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 17, 2025



**Must be 4 years old by September 1, 2025*

VISIT AN OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD DETAILS COMING SOON

FORT PRESCHOOL ST. JOE'S PARENTS COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL PURDY ELEMENTARY 4K HEAD START - PURDY / HEBRON KIDS KONNECTION



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ABOUT 4K?**



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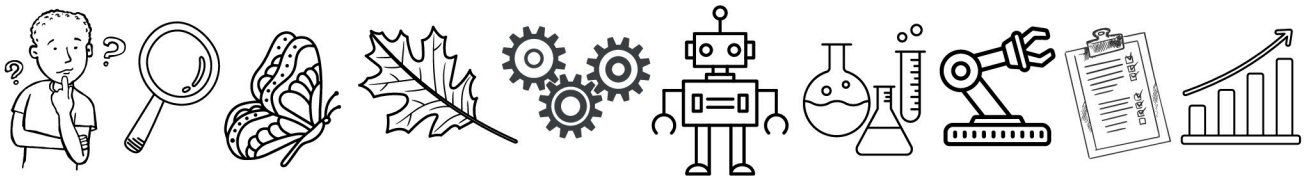
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Fort Atkinson Regional Science ^{*and} Engineering Fair

*** Now Accepting Engineering projects!**

~~~~~ **Sunday, April 6, 2025** ~~~~~

at Luther Elementary School, 205 Park St, Fort Atkinson



*Open to students in Johnson Creek, Lake Mills, Jefferson, Milton, Cambridge, Fort Atkinson, Palmyra-Eagle, and Whitewater.*

Prizes will be awarded in grade divisions K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Financial assistance is available for creating your project.

## Important Dates:

**By Monday, March 24, 2025**

Register for your t-shirt at [FAScienceFair.org](http://FAScienceFair.org).

**By Saturday, March 29:**

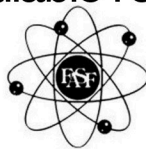
Students in grades 6-12 only submit projects online for judging before Science Fair day.

**By Saturday, April 5:**

Students in grades K-5 can sign up until the day before the Science Fair.

**On Sunday, April 6** between 9:00 and 10:00 am:

All Grades, K-12, bring project displays to the Science Fair for project viewing and awards. The Fair will be open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00.



**Awards include medals, ribbons, and money!**

*See website for all details and to register:*

**[www.FAScienceFair.org](http://www.FAScienceFair.org)**

**[Facebook.com/FortAtkinsonRegionalScienceFair](https://Facebook.com/FortAtkinsonRegionalScienceFair)**

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## WEEKLY CAMP THEMES

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6/16 : SPACE            | 7/21 : GAMES             |
| 6/23 : GARDEN           | 7/28 : CAMPING           |
| 6/30 : KINDNESS         | 8/4 : OCEAN              |
| 7/7 : COMMUNITY         | 8/11 : ANIMALS           |
| 7/14 : AROUND THE WORLD | 8/18 : YOU'VE GOT TALENT |



[www.basefortatkinson.org/summerprogram](http://www.basefortatkinson.org/summerprogram)

# BACKPACK NEWS KIDS

## Planet

Environmental wellness is all about keeping our planet healthy, not just for us, but for the generations to come. It means making choices that protect the Earth's natural resources, like clean air, water, and soil, so that our world remains a great place to live. The environment is our home, and just like we take care of our own homes, it's important to take care of the planet!

One of the easiest ways to help is by reducing waste. Recycling materials like paper, plastic, and glass helps cut down on pollution and saves resources. Instead of throwing things away, try to reuse items when you can. You can even get creative by turning old objects into fun crafts or projects!

Another way to help is by using less water. Simple actions like turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth or taking shorter showers can save a lot of water over time.

Planting trees and starting a garden are also excellent ways to boost environmental wellness. Trees help clean the air by absorbing carbon dioxide, and gardens provide a home for pollinators like bees and butterflies, which are vital to our ecosystem. Plus, growing your own fruits and vegetables is a great way to support a healthier environment. Being mindful of your energy use is another important step. You can turn off lights when they're not needed or use energy-efficient appliances to reduce electricity use. Even small changes in your daily routine, like using reusable water bottles instead of plastic, can make a big difference.

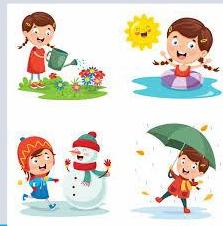
## National Gardening Day

National Gardening Day, celebrated on **April 14th**, is a fun day to get outside and enjoy nature by planting and taking care of gardens! It's a great way to learn about how plants grow, help the environment, and even grow your own food. Whether you're planting flowers, veggies, or herbs, National Gardening Day is a perfect chance to explore the outdoors and connect with nature while making the world a greener place!

From Caitlyn Christophersen,  
School Nurse of Whitewater  
School District:

Tips for taking care of your body/mind  
when  
you spend time outside:

- ★ Protect yourself from the sun by wearing protective clothing and sunscreen (even on cloudy days)!
- ★ Stay hydrated!
- ★ Bring healthy snacks.
- ★ Keep your distance from wildlife and do not try to feed them.
- ★ Keep a nature journal.



Spending time outdoors is a great way to connect with nature and promote environmental wellness. Take family walks in local parks, nature trails, or even around your neighborhood. This not only helps everyone get fresh air and exercise, but it also teaches kids about the importance of caring for the environment.

## Spending Time in Nature

Spending time in nature is a fantastic way for kids to learn, grow, and have fun. It not only allows them to explore the world around them but also helps with physical and mental development. Here are some 5 tips to make the most of outdoor time with kids:

### 1. Create a Nature Scavenger Hunt

Turn a walk or hike into a fun adventure by making a scavenger hunt. List simple items like leaves, rocks, or birds to spot along the way. It encourages observation and helps kids feel more connected to their surroundings.

### 2. Bring Along Nature Journals

Encourage kids to bring a journal to sketch or write down things they see in nature. This could include drawing trees, flowers, insects, or clouds. It helps develop creativity and mindfulness.

### 3. Try Simple Outdoor Games

Games like tag, hide and seek, or "Simon says" are easy to play in nature and let kids burn off energy. Nature provides an open space for running and playing freely.

### 4. Explore Sensory Experiences

Ask kids to close their eyes and listen to the sounds of nature, feel the textures of tree bark or grass, or smell flowers and leaves. This boosts sensory awareness and helps kids appreciate the environment.

### 5. Go on a Nature Walk with a Purpose

Instead of just walking, give kids a mission. It could be to identify a certain type of tree or find a specific animal. Setting a goal makes the time feel more engaging.