

# Rockwell Elementary School Newsletter



## FEBRUARY-2025

### Welcome Message

Dear Rockwell Families,

Thank you for joining us for our Family/Teacher Conferences. The partnership between home and school is crucial in the academic and social emotional growth of our students. Although our formal opportunities to connect with you are completed for the year, do not hesitate to reach out at any point throughout the rest of the year if you have questions about your child's progress and learning. Our staff is always happy to meet to ensure we all continue working together on behalf of your child.

This Friday, February 7th is our 100 th Day of School! Students are encouraged to dress in a way to celebrate this special day. They can dress as their future 100 year old self, dress as a version of themselves from 100 years ago or create a special compilation of 100 things to wear in a special way.

February is also a very special time in an elementary school as students look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with their classmates. This year's Valentine parties will be taking place during the afternoon of Friday, February 14 th . Your child's teacher will be providing you with more information regarding their specific classroom celebrations.

Warm Wishes,  
Ms. WaldenMs. Walden



**Jennifer Walden**

Rockwell Elementary School Principal  
School District of Fort Atkinson



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### One Team, One District, One Community

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## Calendar of Events: February

We hope you can join us!

- February 7th: Spirit Day & 100th Day of School  
Band Rehearsal at Luther, 11:40-1:00
- February 11th: PTO Meeting, 6pm
- February 12th: 4th Grade Hoard Museum Field Trip, 11:15-2:25  
Band Rehearsal at Luther, 11:40-1:00
- February 14th: Band Field Trip to Overture Center  
Classroom Valentine's Day Parties
- February 16th: Pops Concert, High School at 2:00pm
- February 17th: Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
- February 21st-25th: National Love Public Education Week
- February 21st: Orchestra Rehearsal at Luther, 11:40-1:00
- February 25th: February and August Birthday Lunch
- February 28th: Orchestra Rehearsal at Luther, 11:40-1:00  
Safety Patrol lunch at Culvers



## PTO News

We need your help! The PTO has funds available that we'd like to use for the betterment of our school and students. We would love to hear from more families about what they think might benefit our students or school. Some ideas currently include soccer goals for the playground, contributing to Student Council's fundraiser for a Gaga Ball Pit, and directing funds for classroom use.

Thank you to all our volunteers who made Roller Night a success! We hope all who attended had as good of a time as we did! We will now begin planning our next family event: BINGLOW! A date has not been determined for this event yet so be sure to join us and help us plan it!

In addition to planning BINGLOW, we'll be discussing our Quarter 3 Eat Out Night, the Talent Show, a spring picnic and more! Please consider joining us on **February 11th** 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](mailto:rockwellpto@fortschools.org). See you on February 11th!

## 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 (or this month, three!) 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 January, Leilany Carrera Flores, Rachel Lee, and Scarlett Prisk were treated to lunch at McDonalds.





## 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](http://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



The Lost and Found is located outside of Mrs. Wohlbedacht's office. If your child has misplaced anything, they should check here! Items with your child's name in them will be returned, but if there is no name, we cannot find their rightful owner! Valuable items such as glasses, jewelry, keys, or toys are held in the office for a short period of time. If you are missing any of these types of items, please let us know and we can look for you! Items in the Lost and Found are packed up and donated throughout the school year, so be sure to stop in and check for any missing items!

## Please Be Prepared

Thank you to everyone who has kept an extra set of clothing in your child's backpack for "just in case" situations. From spills, art class mishaps to accidents, there are many reasons your child may need to change their clothes while at school. The office does have some clothing available, but it is impossible to have every size available at all times. If your child does borrow clothes from the office, we kindly ask that you wash and return them, so we may continue to provide them to anyone who may need them.





## Band & Orchestra News

### 5th Grade Band Families:

February is a busy month! We have two all-district rehearsals; Friday, February 7th and Wednesday the 12th. Then, the band will be going on a field trip to see the UW-Madison Marching Band on February 14th! This will be an awesome trip! Seeing a marching band work together and perform should be an eye-opening experience!

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WHAT: The Pops Concert

WHEN: Sunday, February 16th

TIME: Rehearsal at 12:30

- Sales Begin 1:15 PM
- Concert: 2:00 PM

WHERE: Fort Atkinson High School

WHO: ALL BAND Students in Grades 5-12

There will be pre-concert Activities, including 50/50 and Basket Raffle in the high school commons.

Please bring yourself, grandparents, aunts/uncles, your cameras and be prepared to hear some great music! See you there!!!!

This concert is our only fundraiser concert. There is a small admission fee of \$5.00 per person to attend. We also have a basket raffle and snacks for sale! This fundraiser provides valuable funds to our band programs. All remaining concerts are free to attend.

Band Candy sale information is also being sent home and should be returned at the Pops Concert. Please check your email for more information!

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### 5th Grade Orchestra Families:

The Orchestra Dessert Concert is on **Sunday, March 2nd** at the High School Auditorium. The concert begins at 4:00 pm, with a rehearsal scheduled prior. Our guest artist is Tim Rush. There will be a \$10 admission fee and desserts for sale to help raise funds for the orchestra boosters. Students will need their instruments on Friday, **February 21st and 28th** for district rehearsals! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





## **Inclement Weather**

Winter in Wisconsin is sure to bring some inclement weather that may affect your child's school day! In addition to Blackboard Messages, you can find closure and delay updates in the following places:

- AM 940 WFAW / WSJY-FM 107.3 / KOOL FM 106.5 WKCH
- WSLD 104.5
- WISC-TV - Channel 3000 (Madison)
- WKOW 27 (Madison)
- WMTV-NBC 15 (Madison)
- 94.5 WTKI Country / 620 WTMJ / TODAY'S TMJ4 (Milwaukee)
- Weather Watch 12 (Milwaukee)
- Fox 6 (Milwaukee)
- CBS 58 (Milwaukee)

## **Rockwell Snow Policies**

Students at Rockwell love playing in the snow at recess! To keep all students safe and dry, there are a few rules that need to be followed. Students in grades K-3 must have snowpants and boots in order to play in the snow. If they are not wearing both items, they are expected to remain on the blacktop. Students in grades 4 & 5 may leave the blacktop if they are wearing boots, but are expected to keep their pants dry if they are not wearing snowpants. All snow must remain on the ground in order to keep all students safe. And lastly, we ask all students to be respectful of other students' snow sculptures. There are no "snow police," so we are counting on students to do the right thing.

## **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**



### Main Office

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**Office Hours 7:15-3:45 M-F**

## 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*



This time of year can be challenging with the cold temperatures and typically snow or ice covered roads. With all of the things that parents have going on it can be hard to adjust routines to get up earlier, leave earlier or drive slower than when the weather is nice. It is important to make the effort as being a little late (to school or class) can add up over time—see how much time can be missed by being a little late.

### A little late?

Being a little late to class can seem harmless, however, overtime it all adds up.



Being **5 minutes** late a day can lead to **3.4 days** missed a year.



Being **10 minutes** late a day can lead to **6.9 days** missed a year.



Being **15 minutes** late a day can lead to **10.3 days** missed a year.



Being **20 minutes** late a day can lead to **13.8 days** missed a year.



Being **25 minutes** late a day can lead to **17.25 days** missed a year.



Being **30 minutes** late a day can lead to **20.7 days** missed a year.

Being a parent can also pose many challenges. Jefferson county offers a supportive way to learn more about addressing these challenges. More information can be found by contacting Nichole Doornek to find out which session might be best for the ages of the children you have.

## Jefferson County Presents: Incredible Years Parenting Series

### Class Details:

- Class is FREE
- Must register by February 19, 2025 to attend
- Class is 15 weeks long—2 hours once a week
- Class is 4:30–6:30
- Class Starts Wednesday, March 5th in the Human Services Building in Jefferson.

### To Register Contact:

Nichole Doornek at:

920-723-8189

or

NicholeD@jeffersoncountyiwi.gov

We recognize there are times when students are not able to attend because they are ill or showing symptoms of illness, and it is best for them to stay home. If that is the case, please be sure to contact the attendance office  
As long as your child is healthy, we believe it is important for them to be at school.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN INSCRIPCIÓN

**2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

CURSO ESCOLAR 2025-2026

CALLING ALL KINDERGARTENERS - LET'S REGISTER FOR FALL 2025!

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 20, 2025**

LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS KINDERGARTENERS - ¡INSCRIBÁMONOS PARA EL OTOÑO 2025!  
LA INSCRIPCIÓN SE ABRE EL 20 DE ENERO DE 2025

NEED ASSISTANCE? ¿NECESITA AYUDA?

QUESTIONS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN?  
PREGUNTAS SOBRE EL JARDÍN DE INFANTES?

920-563-7804

registration@fortschools.org

MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025  
S ESTUDIANTES DEBEN TENER 5 AÑOS DE EDAD EN O ANTES  
DEL 1 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2025



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS



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## Project LEAD & Fort Atkinson Club Promote Inclusivity

Project LEAD, the Chamber's Leadership Academy group, is partnering with the Fort Atkinson Club to promote inclusivity in our community!

*Two new inclusivity initiatives are coming up:*

1. A Community Conversation on hiring people with disabilities (*more details coming soon*).
2. An Art Exhibition featuring artists with disabilities.



## Call for Artists!

We are seeking artists of any age to submit art for the exhibition at the Fort Atkinson Club.

There will be an Opening Night Reception on Tuesday, February 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



For more details or to submit artwork, [visit us online:](http://fortatkinsonclub.org/call-for-art-submission)

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# EMBRACING POSSIBILITIES: THE POWER OF INCLUSION ART EXHIBITION

**OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION  
FEBRUARY 28 | 6:00 PM**



The **FORT ATKINSON** Club  
COMMUNITY CENTER





February 7th, 2025  
8am-1pm

FREE Oral health care services will be given to low-income children between the ages of 5-13 on Friday, February 7th, 2025. This includes an exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride treatment, and any necessary dental work that can be completed in one visit. Children will also receive education on dental hygiene and a bag of supplies to take home.

**This is a nationwide ONE DAY annual event called Give Kids a Smile. The appointments fill quickly so please call or stop by today in order to secure an appointment for your child!**

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[www.rockriverdental.com](http://www.rockriverdental.com)**





# BACKPACK NEWS KIDS

Hey kids! February is the perfect time to focus on two things that make us feel amazing: a healthy heart and being kind. Did you know that your heart is one of the most important muscles in your body? Taking care of it can help you feel strong, happy, and full of energy. And the best part? Being kind to others (and yourself) helps your heart, too!

**Tips for a Healthy Heart:** **1. Get Moving:** Try to play outside, dance to your favorite music, or ride your bike every day. Being active is like giving your heart a big hug! **2. Eat Heart-Healthy Foods:** Add colorful fruits and veggies to your plate. Foods like strawberries, carrots, and leafy greens are super good for you. **3. Drink Water:** Your heart works hard, so give it the fuel it needs by drinking water instead of sugary drinks. **Kindness is Key!** Here's a secret: kindness doesn't just make others feel good—it makes *you* feel awesome, too! Helping a friend, sharing a smile, or even giving yourself a compliment can brighten your day.

## National Pizza Day: February 9th

Did you know pizza can be made heart-healthy? Celebrate National Pizza Day by making your own pizza at home! Use a whole-grain crust, top it with tomato sauce, and load it up with colorful veggies like spinach, peppers, and mushrooms. Sprinkle some low-fat cheese on top and bake for a delicious, healthy treat. Turn it into a family event and let everyone pick their favorite

toppings. Yum!

## From Shelly Tofte, School Nurse of Milton School District:

"Practicing kindness to others (and yourself) has been linked to better stress management, improved heart health and even living longer! By taking time to be kind, we benefit in so many ways. Kindness not only benefits the heart physically but also improves mental well-being by reducing anxiety and depression which further contributes to our overall health. Practice random acts of kindness, volunteer and don't forget to be kind to yourself, too. No matter how big or small, kindness matters!"

Encourage heart health and kindness at home by:

- Taking family walks or dance breaks.
- Cooking heart-healthy meals together.
- Practicing small acts of kindness as a family.
- Creating a "kindness jar" to track kind deeds.

Small actions make a big impact!

## Spread Love with Friendship

February isn't just about hearts—it's also a great time to celebrate friendships! Being a good friend is one of the best ways to spread kindness and make the people around you feel happy. And guess what? It helps your heart feel good, too! **How to Be a Great Friend**

★ **Listen & Share** – Take turns talking and really listen when your friends share their thoughts. Sharing snacks, toys, or even a joke can make someone's day!

★ **Include Everyone** – Invite someone new to play or sit with you at lunch. Small actions make a big difference!

★ **Use Kind Words** – Saying "thank you," giving compliments, or cheering someone up when they're sad shows you care.

★ **Have Fun Together** – Play games, do crafts, or go on an adventure outside. Laughing with friends is good for your heart and your happiness!

## DIY Friendship Cards!

Want to brighten someone's day? Make your own friendship cards!

1. Grab some paper and decorate it with drawings or stickers.
2. Write a kind message like "You're an awesome friend!" or "Thanks for making me smile!"
3. Give it to a classmate, family member, or teacher to spread the kindness!

Friendship makes every day better—so this February, let's make kindness, laughter, and togetherness a big part of our lives!