

Rockwell Elementary School Newsletter



MARCH-2025

Welcome Message

Dear Rockwell Families,

Thank you for helping us celebrating 'Love Public Schools' Week and 'Read Across America' Week last week. Our cafeteria is still filled with the fun competitions the students enjoyed.

Even though the end of winter may be within our grasp, we are still in full swing with regards to our academic programming. Our students in 3rd through 5th grades are continuing to focus on their core instruction in preparation for the upcoming Forward Assessment. The Forward Assessment will be officially kicking off the week after students return from spring break. Families of students in grade 3 through 5 will be receiving the exact testing dates for their students in the upcoming weeks. The only grade that will begin testing prior to spring break will be 4th Grade. You can assist in ensuring your child is ready for this assessment by making sure they get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each morning.

Spring is such an exciting time in an elementary school and we look forwards to seeing all of you at the many family events we have coming up. We would love to have you join us for our March PTO Meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 in the IMC!

In appreciation of your partnership in your student's education success!

Ms. Walden



Jennifer Walden

Rockwell Elementary School Principal
School District of Fort Atkinson



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Calendar of Events: March

We hope you can join us!

March 2nd: Orchestra Dessert Concert, High School 4:00

March 4th: PTO Meeting, 6pm

March 7th: Spirit Day

Dare Bowling Fundraiser, Rock River Lanes 5:00

March 10th-14th: Student Council Penny Wars

Summer School Priority Registration

March 10th: Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

March 19th: March Birthday Lunch

March 20th: Safety Patrol Lunch at McDonalds

Q3 Awards Assembly

Fine Arts Night

March 21st: Records Day (No School)

March 24-28: Spring Break



PTO News

At our February meeting, we continued brainstorming about things the PTO can do to give back to our school. We are currently discussing the best options for purchasing soccer goals for our playground. These would be used for both PE class, as well as recess. We also discussed potentially matching the funds Student Council is raising towards a gaga ball pit. We'd also like to add that we were able to give each student \$5 towards a yo-yo purchase after our NED Show Assembly.

Thank you to every one who ordered from Papa Murphy's last week! We love partnering with local businesses (and getting a break from planning dinner!).

We are excited to offer you an online store for spiritwear! 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 will continue to plan BINGLOW at our next meeting, as well as the Talent Show, a spring picnic and more! Please consider joining us on **March 4th** 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 March 4th!

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 February, Joey Majewski and Imazin Ross were treated to lunch at Culvers.



Student Council Penny Wars & School Store

The Student council is hosting a Penny War from March 10th through March 14th! All money collected will be donated to the Homeless Coalition of Fort Atkinson to help those in need.

Every day, money will be collected from each grade. Put pennies in your own grade's jar for points (+1 point each). Put silver coins and paper money in other grade's jars to give them negative points (-1 point for silver coins, and -2 points for paper money)! There will be a prize for the winning grade.



Student Council is raising money for a Gaga Ball pit! The school store will be open every Friday from 3:05-3:30. Come down and find a treasure or two! The store is located in the front of the lunchroom.



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 - Spring Cleaning!

The Lost and Found (located outside of Mrs. Wohlbedacht's office) will be getting some spring cleaning at the end of March! Any items remaining on **March 21st** will be packed up and donated. Please take a moment to stop in and make sure to pick up anything your child may have misplaced. Valuable items such as glasses, jewelry, keys, or toys are held in the office for a short period of time. If you are not able to stop in, please let us know what you are missing and we can look for you!



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 may 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, we will have to call home for a change of clothes.



Band & Orchestra News

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE ORCHESTRA STUDENTS & PARENTS:

Our next concert is here!

The 35th Annual Orchestra Dessert Concert will be presented on Sunday March 2nd, 2025 - in the high school auditorium. This concert features percussionist Tim Rush. Students will be performing alongside Tim, as well as their 6-12 grade orchestra peers. Report time is 2:30 pm. Concert begins at 4:00 pm. See you there!

ALL 5TH GRADE BAND and ORCHESTRA STUDENTS & PARENTS:

The Rockwell Fine Arts evening will be held on March 20th this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Rockwell Roadrunners to perform in a smaller setting with their classmates. Like all performances, attendance is required and expected. The band and orchestra students will perform at 6:00 (orchestra) and 6:15 (band). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to watch our Roadrunners as they perform especially for you!

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

All parents of students participating in the band are automatically considered "Band Booster" members and are welcome at ALL Booster Meetings! Our next meeting is: Wednesday, March 19th at 6:00 PM in the High School IMC. We hope to have parents representing students from all grade levels and would love to have you there!

Rockwell Playground Reminders

March can be a rollercoaster weather month! Snow 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. March snow is often packing snow, so a friendly reminder that snow stays on the ground. Please be respectful of other students' snow sculptures. There are no "snow police," so we are counting on students to do the right thing. 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!

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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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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*





School District of Fort Atkinson Families,

We know that there can be changes to family income throughout the school-year either due to a job loss, a family change or a number of other reasons. If something happens that alters your income you may become eligible for Free or Reduced meals.

There is an application process and it can be found on the district website: From the School District of Fort Atkinson Home page (fortschools.org), select departments; from the dropdown menu - select nutrition, which will open a webpage. From there select Free/Reduced application.

The online form is a separate webpage: secure.ezmealapp.com. You can also select to apply with a paper application.

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YOUR
SPOT

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

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



**QUESTIONS
ABOUT 4K?**



920-563-7804



registration@fortschools.org

WWW.FORTSCHOOLS.ORG / 4K



Preparations are in full swing for Summer School 2025!

PRIORITY REGISTRATION for Summer School 2025 will be

Monday, March 10 through Monday, March 17

Please mark your calendar and share with your friends!

Registering during Priority Registration is the best way to secure a spot in your child's desired classes!

Course information will be sent home prior to registration.

- K-8 summer school will begin on Monday, June 23, and end on Friday, July 18.
- There will be no summer school on Thursday, July 3 and Friday, July 4 to recognize the 4th of July holiday.

Stay tuned for more information!

June 16-
August 22

\$175/WEEK
\$25 REGISTRATION
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WEEKLY CAMP THEMES

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



D.A.R.E PROGRAM FUNDRAISER!

Friday March 7, 2025



**Rock River Lanes will be donating 50% of all open
bowling from 5:00 p.m.- Midnight**

**Rock River Lanes
1010 Larsen Road
(920)-563-9511**

BACKPACK NEWS KIDS

Healthy Trail Mix

DIY Trail Mix

A great on-the-go snack packed with energy and nutrients!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup almonds or walnuts
- 1/2 cup dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, or mango)
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup sunflower or pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup whole-grain cereal

Mix and enjoy! Store in a resealable bag for a quick snack anywhere.

From Elisa Eikland,

School Nurse of Palmyra Eagle
School District:

Spring is here, and it's the perfect time to refresh your routine with healthy habits! Regular physical activity, whether it's a walk outside or a fun game, helps boost your energy and focus for the day. Getting plenty of sleep is also key -- rested bodies and minds are ready to take on anything. Spending time outdoors in the spring sunshine lifts your spirits and provides much-needed Vitamin D. And don't forget to stay hydrated! Water is essential for staying energized and alert. Let's move into Spring with fresh energy and focus on health!

Plan a weekly **family outdoor time**—a walk, bike ride, or picnic. It keeps everyone active, boosts mood, and strengthens family bonds. Let your child pick the activity for extra fun! 🌿

Mindful Moments

Taking care of your brain is just as important as taking care of your body. Practicing mindfulness means being present and paying attention to what's happening around you without distractions. It helps you feel calm, focused, and happy. Here are some fun ways to practice mindfulness this spring:

🦋 Nature Explorer Adventures

Go on a nature walk and notice all the little details around you. Can you spot a butterfly? What sound does the wind make as it moves through the trees? Try to listen closely to the birds chirping or count how many different colors of flowers you see. **Challenge:** Make a nature journal where you draw or write about the coolest things you see on your walks.

🦋 Stretch Like a Star

Before starting your homework or reading time, take five minutes to stretch or try some simple yoga poses outside. Touch your toes, do a big stretch toward the sky, or try balancing on one leg like a flamingo!

Quick Stretch Game: See how long you can hold a balance pose without wobbling—can you beat your record each day?

📱 Tech-Free Fun

Take a break from screens and enjoy the real world around you. Playing outside, drawing, or reading a book can help your mind rest and give you new creative ideas. Plus, hanging out with friends or family is way more fun without distractions from phones or tablets. **Bonus Activity:** Host a “no-screens” family night where you play board games, cook together, or tell silly stories.

Hello, Superstars! Guess what? Spring is finally here! Here are some awesome ways you can stay happy, healthy, and full of energy this season:

🚲 Get Moving Like a Pro!

Now that it's warmer outside, it's the perfect time to move your body. You could race your friends on bikes, play tag, or even create your own obstacle course in the backyard. Moving around helps your muscles grow strong, gives you supercharged energy, and helps you focus better in school.

Challenge: Try to be active for at least 1 hour every day! That could mean dancing around your room, jumping rope, or going on a nature walk with your family.

💧 Water Power – Stay Hydrated!

Water is like magic fuel for your body—it keeps you energized, helps you think clearly, and makes sure your body works its best. Try to drink plenty of water, especially when you're playing outside or after you've been active.

Pro Tip: Make drinking water fun by adding slices of lemon, orange, or even a few berries for a tasty twist.

💤 Sleep Like a Superstar

Did you know that when you sleep, your body and brain are hard at work growing and recharging? That's why it's super important to get 9–11 hours of sleep every night. A good night's sleep helps you stay happy, remember things better, and be ready for all the fun the next day has in store.

Sleep Tip: Set a bedtime routine—brush your teeth, read a fun book, and snuggle up for sweet dreams!