

# Rockwell Elementary School Newsletter



## JANUARY-2024

### Welcome Message

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all enjoyed some rest and relaxation with your families over the last few weeks. As much as I enjoyed spending time with my family over the break, it is so wonderful to see the halls of Rockwell filled with students and staff again. The students had so much to share this morning regarding all of the fun adventures they had with you over the break.

Our school has been the recipient of many generous donations over the past few months. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if your child is in need of outdoor gear to be able to enjoy their recess time with their friends. Thank you to everyone who has shown kindness through these donations. Rockwell is so fortunate to have great families who truly care for one another.

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!  
Ms. Walden



**Jennifer Walden**

Rockwell Elementary School Principal  
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### One Team, One District, One Community

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## ● Calendar of Events: January ●

We hope you can join us!

January 5th: Spirit Day!

January 9th: PTO Meeting, 6:00pm in the IMC

January 11th: Rollerblade Night, 5:00pm

January 19th: No School

January 26th: Safety Patrol Lunch & Report Cards come home

January 29th: Early Release at 1:30

January 31st: January Birthday Lunch

Happy New Year

### Report Cards & Family Teacher Conferences

Report Cards will be coming home with your student(s) on Friday, January 27th. Please keep the report card, sign the envelope, and return it to school.

In February, on either Tuesday the 6th or Thursday the 8th, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for Family Teacher Conferences. Watch your child's folder for your date and time later in the month!



## PTO News

We hope you enjoyed the Holiday Shop in December! It was the first time we've hosted this event and it seemed to be a success! We will discuss it in detail at our **January 9th** meeting. This is a date change from our previously planned January 2nd meeting.

We'd like to thank you all again for purchasing poinsettias from Humphrey Floral. They were a beautiful addition to the holiday concert.

PTO's focus in January will be Rollerblading Night! We are hosting our Rollerblading Night on Thursday, January 11th. This is a 2nd grade event. A sign-up genius will be coming out. Please consider assisting with this event. We will offer multiple sessions and you will be able to purchase your advance tickets to the event soon!

We are planning our next "Eat Out Night" with a local business, so please watch for more information about this to come home, as well!

We hope to see you on January 9th at our next meeting, where you will learn more about all of the ways PTO supports our wonderful school! 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 January 9th!

## Open Enrollment

APPLICATION PERIOD IS FEBRUARY 5TH 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 5th 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/open-enrollment/applications](http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/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.



## **Semester 2 Milk**

Semester 2 begins on January 22nd. If you did not previously pay for 2nd semester milk and your child(ren) would like to continue (or begin) having milk with their snack in their classroom, a \$35 payment is due by Friday, January 26th. If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced meals, they will continue to receive their snack milk at no cost. If you are unsure if you've paid for Semester 2 Milk, you may check in your School Pay account, or call Mrs. Radloff in the main office.

## **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 snow pants 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 snow pants. 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.

## **Inclement Weather**

As much as we don't want to think about it, at some point this year, we will have 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)
- WMTV-NBC 15 (Madison)
- WKOW 27 (Madison)
- 94.5 WKTU Country / 620 WTMJ / TODAY'S TMJ4 (Milwaukee)
- Weather Watch 12 (Milwaukee)
- Fox 6 (Milwaukee)
- CBS 58 (Milwaukee)







## Summer School

Preparations are in full swing for Summer School 2024!

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION will be open Tuesday, March 5th and run through Tuesday, March 12th. Please mark your calendar and share with your friends.**

Course information will be sent home prior to registration.

Fort Atkinson School District's elementary schools are undergoing significant construction this summer for maintenance upgrades and safety improvements.

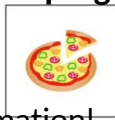
### Rockwell Penny War

**Due to elementary construction, our summer school dates will look different this year.**

- K-8 summer school will begin on Monday, June 10th and end on Friday, July 12th.
- There will be no summer school on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th to recognize the 4th of July holiday.

- Please let your child participate in this activity.

**Additionally, summer school programming will take place at Fort Atkinson High School this summer.**



Stay tuned for more information!

January 8-12

## Penny Wars

Our 2nd graders are organizing a Penny War! The students are raising money for the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry. 2nd grade students made their own flyers and they will be placed throughout the school. On the right is just a sample of their awesome work! Send in some spare change the week of January 8th! Winner earns a pizza party!



January 8-12

Bring pennies for your class. You know you want that pizza!

Flyer Created By: Samara

2nd Grade Student

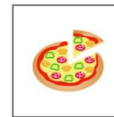
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Grade Student

### Rockwell Penny War

What's Happening:

- Classes will be competing in a penny war!
  - Pennies give points and silver coins take away points.
  - The class with the most points wins.
- The class that wins will receive a pizza party!
- Please let your child participate in this activity.



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## Band & Orchestra News

**BAND & ORCHESTRA PARENTS:** Now that you've had a chance to see and hear more about what band and orchestra is all about, consider attending a Booster Meeting!! The booster meetings are brief and we discuss fundraisers and ways to improve what we already do. We only meet a handful of times a year, for about an hour each time. These meetings are important for the maintenance of our programs, but we need your input!!

**BAND BOOSTERS MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 18, 2024

6:00 pm - High School Music Pod

**ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS MEETING:**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 pm - High School Music Pod

We hope to see you there!

**Future Dates**

Feb. 9th Band Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther

Feb. 16th Band Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther

Feb. 18th Pops Concert (Band) FAHS Gym -2:00

Feb. 23rd Orchestra Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther

March 1st Orchestra Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther

March 3rd Orchestra Dessert Concert 4:00 FAHS Auditorium



## 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 - 11:30

First - 11:45

Second - 11:30

Third- 11:50

Fourth- 11:15

Fifth- 11:10

### School Meals:

#### Cost for breakfast\*:

\$1.70 full price

30¢ reduced

#### Cost for lunch\*:

\$2.90 full price

40¢ reduced

45¢ A la Cart Milk

*\*Free for those who qualify*



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**KINDERGARTEN  
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**2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

CALLING ALL KINDERGARTENERS - LET'S REGISTER FOR FALL 2024!

 **REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 15, 2024** 

\*Must be 5 years old by September 1, 2024



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### BASE AFTER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

OPEN FOR 2023-2024

#### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM :

- Open to children 7 & Older
- Open at all 4 Public Elementary Schools 3-6pm
- Snack, Recreation and Enrichment Activities
- Open Early Release Days and Select No School Days
- Affordable Rates and Scholarships Available



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Keeping kids safe  
and having fun during  
the critical hours  
school is out.

### LEGO CLUB

Jan 15th | Feb 19th  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join other Lego enthusiasts and build a Lego creation according to a theme.

Dwight  
Foster  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



### FAMILY FORT BUILDING

Jan 19th • 5:30-7 PM

Stay in the library after hours to create a cool reading fort! Bring a good book, a flashlight, and indoor fort-building materials--such as sheets, pillows, and blankets. The library doors will be locked at 6 p.m. All kids must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Glow sticks and a snack will be provided.

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### MORNING @ THE MUSEUM EARLY LEARNERS PROGRAM

EXPLORE - LEARN - CREATE

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
**October - May**  
9 - 10:30 a.m.  
FREE

[www.hoardmuseum.org](http://www.hoardmuseum.org)





January 2024



# BACKPACK NEWS KIDS

## Stay Safe & Have Fun

Hey Friends! We've got some important news to share with you to make sure every day stays as fun and safe as it can be.

### Look Before You Leap!

When you're playing outside or inside, always check your surroundings. Look out for toys, rocks, or anything else that might be in your way. Taking a quick peek can help you avoid any unexpected bumps or falls.

### Gear Up for Adventure!

If you're hopping on a bike, skateboard, or scooter, make sure to put on your cool helmet. It's like a superhero cape for your head! Helmets keep your noggin safe and sound so you can zoom around worry-free.

### Stop, Drop, and Roll!

In case you ever see smoke or feel something hot, remember this superhero move: stop what you're doing, drop to the ground, and roll around. It's not just fun to do but will also keep you safe!

### Check in with Grown-Ups!

Your grown-ups care about you a whole bunch, so make sure to check in with them. Let them know where you're going and what you're up to. Teamwork makes the dream work!

## Take A Walk Outdoors Day

Take A Walk Outdoors Day falls on January 20 every year, and as the name suggests, it's a day to step outside for a walk alone or with someone. Walking comes with a bag full of health benefits, and taking a walk outdoors is always more fun than doing it on a treadmill. Now, since we are in Wisconsin, you may have to bundle up a little extra during this time of year. Make sure to dress in layers and grab a scarf if you plan to participate!

## School Nurse Expertise

From Melissa Forreth, School Nurse of Milton School District:

"One of my favorite statements I use is that accidents hurt, but safety doesn't. It is important for children to be utilizing safe measures when it comes to cell phone use, wearing protective equipment when playing sports and having a physical every year to keep you healthy. All of these are smart practices to keep you safe and injury free."

"Ensuring safety within our homes is a huge part of taking care of our children. There are many hazards that are easily discovered by our children as they are growing and exploring. Ensure your house is safe and that you have a plan with your family in the event of an emergency. Families should also practice their emergency plans and have information posted on your refrigerator like your address, emergency contact and parent's phone numbers."

## Tips for Parents

**Make sure to keep all medicine out of sight and reach of those little hands, even medicine you take every day!**

## Creating a Safe Haven

At Fort HealthCare, we believe that safety is paramount, and we want to share some valuable tips to ensure your children thrive in a secure environment.

### **Prioritize Regular Health Check-ups:**

Schedule regular check-ups with your pediatrician to ensure your child's overall well-being. Prevention begins with a healthy foundation, and regular check-ups can catch potential issues early.

### **Emergency Ready, Always!**

Prepare for the unexpected by having a well-stocked first aid kit at home. Share its location with caregivers and older children, ensuring everyone knows how to use it. Knowledge is power in times of need.

### **Home Sweet Hazard-Free Home**

Home is where the heart is, and it's also where safety begins. Take a stroll through your home to identify potential hazards. Secure loose cords, install safety gates, and make sure furniture is anchored to the wall to prevent any unexpected tumbles.

By working together, we can create an environment where our children can explore, learn, and grow safely. Thank you for being an integral part of our safety-conscious community.