



### Welcome Message

Fall Greetings!

What a wonderful start to the school year. If you walk through our halls, you would never know it was the beginning of a new school year. The students and staff are in full swing and making great academic gains.

October is an exciting month at Rockwell Elementary School. Along with continuing to engage in our studies, we will be enjoying many of the fun activities that fall has to offer. Please join us at our PTO Meeting on Tuesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the IMC. This month is filled with many great events for families to enjoy, and we would love your help in planning them!

The end of October also brings one of the most thrilling days of the school year for our Roadrunners! The Rockwell Halloween Costume Parade will take place on Wednesday, October 27th. The parade will take place rain or shine. If the sun is shining, students will be parading on Cramer St. next to the school beginning at 2:00. If the weather is rainy, students will parade through the Rockwell School Gym. Families are welcome to enjoy in the viewing of the fantastic costumes. Please make sure your child's costume is appropriate for school and does not involve any weapon accessories.

Families are also encouraged to attend the Halloween Party on October 27th from 5:00-7:00pm at Rockwell. This fun event is for all families of Rockwell students. Students are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes for this event, as well. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open during this time. Please contact a PTO member if you are interested in helping out.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at these fall events.

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### One Team, One District, One Community

Fort Atkinson High School | Fort Atkinson Middle School  
Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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## ● Calendar of Events: October ●

We hope you can join us!

October 1st: Spirit Day!

October 5th: PTO Meeting, 6pm in the IMC

October 18th: Early Dismissal (1:30pm)

October 20th: October Birthday Lunch

October 22nd: Picture Re-Take Day

October 25th-27th: Scholastic Book Fair, IMC

October 27th: PTO Hosted Halloween Party, 5-7pm

October 28th: No School

October 29th: No School

November 1st: Dental Visit (See Attached Flier)



## PTO News

The PTO kicked off the new school year on September 1st by hosting the Quarter One "Eat Out Night" at Papa Murphy's! It was a very successful fundraiser. Thank you to all who participated!

Spirit Wear orders have been collected and your orders have been placed. PTO Sponsorship forms were distributed and we are so grateful to all who are sponsoring the PTO this year! We hope you will enjoy the events we plan to host this year!

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5th at 6pm in the Rockwell IMC. All parents are encouraged to attend! Our biggest agenda item for October will be planning the first family event of the school year; the Halloween Party! New committee members are always welcome! If you can't attend the meeting or join a committee, you can still help by volunteering your time! Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d48aaa62fa1f58-halloween>.

As we have in years past, we will also be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, October 25th through Wednesday, October 27th. The book fair will be open after school each day from 3:05 until 4pm, as well as from 5-7pm during the Halloween Party. If you are interesting in volunteering some time at the Book Fair, please sign up on the Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d48aaa62fa1f58-book>.

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 October 5th!

## Picture Re-Take Day & Group Photos

VIP will be back in our building on Friday, October 22nd. All families will have the option of having their child's picture re-taken if their first picture didn't turn out as you had hoped or if they were not previously photographed. Watch your student's folders for a communication regarding this in a few weeks! They will also be taking photographs of the following groups:

Safety Patrol, Band Members, and Orchestra Members. Be sure to send your student "camera ready!"

## 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!



## Meet Our Safety Patrol Team

Our 5th grade students were all invited to apply to become a member of the Safety Patrol. On September 10th, 29 new patrollers were sworn in, and we also named our Captains and Lieutenants. Congratulations to Amelia Ellis and Katie Pedraza-Carmona; Captains, and Kiefer Anderson, Julius Draeger, Arianna Dudzek, and Jordan Walden; Lieutenants. We welcomed the following students: Carter Benzschawel, Oliver Blakey, Cole Branfort, Liam Butts, Brianna Cortez, Athena Dernell, Nour Djareche, Adelyn Fisher, Evan Hampton, Bodhi Harders, Arijana Idrizi, Gavin Manthey, Vicente Martinez, Maggie Mather, Spencer Munn, Mason Petrie, Jose Ramirez Zuniga, Tanner Rosenthal, Holden Saunders, Avari Telfer, Lillie Welda, and Kirah Williams. We look forward to watching these student be safe, responsible, and respectful leaders around our school! Please follow the direction of the "out stretched arms" and look out for safety cones when dropping you student off or picking them up.



## Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties

On the afternoon of October 27th, our students will change into their Halloween costumes and parade around Rockwell. Families are invited to stand along our parade route and watch! We will begin by exiting from the front doors of the building, then walking down and back up Cramer St.

Halloween Parties will be held in each classroom on the 27th, as well. Please watch for more information from your child's teacher as the date gets nearer.





## **Lost and Found**

Now that we've been back in the building for a month, our Lost and Found collection is growing! If your child has lost anything along the way, please remind them to check the Lost and Found, located at the front of the school. As the mornings have been cooler, we are finding a lot of sweatshirts left behind. 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 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!

## **When your Child is ill**

Rockwell families have been doing an amazing job keeping their children home when they aren't feeling well and communicating with the office staff and the school nurses. We truly can't thank you enough!

When it comes to COVID you can't be too careful. If your child is ill, please keep him/her home. If you are unsure when your child can return, please ask! The general rule of thumb is once symptoms are improving and they have remained fever free without the use of medication for the previous 24 hours, they can return. If your child is sent home from school ill, they will have a piece of paper with them that will provide some information to guide you on this process. If your child requires a COVID-19 test, please keep them home until the results have been returned.

As always, please reach out to us with any questions!

## **Please Be Prepared**

We ask that you keep an extra set of clothing in your child's backpack for "just in case." From spills, art class, 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.

Please also consider putting a few extra masks in your child's backpack. If a mask becomes wet or dirty, it is important that it be replaced with a clean, dry mask.

## NEW District Strategic Plan!

Thank you to the hundreds of stakeholders who helped inform our new vision and mission for the School District of Fort Atkinson. The vision is our 'some day' and the mission is what we are doing 'every day' to work towards achieving that vision.

To learn more about our process and our overall district goals for the next 5 years, please visit our website under "District," then "[Strategic Plan - 1Fort Forward.](#)"

### — VISION —

Achieving distinction in all we do

### — MISSION —

Cultivate an inclusive high-performing culture of growth and community

## School Menu Updates

"Menu subject to change" - I'm sure you have noticed this phrase on many menus around town. This year, it really takes on a new meaning. Each week we are experiencing unprecedented supply issues with items we use every day: Everything from pizza and tortillas to baby carrots and tater tots!

Therefore, we are only able to publish menus about a week in advance based on what food we are able to get delivered. For updated menu information, visit **MySchoolMenus**, which is updated at the beginning of each week.

As soon as the market corrects itself, we will resume publishing monthly menus.



**[View all district-wide communications here!](#)**

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

**Building & Grounds: 920-563-7808**

**Business Office: 920-563-7800**

**Communications & Community Engagement: 920-563-3751**

**Curriculum & Instruction/Summer School Office: 920-563-7802**

**Human Resources Office: 920-563-7801**

**Nutrition Services: 920-563-7811 ext. 1159**

**Pupil Services Office: 920-563-7804**

**Registration Office: 920-563-7820**

**Technology Department: 920-563-7813**

Questions regarding communicable disease protocols? [Click here.](#)





## Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration

Badgerland After School Enrichment Program (BASE) offers critical after-school care during the hours of 3-6 pm, Monday through Friday at all four public elementary schools in Fort Atkinson. BASE also offers a full summer wrap-around program from 7:30 am-6 pm.

Their mission is to provide quality, out-of-school care that will inspire our local youth to be contributing, productive and responsible community members through intentional programming that supports positive character development and unique opportunities to grow as individuals.

**General Inquiries, Donations & Events**  
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## United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties

The United Way's Season of Caring kicked off on Monday, September 27th - don't worry! You can join at any point in time!

Each week, for seven weeks, they are asking participants to complete an act of caring related to that week's theme.

This is a great way to remind community members that small, simple acts of kindness & caring can truly shift and change our communities for the better!



**2021 CAMPAIGN SEASON OF CARING**  
"United For All" in sending caring power across our communities!  
September 27th - November 14th

	<p><b>1 WEEK 1: SEPT 27 - OCT 3RD JOIN OUR MISSION</b> Simply commit to participating. Sign up to receive our newsletter on our website, follow &amp; share our Facebook page, and post about your participation!</p>		<p><b>5 WEEK 5: OCT 25 - 31ST BE A LOCAL CHAMPION</b> Research topics affecting your community, learn more about the impact &amp; needs of local nonprofits, or sign-up for an advocacy opportunity. Stand up for your community!</p>
	<p><b>2 WEEK 2: OCT 4 - 10TH PRAISE A COMMUNITY WORKER</b> Send a thank you, write a positive post, drop off a gift - anything to thank a community member who works hard to positively impact our communities!</p>		<p><b>6 WEEK 6: NOV 1 - 7TH LEND YOUR SUPPORT</b> Donate to an organization, mow your neighbor's lawn, deliver food to a neighbor, or donate blood. Simply choose a task that lends support and creates joy!</p>
	<p><b>3 WEEK 3: OCT 11 - 17TH THANK A BUSINESS</b> Send a thank you, make a purchase, write a positive review - anything to thank a local business for their presence in and support for our communities!</p>		<p><b>7 WEEK 7: NOV 8 - 14TH PRACTICE SELF-CARE</b> Go for a quiet walk, start a new hobby, dance, take a nap, read a book... end your acts of caring by prioritizing taking care of YOURSELF!</p>
	<p><b>4 WEEK 4: OCT 18 - 24TH COMMIT TO VOLUNTEERING</b> Register on our volunteer site, contact a local group to help them, establish a monthly volunteer goal - anything to become an active community volunteer!</p>	<p>For full details visit <a href="http://www.uwjnwc.com">www.uwjnwc.com</a> Share your participation by posting on Facebook and using the hashtags: #unitedforall #seasonofcaring #2021campaign #uwjnwc</p>	

**THANK YOU for caring for your communities!**



Fort HealthCare is sharing some Backpack News for our families, which includes tips such as how to stay healthy as the winter weather approaches, tips for families, flu shots, and more!

  
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