



Welcome Message

Seasons Greetings!

As the season begins to change and the atmosphere turns more winter-like, a hot topic of conversation here at school is the weather. In this newsletter you will find information regarding guidelines we follow during outdoor recess that help students enjoy the snow safely. We also follow the district policy of only allowing students to go out for recess when the air temperature or wind chill is above 0 degrees. Thank you for ensuring your student has the appropriate winter apparel to allow them to have the best experience possible on the Rockwell playground each day. Please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office if you are in need of winter apparel (snow pants, gloves, boots, hats) for your child. Likewise, as you have your child try on their snow gear from last year and if you find it is still in good condition but your child has outgrown it, consider donating it to the Rockwell Main Office.

In December, not only does the ground turn white with snow, but many feel the desire to give to others. If your child would like to bring a gift for their teacher, please consider grabbing an ornament from our "Holiday Wish Tree" in the main lobby. The teachers have indicated items that they would love to add to their classrooms.

Thank you for all of the support you provide our students every day. It is only with your partnership that we are able to provide the highest quality of instruction possible for each student. I look forward to celebrating this holiday season with all of you and am excited to see all of the students perform in their winter concerts on Thursday, December 16th .

Best Wishes,
Mrs. Walden



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● Calendar of Events: December ●

We hope you can join us!

December 2nd: 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert, 6pm

December 3rd: Spirit Day!

December 7th: PTO Meeting, 6pm in the IMC

December 10th: Southern Lakes Anthology Submissions Due

December 15th: December Birthday Lunch

December 16th: Holiday Concerts, High School

Rehearsal: K-2 12:45, 3-5 1:30

K-2 6pm & 3-5 7pm

December 23rd-December 31st: Winter Break



PTO News

In November, the PTO sponsored a meal for teachers on Tuesday the 9th during Family Teacher Conferences. The staff was so appreciative for the meal on the busy night! We were also able to pay for half the bussing for field trips our students have taken and we also submitted our 2nd Spiritwear order for the school year.

As we have in years past, we put up the Giving Tree in the school lobby. On the tree you will find teacher wish lists, should you choose to purchase a gift for your child's teacher or classroom. These are simply ideas that will help you if you aren't sure what to give!

We have begun to plan our next, beloved event; Rollerblading Night! This event will be hosted on the evening of Friday, January 14th. We will continue planning the event at our December meeting. Please join us if you are interested in helping us plan!

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at 6pm in the Rockwell IMC. All parents are encouraged to attend! In addition to planning Rollerblading Night, we will be discussing future events, such as BINGO night and a Talent Show.

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 November 2nd!

Holiday Concerts

Mark your calendars! Rockwell Elementary Winter Concerts will be held at the Fort Atkinson High School on Thursday, December 16th! The K-2 Concert will begin at 6pm; the 3-5 Concert at 7pm.

Enjoy an evening of singing, dancing, and holiday cheer! Students should arrive 15 minutes early to line up with the class in the High School Commons. Family members who cannot attend the evening performances are welcome to attend the dress rehearsals (also at the high school). Dress rehearsal times are 12:45 for K-2, and 1:30 for 3-5. Please watch for detailed information regarding masking policies for both your child and yourselves.

Safety Patrollers of the Month

Amelia Ellis and **Katie Pedraza-Carmona** were chosen as Safety Patrollers of the month for October, and **Cole Branfort** and **Lillie Welda** were chosen for November. All were treated to a special lunch for the great job they did teaching safety and being great role models for the students at Rockwell.



Southern Lakes Anthology

Mark your calendars! All submissions are due to your school library by December 10th!

What is the Southern Lakes Anthology Project?

The Southern Lakes Anthology Project is sponsored by the Southern Lakes Advanced Learners Network. The purpose of the Anthology is to provide an opportunity for talented writers, artists, and cartoonists to publish their work. This quarter, librarians and teachers will present information on the anthology project (including this year's theme, "Unstoppable") to students in Grades 3 through 5.

Who can submit work?

School District of Fort Atkinson students in Grades 3 through 8 may submit pieces for judging.

Why should students consider submitting their work?

Southern Lakes Anthology provides an authentic audience for young writers and artists. The 24 top entries from Fort Atkinson are published in a local anthology and also sent to regional judging. If selected at the regional level, the pieces are published in a book along with works by other students in southeastern Wisconsin. Published students are invited to a recognition ceremony in May where they receive a free copy of the book.

How are the pieces chosen?

Pieces must communicate a message based on the year's theme. Art, cartoons, and illustrations (in illustrated writing) are also judged on originality, neatness, space, and composition. Artwork should have strong black and white contrast—black pen or marker carefully used over very light pencil works great! Stories and poetry are judged on relevance to the theme, clarity of ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, conventions, and voice.

All work must be a student's original work. Parents/teachers may provide editing assistance. Specific rules and guidelines regarding page limits, font size, and margin widths, as well as templates for art/illustration pieces, will be available in the school library.

If you have questions, please contact your school's Library Media Specialist or visit:
<https://sites.google.com/fortschools.org/anthology2021>



Rockwell Snow Policies

There are few things more exciting than 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.

Band News

Please remember to fill out and return practice logs weekly. It is so important to be practicing at home and showing accountability for that time as we learn how to play each instrument.

THANK YOU, parents, for attending Band Parent Night last month, and to those families that attended the Pancake Breakfast. We raised over \$4000 for our band program!

Our next performance is our Holiday Band & Orchestra Concert on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm at the HIGH SCHOOL Auditorium. Mark your calendars!

Orchestra News

Time is more valuable than talent. Continue to practice at home and turn in the practice cards weekly. Practice sessions should contain three items: something you know well, something you need to work on, and time to explore and be creative on the instrument.

Our next performance is our Holiday Band & Orchestra Concert on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm at the HIGH SCHOOL Auditorium. Orchestra students should arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 and meet in the orchestra room. Mark your Calendars!!



Reporting Absences

If your child will be out of school for any reason, please call the Rockwell Office at 920-563-7818 or email Mrs. Radloff at radloffh@fortschools.org before 8:30 am. Any students who have not arrived to school by 8:30 or who have not been reported absent will be considered unexcused until we have been in contact with a parent or guardian. This procedure ensures that your child is safe and where they are supposed to be!

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)

Please Be Prepared

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

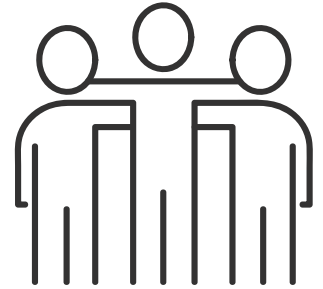
Give Back to Rockwell

- 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!

SDFA & Partners Now Hiring!

Looking to make a difference in the life of a child? The School District of Fort Atkinson and our partners offer a variety of employment opportunities and are actively seeking interested candidates. From transporting a team to an away game, working hand-on with students, to serving a healthy meal, there is a perfect spot for you on the 1Fort team!

To view an up-to-date list of our available vacancies, please bookmark the [School District of Fort Atkinson Careers Page](#). You can also contact hr@fortschools.org with any questions you may have.



Engagement Opportunities Ahead

Thank you for providing your feedback, and sharing our Community Survey in November! This survey asked questions regarding operational referendum costs, thoughts on building a new middle school, security enhancements, and urgent maintenance needs. The results of the survey will be shared at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, December 16th.

The first step in the engagement process began in 2019 with a group of close to 30 community members conducting a full strategic facilities planning assessment and recommendation to the Board. The community survey was the second step in the engagement process. Through the Spring, the District will be holding a number of community engagement sessions to dive into these topics deeper. PTO meetings, community Q&A sessions, coffee with the crew, and more - you will want to be sure you can learn more about the next steps. Stay tuned!

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

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

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



Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration



Early Release Days - No School Days! Where do your kids go?

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. From visits from the FAHS Baseball Team, to STEAM activities, your child will have a great time! Reach out to BASE today!

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alicia@basefortatkinson.org

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Take what you NEED to SUCCEED!

Opportunities, Inc.'s Connections Adult Day Program and its volunteers coordinate the OICloset to help all those in need of clothing and accessories for employment activities, social events and just living life to its fullest potential! It offers people with diverse abilities an opportunity to give back to the community with style!

- Coats
- Winter hats
- Mittens
- T-shirts
- Long sleeve shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Hoodies
- Pants
- Socks

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en español

"Every child should know what Christmas is..." ~ Pop Wendt

The Toy & Clothing Giveaway (also known as the toy, food and clothing distribution), takes place mid-December in the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds (in Jefferson). [Click here to learn more!](#)

October 2021



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!


[Click here for the
PDF in English](#)


[Click here for the
PDF in Spanish](#)

JCHD has COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11 Available NOW



- Available for kids ages 5-11
- COVID-19, especially the Delta variant, can have serious impact on your child's health
- Visit our parent/guardian resource page to learn more



YOU STOP THE SPREAD

The Jefferson County Health Department has appointments available NOW, Monday through Friday. Call 920-674-7275 to schedule your child's vaccination.

Find a vaccine location near you:

- Search <http://vaccines.gov>
- Text your ZIP code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233 or your local pharmacy

Hometown Pharmacy (previously Tuttle's) currently has pediatric COVID vaccines as well!

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Looking to make a positive difference in our community? Consider donating to our local United Way. We appreciate their partnership in our Family Connections Program!

Community Connections:

[Parks & Recreation - Fall & Winter Guide](#)

[Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce - Holiday Market, December 4th](#)

[City of Fort Atkinson - News & City Council](#)

[Fort Atkinson Community Foundation - Projects](#)



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