

# Rockwell Elementary School Newsletter



April-2022

## Welcome Message

Dear Rockwell Families,

I hope you all enjoyed some much needed family time over the Spring Break. We are enjoying hearing from our students about all of the wonderful adventures you had. It sounds like everyone had a great break making beautiful memories.

Now that we have made it past Spring Break, we have begun our journey into fourth quarter. Time is moving along quickly and it has been exciting to see all of the academic gains our students have been made over the first three quarters. The staff put a lot of time and effort into the third quarter report cards which are being sent home to you today. If you have any questions regarding any information on the report card please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Even though we have begun the fourth quarter, we are still in full swing with regard to our academic programming. Our students in 3rd through 5th grades are continuing to focus on their core instruction in preparation for the Forward Assessment. The Forward Assessment will be beginning next week. Families of students in grade 3-5 already have received the exact testing dates for their students. Thank you for ensuring your child is at school for their testing sessions. The best way you can help your child prepare for the test is to make sure they get a good night's sleep the night before and have had a healthy breakfast to start their day.

As we move into fourth quarter we are also beginning to plan for the 2022-2023 School Year. Please consider attending the April 5th PTO Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockwell IMC. The PTO does so much for the staff and students of Rockwell and we truly appreciate everyone's consideration of this request.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Best Wishes,

Ms. Walden



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## Calendar of Events: April

We hope you can join us!

April 1st: Spirit Day!

April 1st-11th: Summer School Priority Registration

April 4th-10th: PTO Papa Murphy Fundraiser

April 5th: PTO Meeting, 6 pm IMC

April 12th: Fine Arts Night

April 18th: Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm

April 20th: April Birthday Lunch

April 21st: Board of Education Meeting at Luther, 6:30 pm

April 27: July Birthday Lunch



## PTO News

We hope you enjoyed BINGO Night with us in March. It is always a fun family event. It was nice to see all who attended.

The PTO is partnering with Papa Murphys (Fort Atkinson location only) and hosting an online fundraiser! When you order online any time between April 4-10, Papa Murphys will donate 20% of all sales when you use the code SCHOOL at checkout. Please share this with your family and friends!

The PTO has begun to plan our End of the Year Picnic. We are so excited to be able to do so this year. Whether you've attended in the past, or are new to Rockwell, we would love to hear from you with any ideas you may have about making this event the best it can be! A date has not been decided, but it is typically held at the end of May or the beginning of June.

Parents of 5th graders: We are still looking for volunteers to plan this year's 5th Grade Breakfast. The PTO is happy to work with you to outline exactly what has been done in the past. The PTO has a budget for this event that can be used for food, student gifts, or at your discretion. Often 5th grade families also donate to the event. If you are able to volunteer and assist in any capacity, please contact Ms. Walden or the PTO at [rockwellpto@fortschools.org](mailto:rockwellpto@fortschools.org).

This year marks the end for the PTO President and Secretary's terms. The PTO needs you! We have a PTO member who has been nominated for Secretary and we will be voting on that nomination at our April meeting. It is not too late for you to be included in that vote as well!

Whether you are interesting in the Secretary or President position, we welcome and encourage all parents to join us! Without you, our school would not have a PTO!

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). We look forward to seeing you on April 5th for our meeting!

## Lost & Found: Spring Cleaning

April brings the hope of warmer weather! Soon we will be packing up all the winter gear in the Lost & Found. Please take a final look for any missing items by the end of the day on April 14th. Any remaining items will be donated. Thank you!



## Lunch Account Reminder

Please check your child's lunch account balance! If your child is purchasing milk at meal time, and NOT a full meal, those milks are not free, and funds are withdrawn from your account to cover that purchase.

Also, based on current legislation, starting in September, meals will go back to "normal" and will no longer be free for all families. Since we have not regularly used these accounts since March 2020, you may have funds available to start the 2022-23 school year...but, many of you may be carrying a negative balance, from meals purchased prior to March 2020. Now is a good time to check them, and see where you stand, so you are ready to go come fall!

If you have any questions, please contact Nutrition Services at [oswaldc@fortschools.org](mailto:oswaldc@fortschools.org) or 920-563-7811 ext.1159.



## Please Be On Time

Please do your best to be on time to school every day! Students are expected to be in their classrooms, ready to learn, before the final bell rings at 8:00 am. If your child is not in the classroom when attendance is taken, they may be erroneously marked absent. If you are unable to arrive on time (and we know that sometimes things happen!), please ask your student to check into the office so their attendance can be updated and their lunch ordered. If your child will be absent for any part of the day, please be sure to call Rockwell at 920-563-7818 or email Mrs. Radloff at [radloffh@fortschools.org](mailto:radloffh@fortschools.org) before 8:30. Attendance is finalized by 8:30 and calls will be made to all families whose student is absent.



## Band & Orchestra News

The 5th grade band and orchestra will be performing at the Rockwell Arts Festival on Tuesday, April 12. It is very important every student is present!

- The Festival begins at 5:30 pm. Band and Orchestra students should report to the Band/Orchestra at 5:45.
- The Orchestra will perform in the gym beginning at 6:00 pm.
- The Band will perform right after the orchestra on the Cafeteria Stage at approximately 6:15 pm.

If possible, students should wear jeans or black pants and a Rockwell t-shirt. If students do not have a Rockwell shirt, a shirt with Rockwell colors would be great.

See you there!

- Mr. Finnegan & Mrs. Haffelder

**\*\*If you ordered Band Candy, please keep an eye on your email for updates on the delivery!\*\***

### Attention 4th grade parents!

Orchestra sign up for 5th grade is on Tuesday May 10 from 3:30-7:00pm in the Luther Band room. Look for information coming home as your children learn about the various orchestra instruments in the month of April.

## Please Remember!



As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." With those showers, brings MUD! Rockwell has a beautiful playground but it can become very muddy in the spring! PLEASE place a change of clothing (including socks!) in your child's backpack. We keep some clothes to borrow in the office but we cannot guarantee that we will have your child's size. If your child needs a change of clothes, one will need to be brought to them or your child may need to be picked up. Please be assured that students are asked to remain on the blacktop when conditions are poor, but accidents do still happen. You may also want to consider leaving your child's winter gear at school. Wisconsin has been known to surprise us in April.... Thank you for your partnership!



## Important Immunization Information for 5th Grade Students

Wisconsin Student Immunization Law requires a dose of Tdap vaccine for students entering the 6th grade. Parents are required to have their children vaccinated or claim a waiver.

For the 2022-2023 school year the following is required:

<b>Students entering</b>	<b>Vaccine</b>
Grades 6 through 12	Tdap (1 dose)

Tdap is the adolescent combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Only one dose is required.

We encourage you to make plans now to have your child vaccinated well in advance of school starting next fall to avoid the late summer rush at doctor's offices and immunization clinics. Please provide the school with the dates of your child's vaccinations.

Please contact your child's medical provider to review your child's immunization record and make your summer appointment. If you do not have insurance that covers the cost of vaccines, please call the Jefferson County Health Department at 920-674-7275 and schedule an appointment.

You may contact the School Nurse office with any questions at 920-563-7805 or email at [schoolnurse@fortschool.org](mailto:schoolnurse@fortschool.org).

## Open Enrollment

**APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSES APRIL 29TH!**

Open Enrollment for the 2022/2023 school year is now open. If you are planning on moving outside of our school district but would like to continue attending SDFA, please fill out the Open Enrollment Application 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 information on open enrollment.

## Safety Patrollers of the Month

**Anna Dudzek** and **Kiefer Anderson** were chosen as Safety Patrollers of the month for March. They were treated to a special lunch at Culvers for the great job they did teaching safety and being great role models for the students at Rockwell.



## Summer School

-Preparations for the 2022 summer school session are in full gear.

The summer school session will begin on Monday, June 20th, and end on Friday, July 22nd. There will be no summer school on Monday, July 4th and Tuesday, July 5th to recognize the 4th of July holiday.

The District is excited to, once again, offer a wide variety of great classes and camps for your family to consider!

**The District will use a PRIORITY REGISTRATION system.** During PRIORITY REGISTRATION, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to indicate which courses or camps their children wish to take this summer using the online registration system (similar to last year). Using this information, the District will then determine the number of sections to run for each class in an effort to ensure that kids get the classes that they desire this summer.

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION will be open Friday, April 1st and run through Monday, April 11th. Please mark your calendar and share with your friends.**

By using PRIORITY REGISTRATION, you are giving your child the best chance to get the class(es) he/she wants this summer. There are three registration help sessions planned:

- Monday, April 4th from 8:00 to 9:30 AM and 3:15 to 6:00 PM at the Luther Elementary IMC.
- Wednesday, April 6th from 3:15 to 6:00 PM at the Purdy Elementary IMC.
- An interpreter will be available to help.

Registration information, including student logins and class lists, was sent home in student folders on Thursday, March 31st. If you have any questions throughout the process, please call the summer school office at 920-563-7802 or email [summerschool@fortschools.org](mailto:summerschool@fortschools.org).

We're always looking for great summer school teachers! If you know a certified teacher that might be interested in joining our summer school team, please have them email [summerschool@fortschools.org](mailto:summerschool@fortschools.org) or call 920-563-7802.

We hope your child will join us this summer for lots of fun!



### Don't Forget to VOTE April 5th!

As a reminder, the general election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, and everyone who is eligible to vote is encouraged to do so.



Included on the ballot are FOUR Board of Education Candidates for two seats on the School District of Fort Atkinson Board of Education. Recently, Fort Atkinson Online conducted an interview with each candidate. **Please view it here to learn more about each candidate.**

### Wildermuth Award & Support Staff Award Nominations Needed!

Is there a teacher or support staff team member that has made a positive impact on your child's life? Now is the time to recognize those who have gone above and beyond for your child!



The School District of Fort Atkinson is looking for nominations for the following awards:

#### **Wildermuth Award For Excellence In Education - [Click HERE To Nominate](#)**

This award was created to reward an educator in the School District of Fort Atkinson for exemplary work in the area of education. The recipient of the award may be a teacher, media specialist, guidance counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, or other certified staff member. **Due April 7th**

#### **Support Staff Of The Year Award - [Click HERE To Nominate](#)**

Every team member plays a role in teaching and learning and is valued here at the School District of Fort Atkinson. The Support Staff Award For Excellence in Education was created to reward a non-certified staff member for their outstanding work in our schools. **Due April 30th**

### Engagement Opportunities Ahead - Sign up today!

Looking to learn, ask questions, and have a conversation on the Strategic Facilities Planning efforts and Operational efforts of Fort Schools? Join us for our final Q&A community engagement session!

**Coffee & Conversations Saturday, April 9th from 8-10 am @ Beauty & the Bean**

If you missed the middle school Q&A tour, no worries! We will be posting a recording of the tour [here on our referendum research webpage](#) within the next week.

Can't make it to an engagement session but are interested in providing feedback? Please complete [this survey](#).

Questions? Email [info@fortschools.org](mailto:info@fortschools.org)



**National Love Public Education Week**  
February 21st - 25th

*We are #PublicSchoolProud*  
Celebrated as one team, one district, and one community.

Thank you to all who participated in the Love Public Education Week activities in February. In case you missed it, take a look at our very positive Rockwell students!

**[Watch Rockwell's Shout-Out video HERE!](#)**



**Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration**



**Currently accepting membership applications for the 2022 summer program!**

The 2022 summer program will run from June 13th-August 26th. We will be open from 7:30 am-5:30 pm and offer a fun-filled day with activities, field trips, and friends. Summer fees range from \$40-\$90/week per child with discounted fees for additional children, and additional financial support may be available for qualifying families. [Click here to start the registration process!](#)

**General Inquiries, Donations & Events**  
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**Lemonade Day!**  
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**WHAT'S LEMONADE DAY?**

Lemonade Day is a fun, experiential program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their very own business - a lemonade stand.

**WHEN IS LEMONADE DAY?**

SATURDAY  
**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
2022

**READY TO GET STARTED?**

Register at [LEMONADEDAY.ORG/fort-atkinson](http://LEMONADEDAY.ORG/fort-atkinson)

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Presents



We have some exciting news:

The Daddy Daughter Dance is returning!

The Jefferson Daddy Daughter Dance will be Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm

at The Creamery 201 in Fort Atkinson.

Jefferson DDD tickets are available now at

[www.GSOHVI.com/event/daddy-daughter-dance-jefferson](http://www.GSOHVI.com/event/daddy-daughter-dance-jefferson)

Questions:

Cornerstone of Hope

608-754-1228 or [ddd@csdhw.com](mailto:ddd@csdhw.com)



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](#)

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