

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Each year the weeks and months go by more and more quickly. This year is no different! May 12 is the halfway point to the end of the fourth quarter- the last one of the school year. Students at Rockwell continue to work hard and make gains in their academics and in their social emotional growth. Also, for the first time in a couple of years, we as a staff have witnessed the day to day physical growth of each child and how each of them has changed from early September to now. Our fifth graders are looking more and more like middle school students, our kindergarten students look ready and able to take on first grade and everyone else in between is ready to “move up” in their “school career.” We are proud of the hard work and dedication that our students put forward to making the most out of each school day. They are learning that hard work pays off!

We as a staff will do all that we can to make the most out of the remaining days of this school year with your children. Below are some upcoming events and items of interest that are in the works for May and June. Please note that things will likely be added and staff will communicate additional items and any changes to the schedule!

All my best to all of our Rockwell Families!

Cheryl Clark

Principal



At Rockwell in May and June...

Today, May 6, 2022 is the last day to order Yearbooks for the 2021-22 school year. You can order yours here: [Rockwell ES 2021-22 Ordering Link](#)

Yearbooks will be distributed in early June.

May 11, 2022, 8:15 PM- Elementary Honors Choral Concert - We will have two fifth grade representatives perform at this concert at Damascus High School

May 18, 2022 Early Release Day - No PEP classes and K-5 students released at 12:55 PM

May 20, 2022 DHS Marching Band Concert at Rockwell ES - Each year, the DHS band provides a short concert for each cluster elementary feeder school. Typically this happens in the winter. This year, we are happy to host them in May! Former Rockwell students in the band will be recognized and featured during the concert. We are looking forward to it!

May 23 & 24 2022 Fun & Fitness Days (5/23 PEP & K-2; 5/24 Grades 3-5) This is a great opportunity for students to continue to build healthy relationships and team spirit with classmates as they engage in outdoor games, races and other competitions. Please look for more communication about this day. It could be a great opportunity to volunteer here at the school. Volunteer requirements for MCPS schools can be found [here](#). Mr. Beabout, Physical Education Teacher is the contact person for Fun & Fitness Days ([Kevin W Beabout@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin.W.Beabout@mcpsmd.org))

May 30, 2022- Holiday- No School for Staff or Students

June 7, 2022, 7 PM - Rockwell Elementary Spring Concert

June 16, 2022 Grade Five Promotion Ceremony at Rockwell - 10 AM

Grade 5 Send-off Car Parade 2 PM

June 17, 2022- Early Release Day- Last Day of School for Students- Dismissal is at 12:55 PM



The Rockwell Staff Appreciates Our Parents!

The staff at Rockwell were treated all week to treats, snacks, coffee and even lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week from parent groups and our PTA. On behalf of the entire staff we say thank you for these kind gestures and for noticing the dedication that our staff members have for their work with your children. Thank you so very much!



The PTA Sponsored Book Fair was a Hit!

For the first time in a couple of years we had a Book Fair at Rockwell! Special thank you to Mrs. Grove and her committee of parents who set up, ran and offered their time to provide this for the school community. Students were thrilled to come in and order their favorite titles. Also, staff wish lists were fulfilled to stock classroom libraries with new books for our students to enjoy. Thank you, PTA, for this wonderful opportunity

for all!



Honor's Chorus Recognition

Rockwell Elementary is proud to have two of our talented 5th graders, Yuki Reed and Samuel Amara representing us in the MCPS Honors Chorus this year. These students have been practicing weekly to prepare a spectacular concert that will be held on May 11th at 8:15pm at Damascus High School.

This concert is free and open to everyone and it promises to be an amazing evening of music featuring the top 5th grade singers from around the county. Congratulations Yuki and Sammy on this amazing accomplishment! We are so proud to have you representing Rockwell!

A Beautiful Surprise!

We were contacted by a local farm in Germantown, Love & Grit at Greenway Acres with a donation of beautiful tulip bouquets which were delivered to staff members as a Happy Spring surprise. The gesture was lovely and the flowers were beautiful. Each staff member walked out with a bouquet!





Buses, Parking & Traffic Around Rockwell

We are happy to report that our buses are arriving closer to our dismissal time and students are getting home closer to the typical time that they have in past years. We continue to work with our transportation partners in MCPS to improve pick up times for our last two later buses. We appreciate our bus drivers every day for their consistency and their safety consciousness in bringing our students to school and back home again. If you have an occasion, please express thanks to your child's bus driver.



Since we returned to school full time, we have had an increase in students being dropped off and picked up by parents. Some parents stay in cars and pick up in the pick-up loop. Others park either in the lot or on the streets around Rockwell and walk up to drop off or pick up students. We want to be able to accommodate all and at the same time keep all of our students safe as they come and leave school daily. Parents are always invited to stay in their cars and pick up- we work to keep this process moving, but safe for all. If you prefer to park your car and walk up, please be conscious of where you are parking and the impact on our neighbors. Cutsail Drive has a sidewalk on both sides and it is wide-enough to accommodate cars parked on both sides of the road (please take notice of the no parking signs close to the intersection of the school drive-way). The side streets off of Cutsail Drive are not as wide and do not have sidewalks. When these streets become congested with cars on both sides, this makes for a dangerous walking path for students and adults who live on these streets. All of the streets around the building are public and are "open" for parking. However, we can all take care of one another and particularly our students by making adjustments to keep safe walking paths from close neighbors to the school open. We appreciate your consideration- Thank you!



From Previous Editions of the *Rockwell Register*

[Our Lost and Found Collection Continues to Grow!](#)

Our lost and found rack is located directly beside the doors to the All-Purpose Room. We have a collection of sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and water bottles and it continues to grow! Please ask your child to check for any missing items. We will be clearing out the lost and found in the near future and donating items to a local charity.



Have you considered becoming an MCPS Substitute?

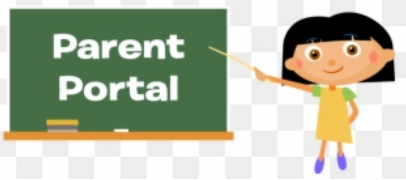
MCPS is seeking substitute teachers! Substitute teaching is an excellent way to learn about our schools while allowing principals and teachers to get to know you. To qualify as a substitute teacher, each applicant must present proof of the completion of the minimum of an associate's degree or 60 college credits from an accredited institution.

Substitute teachers are temporary employees and are on an on call basis. An automated substitute calling system helps you manage your work schedule by allowing you to call at any time, day or night, to find jobs. This system is telephone and internet accessible. The system uses your subject area and location preferences to offer you jobs on the days you have selected and allows you to change the days you work.

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View & Edit Information on Parent Vue!

In the past, we have sent home the “yellow cards/sheets” for you to check the information contained in your child’s official MCPS/Rockwell data. This includes parent contact information as well as other important data related to your child’s profile. We would like for all parents to become proficient in working with Parent Vue and we are here to help you! If you need assistance in logging in so that you can make changes, please be in contact with Mr. Isabell or with me and we will arrange support for you. Your ParentVue account will be with your child throughout their time as a student in Montgomery County Public Schools so learning how to use it now will be helpful for the current year and years to come!



Parental Consent for Online Digital Tools

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School may utilize a variety of supplemental online digital tools to reinforce the district’s instructional program. In the form below, you will find supplemental tools that may be used by Rockwell’s teachers. Links to each supplemental tool's terms of service and privacy policy, as well as additional information on MCPS' data privacy practices, are available on the MCPS Data Privacy and Security website:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/data-privacy-security/technology.aspx>



Here is the link to the Google Form: [Rockwell's Online Digital Tools Consent Form](#)