

# Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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## Rockwell Register

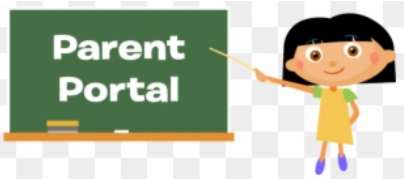


### Updates on Health & Safety at Rockwell Elementary

The staff at Rockwell will continue to work closely with our School Health partners, Mrs. Ann Blanco, School Health Technician ([Ann\\_C\\_Blanco@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ann_C_Blanco@mcpsmd.org)) and Mrs. Arpita Ramkaran

([Arpita\\_Ramkaran@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Arpita_Ramkaran@mcpsmd.org)) to navigate our current health and safety needs. If you have any questions about your child's health and making decisions about sending them to school, please reach out to our health room staff. They are both a great resource and they are happy to talk with you.

Last Friday, we began our weekly COVID testing with CIAN Diagnostics. The staff from CIAN randomly chose 75 students from the list of students for whom parents gave permission for testing. We were able to have these students efficiently tested and returned to class with as little disruption as possible. Another group of randomly selected students will be tested on Friday of this week. If you have not already done so and you would like to give your permission to have your child a part of this testing please use this [link](#). CIAN Diagnostics will contact parents directly via email with results each week.



### *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](#)



As you learned at Back to School Night, Lois P. Rockwell Elementary is in the first cohort of schools to implement The Leader in Me curriculum. Implementation is a joint project between classroom teachers, specialists and in particular, our counselor, Mrs. Kane. You can learn more about this and how you might incorporate the goals and objectives in the home setting by attending a session in the MCPS Parent Academy. Check out this opportunity and other virtual parent workshops and chats on the MCPS website [here](#).



### *Did you know?*

Montgomery County Public Schools offers Saturday School? The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy is regionally based and students from Rockwell are welcome to attend. Please visit their website to learn more about this program. [www.saturdayschool.org](http://www.saturdayschool.org)

## Art, Music, & Physical Education @ Rockwell ES

Art music and physical education classes are well underway for each class in our Pre-school and K-5 classes. In a regular week, each class has each of these classes one time per week. Here are some details about each of these instructional programs.



The goal of the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Pre-K –12 visual art program of studies is for students to develop the knowledge and skills essential to understanding that art:

- is a powerful mode of communication, providing essential ways to discover, interpret, and make meaning of life experiences.
- plays a dynamic role in society by making connections to the past and to other cultures.

- is the investigation of materials and visual forms, the development of symbolic language, and the engagement with critical and aesthetic modes of thought and expression.
- is an integrated approach to creative expression and critical response that allows students to develop their own unique artistic thoughts and provides a solid grounding for making and appreciating art.

At Rockwell: Mrs. Smith engages students in a variety of projects and provides the opportunity for students to explore different mediums and techniques to create art. In addition to the artwork that students will bring home, Mrs. Smith will display student art around the school for all students and staff to enjoy.



Students in music classes at the elementary school level in MCPS do the following:

- Develop performance skills, including the use of voice, instruments, and other sound producing media.
- Create musical ideas through composing, arranging, and improvising.
- Describe music through reading and writing music notation; listening to music; and employing their understanding of music verbally, visually, and through movement

At Rockwell ES: Mrs. Looper uses a variety of techniques and strategies to address music objectives and goals with students during general music lessons. Our central offices have purchased cloth “singing masks” that will be distributed to each student once they arrive. These masks should be brought to music class weekly. Parents can wash these masks by asking their child to bring it home after it is used each time. In the meantime, students have been given **temporary surgical grade masks** which they can wear over their regular mask or switch out masks if they prefer. (We have found that these **temporary** masks are large for our youngest students). Mrs. Looper is a very talented and resourceful teacher and due to the current circumstances, voiced singing will be limited and students will have a variety of other ways to practice and engage with music. Students will not be graded on singing for the 2020-21 school year as is the case in typical years.



The goal of Pre K-12 physical education is to help students become responsible citizens who are both physically educated and health literate.

- Each student will set and achieve personally challenging goals in physical activity, apply higher order thinking skills to human movement, and design personal movement and fitness plans.
- Students will be able to display the skills and practices of a physically active lifestyle, knowing the benefits of their choices to be involved in physical activity.
- Students will be physically fit and have a mindset that values physical activity and its benefits in sustaining healthy lifestyles.

At Rockwell ES: Mr. Beabout leads students in PE classes using a variety of structured activities using different equipment. Students are encouraged to try and practice skills that are taught to them. Also, students learn about setting personal goals to be more active and healthy in their everyday life. Mr. Beabout is using outdoor learning spaces for PE classes whenever weather and ground conditions allow. There will be times when students are on the blacktop or in the field. You can help your child by sending him/her to school dressed for PE including sneakers on the day they are scheduled for class.

