

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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Rockwell Register

Parents at Rockwell Elementary During School Hours: Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to have parents back in the building with us to be part of our school community not only outside, but also inside our lovely school. We have had many questions about what is required to visit vs. volunteer in the school building and at school events. We put together the guide below to help everyone understand what is required. Please note that this information applies to school functions and school hours only. Other activities at the school that are sponsored by others (i.e. childcare, PTA, non-school extracurricular activities, etc.) do not have these same requirements and are not managed by school staff.

Teachers will reach out to parents for volunteering opportunities or you can email your child's teacher to inquire about volunteering. We will have opportunities throughout the school year for you to visit and/or observe and these will be communicated through email and newsletters by your child's teacher as well. If you have any questions, please call the school office. We look forward to seeing more and more parents at Rockwell!

Parent Opportunities to be at Rockwell During School Hours	Examples Include	What's Required?
Visiting or Observing In Classes & Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open House• Fall/Valentine Parties• Scheduled Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check-in at the office with State Issued ID (i.e. driver's license) using Visitor Management System• Visitors must wear visitor's name badge throughout their visit• Visitors must check-out in the office upon leaving (scan your visitor's sticker)
Volunteering in a class or school activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with students under teacher direction• Chaperoning a field trip• Helping in the Media Center• Fun & Fitness Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete MCPS Volunteering Requirements• Show your successful completion of MCPS requirements upon arrival in the main office (email from MCPS)• Review Rockwell's Volunteering Module Click HERE.• Check-in at the office with State Issued ID (i.e. driver's license) using Visitor Management System• Visitors must wear visitor's name badge throughout their visit• Visitors must check-out in the office upon leaving (scan your visitor's sticker)



We will recognize Veterans Day at an outdoor flag raising ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2022 9:30-10:00 AM in the front of the building. Students, staff, and parents will be outside for the event. We expect to have some representatives from the American Legion Post 171- Damascus in attendance. This activity will be weather permitting.

At our ceremony, we recognize any parents/guardians/caregivers in our Rockwell School Community who have served or are currently serving in our military at this event. All Veterans and Service Men and Women from our school community are invited to a breakfast hosted by our PTA in our staff lounge and courtyard. We will have breakfast treats available at 9:00 AM. We would love to take the opportunity to honor you and say thank you!

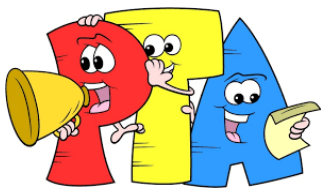


...to Open House at Rockwell Elementary School!

We are happy to invite parents/guardians and caregivers to visit classrooms at Rockwell on **Friday, November 11, 2022** immediately following our flag raising ceremony. Open House will begin at 10:00 AM and we invite you to stay as long as you'd like up to your child's lunch time. Unfortunately, we do not have space in our cafeteria for parents to eat lunch with students.

All visitors for Open House (visits to classrooms) will need to check in at the office and use our Visitor Management System which requires a state issued identification card (i.e. driver's license). Visiting classrooms does **not** require you to be cleared as a volunteer since you are only observing in classrooms.

We will begin checking parents in for Open House at 8:45 AM (before the flag raising ceremony) and continue with check-ins until 9:30 AM. After check-in, parents will wait in the lobby and/or outside to participate in the flag-raising ceremony at 9:30 AM. We will resume checking additional parents in at 10:00 AM when the flag raising ceremony is over. Parent visitors will accompany students back to class following the ceremony if desired. Please bring your ID into the office and we will have assistants to help with the check-in process. After checking in, you will be issued a visitor badge which is required for the duration of your visit. We ask that you check-out in the office by scanning your visitor's sticker prior to leaving for the day.



Walk-A-Thon Was a Huge Success!

Thank you to all students and volunteers for making our 2022 Walk A Thon a complete success. You could feel the joy and happiness as the kids danced, ran, and walked over 7,000 laps! It was fabulous to see our volunteers cheering on the students. What's even more amazing is that the students have raised over \$7,000! Our fundraiser will run through Tuesday, October 18th and you can click on the link below to register your child(ren) and make a donation.

<https://rockwellpta.memberhub.gives/walkathon-signup>

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Stop by Hornet's Nest on Tuesday, October 18th from 11:30 - 9pm and a portion of all sales will be donated to the Rockwell PTA!!



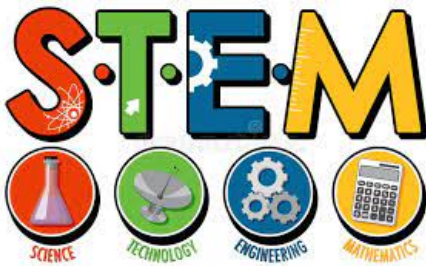
Keep a lookout for information on our upcoming book fair in November!!



Helping Our Community= Rockwell Food Drive October 17-21

Rockwell Elementary will host a food drive to support Damascus Help. Damascus Help provides food to families in need right in our community! We are collecting canned vegetables and fruit AND hot or cold cereal. Please consider donating to our Food Drive. Please

be sure to check all expiration dates because we cannot accept any items that are "out of date." Our school goal is to collect 500 items. Thank you for your support!



Community Outreach & Engagement

Members of the Rockwell Staff will host STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics) Night for K-5 grade students on **Tuesday, October 25, 2022 6-7 PM**. Parents will come to cheer students on as they engage in solving problems and creating solutions through creativity. Look for more details to come!



Lunch at Rockwell

Our district portions food for school lunches and breakfasts based on recommendations from the National School Lunch Program. Lunches served in our cafeteria provide one-third of the recommended levels for key nutrients. Meals are distributed one per student through purchase or our Free/Reduced lunch program. This year, we do not plan for students to have access to more than one meal per person. If you believe your child needs additional food, please consider sending in additional healthy food items that can be eaten with the school lunch. Children will not have access to second helpings of anything on the lunch tray from the cafeteria.

Air Conditioning to Heat Conversion Coming Up!

Rockwell will undergo its conversion to heat from A/C next week. It's always important for students to dress in layers and for the weather. Once the A/C is turned off, it will not be back on until the Spring. Heat is set in MCPS buildings at 68 degrees. Short sleeved shirts with sweaters or sweatshirts make for the flexibility that your child may need to stay comfortable in classes.

