

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

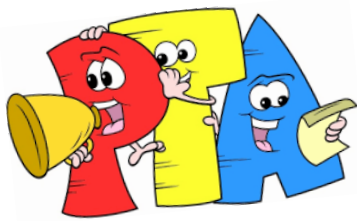
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Rockwell Register

Greetings! With the calendar past September 21st, we are officially into our fall season and the Rockwell School Community is an exciting place! On September 20, the community voted in the slate of new officers for Rockwell Elementary School's PTA at the first meeting of the school year. These parent leaders have already been busy planning PTA activities and shaping how they can support our students and provide opportunities for family engagement in our school. Thank you and congratulations to this year's officers: **Mrs. Becky Davison**, President, **Mrs. Cindy Chronowski**, Vice President, **Mrs. Jessica Grove**, Treasurer, Mrs. **Shelley Schmidt**, Secretary, and **Mrs. Zainab Storms**, Social Media Coordinator. These leaders are off to a terrific start!



Here is just a sample of some PTA family engagement and student support activities that are in store this year. Check your email for more information about dates and times throughout the year.

HELP FUND FIELD TRIPS FOR EVERY GRADE LEVEL- THEY ARE BACK!

Family Fun Night- Fun games for the whole family!

Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser at Recess with all students- October 10th, 2022

Scholastic Book Fair- November

Penguin Holiday Shop- shopping for children to buy gifts at kid prices!

Talent Show for All Students

Do you want to get involved with Rockwell's PTA?
Check below for membership and volunteering opportunities at PTA events:

Here is the link to join Rockwell Elementary School PTA:

[Join Rockwell Elementary PTA](#)

Here is the link to volunteer for PTA:

[Volunteer for PTA Events & Activities](#)

*thank
you*

...for your service & support and for making Rockwell a great place to be!



Just for Parents: Information on How We are Teaching Reading at Rockwell & in MCPS



Structured Literacy

This year you will be hearing a lot about Structured Literacy based on the Science of Reading in your child's classroom. The Science of Reading refers to research that has been conducted over the past 20 years by reading experts and cognitive scientists. This research has shown us some of the best methods for teaching students to read.

Below are some terms you may encounter in your child's reading instruction this year:

- ★ **Phoneme** - the smallest unit of sound represented by a letter or letters. There are 44 phonemes in the English language.

- ★ **Grapheme** - the letter or letters that represent a phoneme.

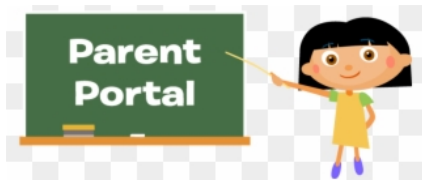
- ★ **Phonemic awareness** - the ability to identify, hear and manipulate the smallest sounds heard in spoken language, phonemes.

- ★ **Phonological awareness** - the skill to identify, hear and manipulate any sound heard in spoken language. These pieces of sound can be rhymes, syllables, or phonemes.

- ★ **Word Mapping** - the process of breaking a word down into its phonemes and writing the graphemes that represent the phonemes.

- ★ **Heart Words** - high frequency words that have a "tricky part" that cannot be decoded.

MCPS Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!



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 offered a copy of this information at Back to School Night. We no longer make these changes in your child’s profile. You can make any changes yourself in ParentVue. If you need assistance in logging in so that you can make changes, please be in contact with Mrs. Molly Kim, our Parent Community Coordinator. You can reach her through her webpage linked [here](#). We thank you for keeping your child’s profile up to date so that we can be in touch with you and build a strong school-home communication connection.



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>



Click [HERE](#) for Rockwell’s Parent Consent Form for Digital Tools



Steps to take when your child is absent from school:

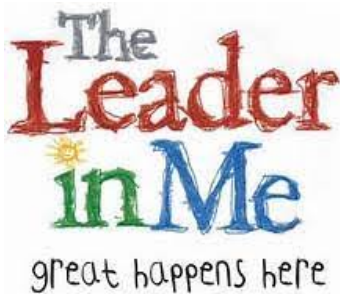
1. Call or email the office 240-740-5180
shae_j_nelson@mcpsmd.org
2. State your child’s name, grade, and reason for absence
3. We must have documentation in writing, so if you call, please follow up with a written note. Click [here](#) for a shell for your use.

[2022 Holiday Giving Project Registration](#)

[\(Click on the title above to take you to the registration form\)](#)



The Holiday Giving Project has provided Thanksgiving and December holiday assistance to low-income households for over 30 years. A network of social workers, school counselors, and human service professionals refer families in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies serve Holiday Giving recipients, as donations are available. If you and your family are in need and would like to be referred for possible assistance for the holiday season, please complete this referral form to provide the required information. Resources are limited: please apply only if you and your family are truly in need. While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families in need as donations allow. Please complete this form no later than *TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022*



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 by clicking [here](#).



COVID Information for Parents from our School Health Partners

If your child has one or more COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever/temperature $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$ F, sore throat, severe headache, diarrhea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell), please adhere to the guidance below and also notify the school prior to his/her return.

If you choose not to have your child tested or evaluated by a health care provider, please keep your child home for 5 days from the first day of symptoms and until all symptoms have improved including no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Your child may return on day 6 fully masked, thru day 10. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please notify the school.



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



Positive Behavior & Mindfulness at Rockwell ES

What is it?

Positive Behavior and Mindfulness is a program at Rockwell that recognizes positive contributions of all our students. Our goal is to help each child develop self discipline. The home and school share the responsibility for developing good citizens. Parents, teachers and students must work together to maintain a safe learning environment.

As a part of PB &M, teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff will have the responsibility to TEACH positive behavior expectations to students.

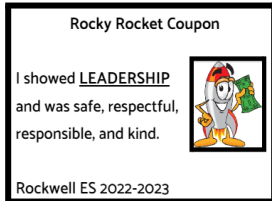
PB&M helps to create a culture where students know exactly what is expected of them. Students who take responsibility to behave positively will be recognized and rewarded in a variety of ways. Students will also reflect on their behavior and know the consequences that will result when they choose not to meet the school-wide expectations.

School-Wide Expectations

- ★ Be Safe
- ★ Be Respectful
- ★ Be Responsible
- ★ Be Kind

Students will receive on-going instruction from staff on our school-wide expectations in all areas of the school. The classroom, bathroom, cafeteria, hallways, bus, media center, recess/playground and at assemblies are all settings where students will be expected to act in a safe, respectful, responsible, and kind manner.

Positive Recognition



Students will earn individual Rocky Coupons for demonstrating positive behaviors.



Classes will earn High Fives to celebrate positive behaviors

the whole group.

How can you help at home?

- Ask your child to tell you the four school-wide behavior expectations.
- Ask your child to discuss examples of ways that he or she can use these expectations to help them learn and participate in school.
- Discuss ways that these expectations can be used at home and in the community.
- Communicate openly with teachers regarding behavior expectations and reflections.



We use our PBI&M program in conjunction with the MCPS Student Code of Conduct which ensures a safe, productive, and positive learning environment. There are two documents that help students, parents and staff understand school rules and regulations; expectations for student conduct; and possible consequences for violating the rules. For more information please visit:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/rights/>

September

Dates to Note

- ❖ **September 26- No school for students or teachers**
- ❖ **September 30- Early Release Day- School dismisses at 12:55 PM- No PEP Students AM or PM**
- ❖ **October 5- No School for students or teachers**
- ❖ **October 24- Professional Day- No school for students**
- ❖ **October 31- Whole School Halloween Parade and Parties**

October