

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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Rockwell Register

Dear Parents,

It's March and I believe we've had colder days already this month than in February! Last Tuesday, the morning bus patrols and I were confused by the snow showers that fell from the sky as the sun was continuing to shine. Mother Nature sure has a way of keeping us on our toes!

We are well past the halfway point of our school year and we know that there is a great opportunity for a stretch of teaching and learning and gaining momentum prior to our spring break, the first week of April. We continue to record terrific progress for your children in their academics. Your children come to school daily with a positive attitude and an understanding of their "job" as a student. We have just spent time as a staff analyzing the achievement and progress for students on multiple measures. This analysis guides us in our work over the next several months before the school ends in June. Your children's progress is obvious and we continue to praise them for working hard, taking their "job" seriously, and doing all that they can to get smarter and learn more. Thank you for sending them to school daily with encouragement and your expectations for hard work. In addition to students' academic progress, we continue to check in with students both formally and informally about their well-being and how they are feeling. We will have more to share on this aspect of our students' growth over time in the very near future.

We have established and are already underway with some required state academic testing. The chart below outlines by grade level our schedule for the next couple of months. Grade-level teams will continue to communicate specific testing schedules to parents as reminders. It is always helpful to minimize absences during our testing windows if at all possible. With this being said, please don't send your child to school with symptoms of sickness. We will have make-up dates for all testing.

Here is a schedule for the Maryland State Tests in Reading and Math at Rockwell:

Grade Level	Reading	Math
3	April 19, 20, 24, 25	April 26, 27
4	April 28, May 1, 2, 3	April 17, 18,
5	April 19, 20, 24, 25	April 17, 18,

Thank you to each of our Rockwell families for sending us your best every day. The students are working hard and are making progress in their academic learning and in how they interact with both peers and the adults in the building every day. We hope that you are noticing and enjoying the same at home!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Clark

Principal



Tuesday, March 14 - PTA meeting at 7pm in the media center

Thursday, March 23 - Science Fair from 6-8pm (project drop off in the morning)



Hearing & Vision Screening at Rockwell

Are you interested in helping out with the Hearing and Vision Screenings? Our school health partners could use some help on Friday, March 17 or Monday, March 20, from 9-3 pm. If you're available, Click the sign-up genius below. **All volunteers must complete the volunteer training.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A5AF2AA1FACF8-hearing>



Be Well 365 Student Supports and Interventions

We have continued to implement social-emotional support for students during the school year. In order to pull our resources together on behalf of our students, we have continued with our Student Well-Being Team, that meets weekly. Our student well-being team seeks and receives referrals for student support from school staff and families. Our team provides support to students who are struggling with social-emotional concerns, attendance, and engagement in their learning. Our team is comprised of Mrs. Clark, Principal, Mr. Isabell, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kane, School Counselor, Mrs. Elza, Pupil Personnel Worker (PPW), Mrs. Lupfer-Jones, School Psychologist, , Ms. Molly Kim, Parent Community Coordinator, and other staff that join us from time to time in our weekly scheduled meetings. We are striving to assist all of our students to “Be Well 365” and be conscious of their physical, social, and emotional needs and well-being.



Kindergarten

Calling all Kindergarten Students for Fall 2023!

Rockwell is excited to register a new class of kindergarten students this spring to begin in August, 2023 when our school year begins. Students must be five (5) years old by September 1, 2023 to be eligible. We will consider Early Entrance to Kindergarten (EEK) for students who turn five between September 1-October 15, 2023. Please contact Mrs. Shae Nelson for more information about Rockwell's EEK procedures. More information about EEK can be found on the MCPS website [here](#).

Registration for kindergarten at Rockwell begins on Monday, March 27, 2023.

You can begin electronic registration on this day. Information is at this [link](#). If you prefer to print then bring in your documents or simply register in-person, you can do so in the main office. In addition, if you want to stop by the school and pick up a registration packet to complete at home, the office is open between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM daily.

We have scheduled in-person Kindergarten Orientation for Thursday & Friday, May 4-5, 2023

Please call Mrs. Shae Nelson, our main office 240-740-5180 to schedule a time for your incoming kindergarten student and you to attend an orientation session. You can bring completed registration documents to this orientation if you did not return them before your orientation date. Your child will work with kindergarten teachers during this orientation and staff will provide a presentation to parents. * *Current kindergarten students will not attend school on May 4-5, 2023.*

Questions about Kindergarten Registration or Orientation? Call Mrs. Shae Nelson. She can assist you.

Please forward the above information to your friends and neighbors who have an incoming K student!



Did you know?

You can update your child's contact information through Parent View in our system? It is very important that we have your most current contact information in the event of an emergency here at school. Please take a look at your child's profile to be certain all of the data is correct and that we have more than one way of contacting you and/or other emergency contacts. Thank you!



Upcoming Dates & Special Events

March 14- PTA Meeting in the Media Center, 7 PM

March 15 - Early Release Day- K-5 Students dismissed at 12:55 PM; No school for PEP students

March 17 & 20 - Hearing and Vision Screening for students in K, 1, & 2 (students will be pulled out of class briefly)

March 23- Science Fair 6-8 PM- Co-sponsored with our PTA

March 31- Professional Day- No school for Students

April 3-April 10- Spring Break & Holiday- No school for students

