

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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Rockwell Register

Dear Parents,

Spring is here! We are making the most out of our last days in school before spring break begins. As a reminder, students do not come to school March 31st as it is a teacher work and planning day. Spring Break begins April 3-10, 2023. Students return from break on Tuesday, April 11th.

Springtime often brings excited students who may be more challenging to keep on task while in class. You can help by talking with your children about the importance of making the most out of each day at school. We want our students to be excited and we want them to enjoy their school life, for sure. We also want to focus their enthusiasm and attention to tasks when teachers and staff are teaching new ideas and skills during class time. We believe in using encouraging words and praising students when they exhibit behavior that is aligned with our school values and expectations. Throughout the day, students have opportunities to earn points or coupons to trade for individual and group opportunities, prizes or rewards. We notice many students taking advantage of these opportunities and having lunch with current or previous teachers, taking tours of the building with me, (who would guess that students would be so interested in seeing the boiler room or the walk-in freezer among other places?!). Each day, we share with students that "Rocky the Rocket," our mascot, reminds us all to be safe, respectful, responsible and kind during our morning announcements. We see a great deal of this daily from our students! We know that our parent/guardian community supports our efforts at school and we do appreciate your partnership in making our school the best it can be for all of our students. Ask your child how they have been recognized or rewarded recently here at Rockwell.

Enjoy the spring and the extra time with your children that Spring Break offers.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Clark

Principal

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YEARBOOK**

Pre-Order

You can order a yearbook here: Please order by April 30, 2023.

<http://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MD1032017/home3/Bookstore.jsp>



Summer School- July, 2023

This summer the Damascus Cluster Elementary Schools will come together and collaborate on one local program for our students. It will be held at Clearspring Elementary School. We anticipate fewer students in the program than in the last two years. Students from Rockwell will be invited based on a criteria set forth by MCPS. If your child is invited, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity.



We're Already Thinking and Planning for Next Year!

Parent/Caregiver Action Needed!

Each year, our teachers begin looking at building classes for the coming school year in the Spring. We have already begun this process. We look at which students work well together and which do better in separate classes. We consider gender, race, and other aspects of diversity to build balanced classes that we believe will come together as a learning community. We appreciate a parent/caregiver's perspective and we invite you to provide information from your vantage point about your child's strengths and areas for growth. Please take a few moments to complete the "Parent Input for Articulation" form below. Our staff will use this information as one piece of many that we consider when building our homeroom classes for the coming school year.

Click on this link: [2023-24 Parent Input for Articulation](#)



We had nearly 60 science fair projects on display at the annual Science Fair on Thursday, 3/23. What a success! Our students presented research and results from science experiments. Students from kindergarten through fifth grade entered their projects to share with the community. This was a terrific example of how our students

and families shine. A special thank you is in order for Mrs. Vedham for organizing and coordinating the event for our school. If you missed it this year, please keep a lookout in February/March for next year!



We have many, many coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, and scarves in our lost and found. Please ask your children to look for their lost belongings.

They may not be here after Spring Break!



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!



Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School 2023 International and Heritage Festival

April 28, 2023
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

We are thrilled to once again gather together to celebrate our diverse Rockwell School Community! Come share your knowledge about another country, state or region of the United States wherever you are from. There are many ways to participate. Complete a registration form [here](#).



Gallery of Nations Display

Use a trifold board to create a display about your country, region or state. You can include things like:

- ★ Regional recipes and/or food to share
- ★ Maps, history and language
- ★ State or national flag
- ★ Currency or money
- ★ Posters, pictures, books, photos or postcards
- ★ Household items
- ★ Games & Arts/Crafts
- ★ Create and display art



Parade of Countries Fashion Show

Dress in traditional clothing and represent your heritage.



Performance Celebrations

Perform on your own or with your family members

- ★ Dance
- ★ Music/Song
- ★ Speech

Performances are limited to 1 to 2 minutes.

All music must be given to Mrs. Looper via CD, MP3 or Audio File by April 14th. You can email it to Mrs. Blache: amy_blache@mcpsmd.org



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!



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.



Upcoming Dates & Special Events

March 27- Online Kindergarten Registration Begins (In-person orientation will be on May 4-5 (Call Mrs. Nelson for an appointment for Orientation @ 240-740-5180)

March 31- Professional Day- No school for Students

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

April 11 -Welcome back Students