

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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Rockwell Register

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We have had a busy start to 2022 at Rockwell. We continue to work with our DHHS partners and our central office support staff to communicate with families individually and as a school community as guidance and direction come to us in our efforts to mitigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the effects on our daily operations here at school. We appreciate you for taking the time to read and digest the email notices that both we and MCPS central office sends to you with important information and requests. Since we have returned we have sent several messages. Here is a review of recent and ongoing notices and bits of information important for all families:

MCPS has instituted a COVID-19 parent reporting system. If your child tests positive with the virus, we are asking that this be recorded on Rockwell ES's registry. This database informs us about positivity rates for our specific school.	MCPS COVID-19 Registry If you have trouble using this link, please contact Shae Nelson (shae_j_nelson@mcpsdmd.org) for assistance.
CIAN Testing at Rockwell will continue every Friday. Our testing crew tests as many students on our list as possible. There are times that we are limited and we cannot get to all grade levels. New for 2022, results (positive and negative) will be emailed directly to parents with instructions and next steps centrally.	If you have not given permission for your child to be routinely tested, please register him/her at this link: Say yes to the test!
Home Rapid COVID Test Kits were given to all students and staff on Monday, 1/10/22. We would like all students to take one of these tests prior to 1/14/22 end of day.	MCPS COVID-19 Registry If you have trouble using this link, please contact Shae Nelson (shae_j_nelson@mcpsdmd.org) or Rodney Isabell (rodney_a_isabell@mcpsmd.org) for assistance.
Individual Quarantine Instruction has grown as the demand has grown across our county schools. This program is changing significantly beginning 1/18/22. If your child must be in isolation or quarantine, he/she will access recorded lessons at a link which will be made available. Lessons will be provided by grade level in both reading and mathematics. The lessons are aligned with our reading program (Benchmark) and our math curriculum (Eureka Math). We will provide more information on this to those students who need it next week. This is not meant to replace instruction, but it is a resource for your child on a short term basis	



Thank you to our PTA for the staff luncheon provided just before the winter break. We appreciate your kindness!

When do Rockwell students go outside for recess and/or lunch?



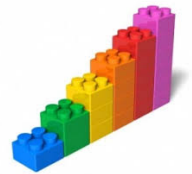
- ❖ We factor in the wind chill to determine the “feels like” temperature in making all decisions about indoor vs. outdoor recess and lunch
- ❖ If it “feels like” less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit, we choose to keep students indoors for both lunch and recess
- ❖ Students are never forced to eat outdoors; this is always a choice if the weather and ground conditions allow outdoor lunch
- ❖ All students at a particular grade level either go out for recess or stay in; we do not have supervision to give a choice.
- ❖ Indoor recess is held in the classroom and teachers have collected games and activities for students to do with friends in their classroom during the 40 minute recess time



And About Indoor Recess...

Our teachers have collected games and activities for their classrooms over the years. When items such as these get used year after year, pieces go missing and items get lost. With colder weather, we will have more indoor recess opportunities. If you have gently used (near new), 100% intact children’s games or activities or newly purchased items that you would like to donate, our students would love to have them to play with during recess periods! Here are some of the most popular items and activities that work well for recess:

- ★ Any building blocks/toys for kids (Legos, Lincoln Logs, Tinkertoys, etc.)
- ★ Simple Board Games (games that can be completed in a short amount of time)
- ★ Simple craft kits or supplies (no glitter or paint!)
- ★ Simple card games



Donated items can be dropped off in the office or sent in with your children. If you purchase new items, please send them to the main office and we will record the items in a “thank you” letter from Rockwell to have for your files as a donation to school. Thanks in advance- your children will appreciate different games and activities.

January & February Calendar

Testing Window for ELL Students: ACCESS for ELLs: January 10–February 18

Holiday– ML King, Jr. Day (Schools & Offices closed): January 15

End of Marking Period 2: January 21

Professional Day for All Staff (No school for students): January 24

Professional Day for Teachers (No school for students): February 1

Holiday– Presidents’ Day (Schools & Offices closed): February 21

Previously sent items of interest



Looking for a lost hat, glove or coat? It could be in Rockwell's Lost and Found!

Our lost and found rack is located directly beside the doors to the All-Purpose Room. We have a collection of sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and water bottles unclaimed. Some are new winter coats! Please ask your child to check for any missing items at their lunch and recess time. We will be clearing out the lost and found approximately every six weeks so that it does not build to an unmanageable number of items.



Have you considered becoming an MCPS Substitute?

MCPS is seeking substitute teachers and paraeducators! Substitute teaching is an excellent way to learn about our schools while allowing principals and teachers to get to know you. To qualify as a substitute teacher, each applicant must present proof of the completion of the minimum of an associate's degree or 60 college credits from an accredited institution.

Substitute teachers are temporary employees and are on an on call basis. An automated substitute calling system helps you manage your work schedule by allowing you to call at any time, day or night, to find jobs. This system is telephone and internet accessible. The system uses your subject area and location preferences to offer you jobs on the days you have selected and allows you to change the days you work.

Substitute Teacher Rates: Daily hourly rate of pay \$18.79- Long Term rate \$26.81.

If you hold a valid Maryland professional eligibility certificate or standard advanced professional certificate, the daily hourly rate of pay is \$19.97-Long Term rate \$28.45. In order to qualify for this higher rate of pay, you must submit a copy of your valid Maryland certificate.

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