

Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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Rockwell Register

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! This is our first issue of the Rockwell Register in 2023. We hope that each of our Rockwell families enjoyed some “down time” and had a restful break. Your children have returned to school eager and ready to get on with the business of school. In less than 10 days back at school, we have moved quickly to re-establish routines and roles to make the most out of each instructional day. In addition to our typical teaching and learning cycle, we are currently in the midst of required testing in Grades K-5. Winter assessments in Reading and Mathematics helps us monitor student academic progress from last winter and from this past fall when school began this year. In addition to our Measures of Academic Progress in reading and math (MAP R and MAP M), our ESOL students are participating in their annual testing required by the state of Maryland to measure their acquisition of English. So, it’s been a busy start to 2023, for sure and we are pleased to see growth in our students due to their hard work in classes.

We have another exciting Community Outreach and Engagement activity planned for next week. Mrs. Zitrick, Media Specialist, and her team of teachers and specialists have planned “Cocoa with Books” night on January 19 6:30-8:00 PM at Rockwell. Be sure to register for this event by returning the bottom portion of the flier found at the end of this Rockwell Register. We look forward to seeing you for this fun event!

Stay warm! Please let any of us at Rockwell know if you have questions or suggestions for how we can serve our community better.

Sincerely,

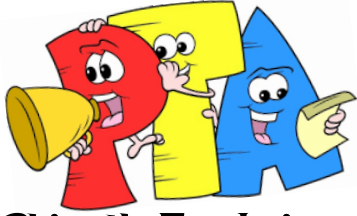
Cheryl Clark

Principal



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.



Events, Updates & News

Chipotle Fundraiser: Tuesday, January 17th from 5:00-9pm

*Use code for **32ET49M** for online pick up (in promo section)

Don't forget to mention you're from Rockwell. You can also share our Facebook post or bring the flyer.

Damascus PTA Cluster Meeting on Thursday, February 2nd @ Rockwell ES

Teacher Appreciation event in February! Announcement coming soon!

Chic-Fil-A fundraiser in February

Science Fair: Thursday, March 23rd from 6-8pm* This event was moved from February to March. We will need parent volunteers to help with this event.

Remaining PTA Meetings: **March 14th, **May 9th**, and **June 6th** from 7-7:45pm in the media center**


Interested in joining the PTA: <https://rockwellpta.memberhub.com>


Please reach out to us if you have any questions, comments, or want to volunteer.

LPRockwellPTA@gmail.com



From the Rockwell Staff and PTA...

The snack cart in December for staff was a big hit! Thank you, parents for all of your donations and to those PTA members who wheeled the carts around for staff. 

Thank you, Julie Pratt for talking with us about how to help kids with anxiety at our PTA Meeting on January 10th. We are grateful for your insight and support. 



Tutoring at Rockwell

We are pleased to see our tutoring program grow. We have several students in the morning as well as after school. If you are bringing your child in the morning for their scheduled tutoring session, please be patient with office staff who monitor school entry via computer. We have fewer staff in the building in the early morning hours and it may take a few minutes to notice there are individuals needing to come into the building. We appreciate your kindness and patience!



Community Voice Survey

Mid Year 2022-2023

Your voice matters!

As part of our efforts for continuous school improvement, we are asking for your input and feedback through a voice survey. Please answer the questions below to help us better understand the community experience at Rockwell Elementary School. Your input is valued and appreciated.

[Survey Link](#)

<https://forms.gle/mMotKeL7n7H1B2tu9>



The survey will close January 20, 2023.

Encuesta de Voz de la Comunidad

Mediados de año 2022-2023

¡Tu voz importa! Responda las siguientes preguntas para ayudarnos a comprender mejor la experiencia de la comunidad en la Escuela Primaria Rockwell. Su aporte es valorado y apreciado.

[Enlace de encuesta](#)

<https://forms.gle/zZanaa5exKR5oXuN6>



La encuesta se cerrará el 20 de enero de 2023.



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



January & February Calendar

- **Holiday- ML King, Jr. Day (Schools & Offices closed): January 16**
- **Community Outreach & Engagement Event: Cocoa with Books: January 19**
- **Damascus Cluster Instrumental Music Concert @ DHS: January 25**
 - **(Mr. Miller will send information home with students)**
- **Professional Day for All Staff- End of Quarter 2 (No school for students): January 27**
- **Damascus Cluster PTA Meeting @ Rockwell ES: February 2**
- **Report Cards: February 3**
- **Valentine's Day Festivities in Classrooms: February 14**
 - **(Look for more information from your child's teacher)**
- **Holiday- Presidents' Day (Schools & Offices closed): February 20**
- **Damascus Cluster Choral Music Concert @ DHS: February 21**
 - **(Mrs. Looper will send information home with students)**
- **PEP Classes Canceled for Professional Day: February 22**



Request A Chromebook for at Home

As we enter the winter weather season, and as we have already experienced emergency closures this year, we want to be sure students have access to a device at home to engage in homework, interactive resources, and potential virtual instruction if necessary.

- Please encourage families to request a device for home use for their child.
- Families can request a device using the forms linked here.

[At Home Request for Chromebook Flyer \(English\)](#)

[At Home Request for Chromebook Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

[Chromebook Form to Distribute to Families](#)

- Devices will be prepared centrally and will be delivered to schools checked out to the student through ServiceNow. This process offsets the burden on school staff.
- Inquire with families if a mifi device is needed as well. Currently, the process is for families to notify a staff member when a mifi is needed and the staff member will complete the [Student MiFi Request Collection Form](#) on behalf of the family.
- In the event of an emergency closure, students may use a “grab and go” process from the classroom carts on the day the closure is announced. Staff may put a check mark next to a student’s name from their class roster indicating the device was taken home. This bypasses the need to officially check out devices through ServiceNow in emergency closure situations.
- Cart model schools can reach out to their TIS for support and guidance.

ESCAPE WINTER'S CHILL WITH
**HOT COCOA
AND BOOKS**

Event hosted by the Rockwell Staff and Media Center (Follow us on Twitter @RockwellReads)

**Thursday January 19th at Rockwell
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.**



Wear your pajamas



Enjoy hot chocolate



Listen to winter read alouds



Confirm your attendance before January 17th.

(This helps us ensure we have enough hot chocolate for everyone!)

First and Last Name of Student(s): _____

Please indicate below the number of people attending for each age/grade level.

____ 3 and Under ____ PEP-2nd Grade ____ 3rd-5th Grade ____ Adults

ESCAPAR DEL FRÍO DEL INVIERNO

COCOA CALIENTE Y LIBROS

** Evento organizado por Rockwell Personal y Centro de Media (Síguenos en Twitter @RockwellReads) **

Jueves 19 de enero en Rockwell
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.



Usa tu pijama



Disfruta el chocolate caliente



Escucha leer en voz alta acerca del invierno



Confirme su asistencia antes del 17 de enero.

(¡Esto nos ayuda a garantizar que tengamos suficiente chocolate caliente para todos!)

Nombre y apellido del estudiante(s): _____

Indique a continuación el número de personas que asisten para cada edad / nivel de grado.

____ 3 y menos ____ Pre K-2 Grado ____ 3-5 Grado ____ Adultos