Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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Dear Parents.

We are coming up on Memorial Day Weekend, a long weekend with Monday, May 30th as our holiday. On this day, we remember those who died in active military service to our country. This weekend marks the beginning of the end of the school year and the eventual transition to summer. We have 16 days of school remaining this year. We talk with our students about "finishing strong" and making the most out of each day in classes. Our students have worked hard all year long, and we know that there is still learning and growing to do even in our last weeks! In addition, over the next couple of weeks, we have terrific end-of-year celebrations and culminating activities planned. Many of the end-of-year events are what students remember fondly about their days at Rockwell.



On Monday, May 23rd, we had an amazing fun and fitness day for our younger students (Pre-K - Grade 2). Besides the smiling faces and hands-on physical activity, it was a treat to have so many parents participating and running stations on our field and blacktop. Fun and Fitness days would not be possible without the support from our parent community. Thank you for being here and making this day special for our students. This was, after all, our young students' first Fun and Fitness Day!

Unfortunately, the weather and COVID sickness resulted in the cancelation of our Grades 3-5 Fun and Fitness Day on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. We have rescheduled this for Monday, June 6, 2022. Mr. Beabout will send another volunteer sign-up email prior to the event. This is a favored event with students, and it has been since 2019 that we were able to offer it! If you are able and you completed the volunteer requirements on the MCPS website, please consider joining us. Volunteer requirements for MCPS schools can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.

Please check out the calendar events below. Enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend!

Cheryl Clark Principal



Safety & Security at Rockwell Elementary School

Rockwell, like all other MCPS schools, has safety and security protocol which requires all staff to be trained in the event of a crisis emergency in or around the building as well as for weather-related emergencies. We have conducted practice drills for lockdown, shelter in place, evacuation, inclement weather, and other non-specific emergencies that may occur in and around the building. We have conducted practice drills periodically, which begin in

September. We are up to date on our required drills with only one more fire evacuation drill left, which we will do in June. MCPS provides information for parents that outlines our approach and our practice of safety and security measures. You can read information and view a video on the Safety & Security MCPS webpage. MCPS and all staff at Rockwell put the safety of our children first.



<u>At Rockwell in May and June...</u>

May 30, 2022- Holiday- No School for Staff or Students
June 6, 2022-Fun & Fitness Day for students in Grades 3-5- dress for physical
activity outdoors, wear sunscreen/hat, and bring a water bottle!

June 6, 2022- Grade Two Walking Field Trip

June 7, 2022, 7 PM - Rockwell Elementary Spring Concert

June 8, 2022, Children's Book Illustrator Lee Harper visits Rockwell Students will get an opportunity to see how Mr. Harper approaches illustrating new stories, and he will guide students in drawing characters from his books. Grade levels will rotate through workshops with Mr. Harper in the media center. Funds donated to Rockwell ES from *Safeway* contributed to making this event possible. Thank you, Rockwell community, and Safeway for your donation!

June 10, 022 Pre-school Education Program (PEP) Promotion Ceremonies for Caffrey, George, & Wilhelm Classes AM: 9:45-11:25; PM: 1:45-3:25. See details in the email from PEP teachers!

June 1, 2022, Pre-school Education Program (PEP) Promotion Ceremonies for McNab and Speer

Classes AM: 9:30-11:30 PM: 1:30-3:25. See details in the email from PEP teachers!

June 16, 2022 Grade Five Promotion Ceremony at Rockwell - 10 AM

Grade 5 Send-off Car Parade 2 PM

June 17, 2022- Early Release Day- Last Day of School for Students- Dismissal is at 12:55 PM

June 20, 2022- MCPS Recognized Holiday- School Closed

July 6-July 29, 2022- Summer Program at Rockwell ES (Woodfield ES summer program will also be housed at Rockwell ES)

July 15, 2022- Community Meet and Greet with Damascus Cluster Principals- time and location to be announced!

August 17-18, 2022- Kindergarten Orientation for incoming K students at Rockwell - Mrs. Nelson will send your invitation when she receives all registration paperwork. Call her for more information! 240-740-5180

August 29, 2022- First Day of the 2022-23 School Year for Students!



Is your child missing a sweater, jacket, coat, or sweatshirt? It is likely on our Lost and Found Rack. Please ask your child to take a look!

All clothes will be donated after June 17, 2022