### Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

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## Rockwell Register



#### It's Been a Great First Week!

We welcomed 426 students into the building this week in our Kindergarten through Grade 5 classes. Students have come in ready to get the 2022-23 school year off to a great start. We look forward to seeing our additional 80 PEP (Preschool Education Program) students whose first day is Tuesday. In total we have 506 students enrolled at Rockwell. This is approximately 25 more students than last year at this same time!

We began this week with our annual "Expectation Stations" as part of our PB&M- Positive Behavior and Mindfulness approach to discipline and student expectations in the building. We have the theme of being *safe*, *respectful*, *responsible* and *kind* as a goal for all students. In addition, the adults in the building are committed to modeling this behavior through all of our interactions. On Monday, the Rockwell Staff worked with students to help them understand school expectations for arrival, dismissal, classroom, hallways, bathrooms, bus, lunch room, recess, and assemblies. We will post these expectations and recognize students who demonstrate a commitment to the expectations through their positive behavior. We believe that we can teach students about positive behavior and making choices. We believe in teaching students the "why" behind rules that we have in our school. We are looking forward to a terrific year together with students who demonstrate respect, responsibility, safety and kindness each day!

We hope that each of our students came home to you with excitement and enthusiasm about their start to the school year. Our goal was to have each child feel welcome at Rockwell and find teachers, administrators, and staff who were truly glad to see them return for the school year. We are committed to making Rockwell Elementary a great place to be! Please let us know how to serve your child and your family best. We want to make the 2022-23 school year a success for all of our students.

In partnership~

Cheryl Clark

Principal

OUR ROCKWELL STAFF ROCKS!
PLEASE SEE OUR LATEST 2022-23 STAFF ROSTER HERE





# Open House - Thank You for Visiting!

It was so great to see you at Open House on Thursday, August 25, 2022! We had a great turn out and I know all the staff was thrilled to see new students and former students as well. Check out who came to visit!

Grade Level	% Parents Who Attended
PEP	51%
Kindergarten	81%
Grade 1	78%
Grade 2	77%
Grade 3	68%
Grade 4	62%
Grade 5	79%

Special thank you to our staff for having everything ready to receive new students and families and to our PTA for providing the icy treats on the playground for students. It was a great way to get the school year started!



We strive to serve the community in ways that are helpful. Please complete this short <u>Open House Survey</u> to let us know how best to plan for Open House next year and in the future!



#### In our Cafeteria....

We have a new manager- Mr. "Sunny" Kapoor. Mr. Kapoor comes to us with previous experience in food and beverage service and management both in MCPS as well as in the

private sector. Mr. Kapoor has been a terrific partner while we put in place a new system for using student ID's and purchasing lunch and breakfast. Even though we have a new system in MCPS, any funds that were left on your child's cafeteria account from previous years, was transferred.

Since your child's ID is a longer number (6-7 digits), the cafeteria line is running a bit slow. Please help your child learn his/her number. Your child's teacher has or will send this home with them. Attached <a href="here">here</a> is a picture of the actual keypad that we use. You can use this for practice at home. We appreciate your support with this.

For more information on how to put funds in your child's cafeteria account with My School Bucks Online, please visit the MCPS Website here.



### Each Child has 2 Different Online Accounts!

Please note that your child has an online account for breakfast and lunch called MySchool Bucks AND they have an online account for paying fees for field trips and other school-related expenses. This account is through SchoolCash Online. MCPS has sent information for your child's SchoolCash Online account with directions for registering.

Please look for emails and instructions to use both of your child's online accounts as needed.

MySchool Bucks (for lunch and breakfast only)
SchoolCash Online (for future field trips and fees)



#### **Back to School Night**

Please join us in-person for **Back to School Night at Rockwell!** 

**Thursday, September 15, 2022.** Please attend one Classroom Session for your child.

**6:30-7:05 PM** Rockwell's

Remarks from Administration &

PTA Officers in Classrooms

Classroom Session #1

7:10-7:35 PM

Classroom Session #2



#### **Be Well 365 Student Supports and Interventions**

We will continue to implement social-emotional support for students. In order to pull our resources together on behalf of our students, we will continue with our Student Well-Being Teams. Our student well-being team will seek and receive referrals for student support from school staff and families. Our team will provide 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 will join us from time to time in our regularly scheduled meetings. We are striving to assist all of our students to "Bell Well 365" and be conscious of their physical, social and emotional needs and well-being.



#### 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!