



Wednesday Wrap- September 1

News From The Principal

Welcome to our second week of learning. Students are doing a wonderful job learning the procedures and routines to create a safe and positive learning environment.

As you were notified this morning, we experienced our first two positive COVID cases late last night and this morning. It is important to remember that although we take great precautions with mitigation strategies while at school, we rely on a strong parental partnership to communicate illness or potential COVID contacts. Overcommunication is necessary, from the school to the home and visa versa. Please note the possible symptoms of COVID:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea













Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

This summer, the district also updated the quarantining guidelines for students. As you can see from the chart below, if masked, the only potential quarantine opportunity would be during lunch. Regardless, if your child is identified as a close contact (within 3-6 feet for more than 15 minutes over a 24 hour period), we will communicate with the parents.

More information about our Safe Together measures can be found at www.rsdmo.org/safetogether



Preventing Quarantines, Together Help Us Protect In-Person Learning for Students

| These scenarios are for close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual who does not have respiratory symptoms at school, maintains 3 feet of distance, and: | COVID+ case was properly wearing a face covering | COVID+ case was not properly wearing a face covering* |
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|  ✓ Fully Vaccinated ✓ Properly wearing a Face Covering |  No Quarantine |  No Quarantine |
|  ✓ Fully Vaccinated ✗ Not wearing a Face Covering* |  No Quarantine |  No Quarantine |
|  ✗ Not Fully Vaccinated ✓ Properly wearing a Face Covering |  No Quarantine |  Quarantine |
|  ✗ Not Fully Vaccinated ✗ Not wearing a Face Covering* |  Quarantine |  Quarantine |

Note: Quarantine will be required if transmission occurs.
*Masks are currently required in all Rockwood buildings. This refers to when a mask is temporarily removed, for example at lunch, recess or during PE.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Riley, Principal

News from the Nurse:

Dear Parents:

As the School Nurse, I would like to welcome you and your child(ren) to a new school year! I wanted to take this time to highlight some of Rockwood policies regarding:

- Immunization and Physicals for students new to the school
- Health Policies
- Too Sick for School / Monitoring for Covid 19
- Medication Administration
- Food Allergies

Immunizations and Physical Exam: A copy of your child's immunization record and physical examination are required of all students entering Rockwood School District Kindergarten program or are new to the district. Physicals are due within one month from the time he/she

enters elementary school. A health examination / physical dated within one year of August 24, 2020 is acceptable.

Health Policies: Please follow the link to Rockwoods Wellness and Health page. Here you will find answers to many frequently asked questions and forms. <https://www.rsdmo.org/Page/2190>

Too Sick for School / Monitoring for Covid 19: To reduce the spread of illness in our school, we require any child with a fever of 100 or higher, vomiting and/or diarrhea to stay home. If a student develops any unknown rash, they need to stay home and consult their physician. In monitoring for Covid 19, please follow our guidelines on the following link to determine if your child needs to stay home: <https://www.rsdmo.org/Page/2400>

Medication Administration: Board Policy 2870, states giving of medicine to students during school hours be discouraged and restricted to medication that cannot be given on an alternative schedule. If you child is on medication and you wish to have the medication given at school, the school nurse must have the following:

1. A written note from your child's doctor stating the medication, the dosage, reason, and time to be given at school. This is for all medications whether prescription or non-prescription. In lieu of a doctor's note, the label on the prescription medication can be used. Asthma Actions Plans and Allergy Action Plans should also be provided if applicable.
2. Medication must be in the original prescription labeled bottle/box. Non-prescription medicine must be in the original container. Medication sent to school without the original prescription labeled container or original container will not be administered and will be held for parent/guardian pickup.
3. I must have a note from the parent giving permission to administer the medication. The "Request for Medication to be Given at School" form can be downloaded from the Rockwood website or picked up from the School Nurse's office.
4. Medication needs to be brought to school by an adult and not sent with the student on the bus. Any medication that is left over at the end of the school year will need to be picked up by parent/guardian and will not be sent home on the bus with the child.
5. Cough drops are not allowed at the elementary school level. They have an active ingredient and are considered an over the counter medication. If they are needed, a doctor's note will be required.

Remember, this District Medication Policy is designed to protect your child. Please note that students requiring medication while at school will need to bring in new paperwork and renew arrangements with the school nurse at the beginning of each school year. Paperwork from the previous school year cannot be accepted.

Food Allergies: Rockwood is not a peanut free school district. Please let me know if your child has any food allergies or dietary restrictions. I am happy to relay this information to our cafeteria

staff. If you would like your child to sit at the Allergy Aware Table during lunch or would like a copy of the monthly food allergens list, please email me at stritzelbastkellie@rsdmo.org.

I realize this is a lot of information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's health and wellness.

Again, Welcome!!!

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Eating Lunch With Your Child:

We welcome parents to have lunch ONLY with their child(ren) inside the building. We have a special high top table for parents to eat with ONLY their child(ren). Parents must remain at that table and students may not invite friends to sit with them at the high top table.

Lunch times are...

2nd Grade- 10:35-10:55

1st Grade- 11:00-11:20

Kindergarten- 11:25-11:45

3rd Grade- 11:50-12:10

4th Grade- 12:15-12:35

5th Grade- 12:45-1:05

We Need Your Empty Egg Cartons:

Mrs. Luethy is collecting egg cartons for a special project. Please send in your empty egg cartons for use in Art class.

Wild Horse Has Talent:

We have started displaying student talents on the screens in the lobby and cafeteria. If your son or daughter would like their talent displayed for all to see, send Dr. Riley (rileyshawn@rsdmo.org) an email with a picture of your child showing off their skills outside of school. Make sure to send him the names of the Stallions in the pictures/videos. Let's showcase our dancers, ball players, Scouts, and others throughout the year.

Pictures will be updated monthly.

Drivers Needed:

Rockwood, along with districts across the country, are experiencing a bus driver shortage. The Rockwood Transportation Department is committed to work through this very trying time and are looking to hire drivers. If you know of someone that loves working with kids and families,

please encourage them to apply on our website. We have a certified training department and will pay inexperienced applicants while we train them to become Professional Bus Drivers. No experienced applicants start at \$17.28 per hour.

Beginning of the Year Reminders:

- Please label all clothing, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc.
 - If you know your child will be absent, please call the attendance hotline 24/7 at 636-891-6099
 - Interested in being a copy parent? We are looking for copy help. Days and times are flexible. Please contact Giulliana at giuhee@gmail.com. Giulliana speaks both English and Spanish.
 - During arrival and dismissal, please...
 - Pull all the way forward before letting your child get out
 - DO NOT get out of your car! If your child needs assistance with supplies, a seatbelt, etc, you need to park in the lot and walk your child across the crosswalk.
 - Remain off cell phones during arrival and dismissal on our lot for everyone's safety.
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PTO News

This is your last chance to order class t-shirts through Membership Toolkit. We will be delivering them to your child's classroom as soon as we receive the order. Don't forget that the One Check Campaign and Amazon Smile are great ways to help contribute to the PTO. The PTO uses these funds to purchase school enhancements for all of the children to enjoy.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, September 2 - WHE Spirit Day
- Friday, September 3 - PTO Meeting 1:30
- Monday, September 6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, September 7 - Curriculum Day - NO STUDENTS
- Friday, September 10 - Patriot Day - Wear Red, White and Blue
- Friday, September 17 - Vision Screening

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