Recap of "Stuff the School Bus" Event; Upcoming Teacher Orientations; Welcome Letter from Rockwood Teacher of the Year

5. Rockwood Holds Successful 'Stuff the School Bus' Event to Benefit Rockwood Gives Back

Rockwood hosted its first “Stuff the School Bus” event at the Walmart in Eureka on Saturday, Aug. 6, and Sunday, Aug. 7, to benefit the Rockwood Gives Back (RGB) program. RGB provides aid to district students who have a demonstrated need - whether it be food, personal care items or tutoring.

Director of transportation and organizer of the event Mike Heyman and district volunteers collected nearly $3,000 worth of personal care items, school supplies, cleaning supplies and food items from families and community members. As a result, they were able to fill all 26 seats in a Rockwood School District bus that was parked in front of the store. On Aug. 8, Heyman and his colleagues unloaded all of the items at the RGB site in Eureka.

“To have numerous participation and support over the two days was fantastic,” Heyman said. “We appreciate the generosity of our families and community members and their willingness to help others who are less fortunate. I also want to extend a special thank you to all of our volunteers who helped 'stuff' the bus.” Read more and view the photo gallery.

4. Rockwood's New Visitor Management System

As part of Rockwood’s continuing efforts to enhance security at our schools and buildings, the district is introducing a new visitor management system for the 2022-2023 school year.

Rockwood has contracted with SchoolPass to implement the new system, which is specifically designed for PK-12 schools. Visitors, volunteers, vendors and students who are late or leaving early sign in and out via an intuitive mobile or web-based app. Each visitor can be screened against the national sex offender list, and alerts are sent to administration and staff for risks. Customizable badges with photos are automatically printed at visitor check-in, and robust reporting allows Rockwood to see who is on campus, why and for how long.

Not only will this new system improve the safety of our schools and streamline the check-in/check-out process, it will enable the district to effectively communicate with everyone in a building in the event of an emergency. Learn more, and view frequently asked questions.
3. Sync Your Google Calendar with School and District Calendars

Did you know you can sync your Google calendar with Rockwood district and school calendars, so school-related events will automatically populate your schedule? You will first need to visit the interactive calendar on the school district website. Learn more.

Additionally, you may access the district and school calendars through ParentSquare and the Rockwood website at rsdmo.org.

2. New and Regular Teacher Orientation

We are two weeks away from the first day of school in Rockwood, and teachers are busy preparing for their students. Please take note of important dates for our new and returning teachers:

- Aug. 11, 12 and 15: New Teacher Orientation at Lafayette High
- Aug. 16: New Teachers Prepare in Own Classrooms
- Aug. 17-19: Regular Teacher Orientation

New teachers, should you have questions, please contact the Rockwood Professional Learning Department. For returning teachers, contact your building principal.

1. Welcome Letter from Rockwood and Regional Teacher of the Year Bergen Toth

We hope you had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to welcoming students to a brand new school year. As we approach Aug. 22, which is the first day of classes for students in the Rockwood School District, Bergen Toth, LaSalle Springs Middle social studies teacher, shares a welcome message with all teachers and staff. Toth was named Rockwood and Regional Teacher of the Year for 2022-2023. Read Mrs. Toth's letter.