

the Chesterfield Channel

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 6 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m., Crestview Middle School
- 10 PTO Board Meeting
- 13 New Family Welcome: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 17 Sneak-a-Peak: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Optional Bus Ride for New Kindergarten Students: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- 18 ***First Day of School!***
- 20 PTO Committee Chairpersons Meeting @ 9:15 a.m., Cafeteria
- 20 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m., Crestview Middle School
- 21 School Spirit Day – wear Chesterfield t-shirts or blue/gold
Back-to-School Assembly: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m., Gymnasium
- 25 First Day of Center for Creative Learning (CCL)
- 25 Curriculum Night
 - 2nd Grade: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
 - 5th Grade: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
- 27 Back-to-School Coffee @ 9:15 a.m., Cafeteria

Chesterfield Attendance Line 537-4342 / press #300

This line is to report a student absent and request homework after the student has been absent for two (2) or more days. Do not call the attendance line for parent pick-up requests. The attendance line is in operation only during non-school hours.

September

- 1 CCL
- 1 Curriculum Night
 - Kindergarten: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
 - 1st Grade: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
- 2 PTO Board Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3 Curriculum Night
 - 3rd Grade: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
 - 4th Grade: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
- 3 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m., Crestview Middle School
- 4 PTO Room Parent Meeting @ 9:15 a.m., Cafeteria
- 7 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 8 CCL
- 13 Custodian Appreciation Week
- 15 CCL
- 16 Staff Development Day – Early Dismissal @ 12:47 p.m.
- 17 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m., Crestview Middle School
- 22 CCL
- 22 Parent Volunteer Meeting @ 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria
- 24 School Picture Day
- 35 PE Kids' Night Out: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Gymnasium
- 26 Rockwood Science Expo @ Eureka High School
- 29 CCL

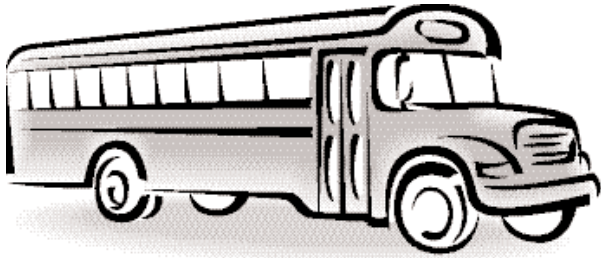


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DISTRICT NEWS

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Three Things Every Rockwood Parent Needs To Do Before the First Week of School

As you prepare for back-to-school in the coming weeks, here are three important things to add to your “to do” list. All of them can be completed online in the convenience of your own home.

1) **INFINITE CAMPUS** is a web-based student system that provides parents with information via the Campus Portal. Available information includes:

A **family calendar** that displays attendance events and assignments due for all students in the household (note: assignments for grade 6-12 students only at this time)

An **individual student calendar** for each student in the household

Grades and assignments for each student (grades 6-12) in the household

Reports (grades and unofficial transcripts) for each student (grades 6 - 12) in the household

A **class schedule** for each student in the household (note: 09-10 schedules are available via the Portal in August - just prior to the start of school)

Records of attendance events for each student.

Establish your own account on the Portal so you can be informed and up-to-date on your child’s progress this school year.

Find out more about the Infinite Campus Portal at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/Parent/sis.

2) **ALERTNOW** is an automatic notification system that delivers voice or e-mail messages to parents’ telephones, mobile phones, or any Internet-enabled device. Rockwood can reach parents within minutes with important emergency notifications and school closings due to inclement weather. Your school will send out information about upcoming events and activities.

It is important that your contact information is accurate in order to receive these notifications.

Check your family’s household information on Infinite Campus.

If a change is needed, please contact your school registrar or lead secretary and provide the up-to-date information.

Find out more about AlertNow by visiting online at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/alertnow.

3) **NUTRIKIDS** offers parents a secure system for school meals, along with other important features and benefits:

24/7 access to accounts and balances

Secure online payments through credit/debit cards and PayPal accounts

Itemized purchase history up to 30 days can be viewed in online account

Parents will need to log-in and create an account to get the benefits of this online meal system.

Find out more about NutriKids by visiting online at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/child_nutrition.



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Bus Routes on e-Link

E-Link is Rockwood's online Transportation Information System. This program allows parents to determine which bus their child will ride and the bus stop times and locations.

Beginning the first week of August, you can log-on to the e-link system to find your child's bus route information. Visit the Transportation Web page at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/transportation and use the following information:

USER ID: parent

PASSWORD: parent

Complete bus routes are not published online for general public access due to security concerns. If you'd like to receive a complete bus route for your child's bus, please visit your school office.

Schedule:

During the first few days of the new school year, bus drivers are adapting schedules to accommodate the needs of our families. Please arrive at your bus stop at least 10 minutes early during that first week as schedules are finalized.

Safety:

Digital cameras are posted on all First Student buses. The cameras monitor activity on the bus. If there is a concern, the camera recordings are reviewed by school administrators.

Contact:

First Student: (636) 458-2044

First Student - Fenton: (636) 677-7711

Atlantic Express: (314) 721-8657

Rockwood Transportation Services: (636) 938-2232

Did you know



Parents of high-achieving students are active participants in schools and education.

» **Who:** Most students at all levels—elementary, middle, and high school—want their families to take active roles in between home and school. When parents come to school regularly, it reinforces the view in the child's mind that school and home are connected and that school is an integral part of the whole family's life.

» **When:** The earlier parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects. The most effective forms of involvement engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities at home.

» **Why:** Decades of research show that when parents are involved, students have the following:

- » Higher grades, test scores and graduation rates
- » Better school attendance and self-esteem
- » Increased motivation
- » Lower rates of suspension
- » Decreased use of drugs and alcohol

Family participation in education was twice as predictive of students' academic success as family socioeconomic status. The more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way, at every level — **in advocacy, decision-making and oversight roles, as fundraisers and boosters, as volunteers and as home teachers** — the better for student achievement.

Learn more about ways you can be involved in your child's education on the Rockwood Web site: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/parent/involvement.



Mission: We do whatever it takes to ensure all students realize their potential.

2009-10 ADVENTURE CLUB EARLY DISMISSAL

This program is provided on early dismissal days for families not already enrolled in the PM session of Adventure Club on the days when your elementary School dismisses **after lunch**. The children will have an opportunity to participate in activities with their friends in a well-supervised, fun atmosphere. We will also serve a snack in the afternoon.

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Ballwin, Ellisville, Kehrs Mill, Westridge, Wild Horse, & Woerther

9/15/09~~10/13/09~~11/5/09~~12/8/09~~12/23/09~~1/15/10~~2/12/10~~3/2/10~~4/1/10~~5/4/10

Babler, Blevins, Chesterfield, Eureka, Fairway, Geggie, Green Pines, Pond, & Ridge Meadows

9/16/09~~10/14/09~~11/5/09~~12/9/09~~12/23/09~~1/15/10~~2/12/10~~3/3/10~~4/1/10~~5/5/10

Bowles, Kellison, Stanton & Uthoff Valley

9/17/09~~10/15/09~~11/5/09~~12/10/09~~12/23/09~~1/15/10~~2/12/10~~3/4/10~~4/1/10~~5/6/10

COST & PAYMENT

Option A: \$15.00 PER CHILD PER DAY after lunch until the regular school dismissal time

Option B: \$20.00 PER CHILD PER DAY after lunch until 6:00 PM

If Option A is chosen and your child is not picked up by the regular school dismissal time, your account will be charged the \$5.00 difference plus a \$10.00 late fee per child.

Payment may be made with a check or if you are enrolled in the Automatic Debit (ACH) program for your regular Monthly tuition, your Early Dismissal fee will be debited with the next ACH. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

ENROLL

The enrollment packets are available online, please visit www.rockwood.k12.mo.us and Click on Adventure Club in Hot Links. Complete the enrollment form (*required if your child attends Adventure Club on Early Dismissal days ONLY*), the reservation slip and return with payment by the **DUE DATE** to avoid a \$10.00 late fee per child. **Space may be limited – Reservations are taken on a first come basis.**

CANCELLATION

The Adventure Club office must receive cancellation of a reservation at Vandover one-week before the attendance day or a \$5.00 per child cancellation fee will be assessed. You may mail, email or fax the cancellation note to the Adventure Club office.

If you have any questions or need further information, call the Adventure Club office at 636-861-7768, fax 636-861-7775, or email adventureclub@rockwood.k12.mo.us.

Mail reservation forms and fees to: Adventure Club
Vandover Campus
1900 Hawkins Road
Fenton, MO 63026