

Community Connection

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GOLD CARD CLUB

The Rockwood Gold Card provides great benefits to residents age 60 years or older. Receive free or reduced admission to many Rockwood events and activities.

Holidazzle

Holidazzle returns this December featuring all new performances by the Rockwood Intermediate Honor Orchestra and Rockwood Show Choir. Join us as we dance, sing and play our way through this holiday tradition!

Date: Saturday, December 11

Time: 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Location: Marquette High School Theater
2351 Clarkson Road in Chesterfield

One hundred free tickets will be made available to Rockwood Gold Card members and can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 636-733-2017 before November 15.

Community Education Partnering with Ed2Go

Interested in learning something new or enhancing a skill from the comfort of your own home? Rockwood Community Education is proud to partner with Ed2Go, the industry leader in online learning for adults. With hundreds of great online classes to choose from, Ed2Go offers something for everyone. Visit us at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed to get started today!

Dear Community Connection Member:

We've completed the first quarter of the school year. During my learning and listening tour of Rockwood schools, I've met some remarkable teachers and visited students in their classrooms. My focus is on continuous improvement and to help raise expectations for all students and their learning as we move forward.

As a school district, we have some important areas to address in the coming months. These difficult economic times are challenging for all of us – and Rockwood is no exception. We have continued to see decreases in revenue from the state's education funding formula and from state sales tax. During the last four years, Rockwood has cut more than \$17 million from the operating budget. Even with these budget cuts, it is anticipated that expenditures will exceed revenues in the coming years.

To address these concerns, we have formed a Budget Task Force. The purpose of the Budget Task Force is to review data and stakeholder input regarding some possible mechanisms to 1) reduce costs 2) raise revenues and 3) protect our core functions and strategic priorities. I invite you to learn more about these challenges in funding education and provide your feedback on the Guiding Change: Budget Planning website, located online at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Bruce Borchers, Ph.D.
Rockwood Superintendent

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



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YOU'RE INVITED...

Rockwood Schools Foundation ~ Founders Drive

Join Rockwood parents, staff and community members for a night of non-stop entertainment at the Rockwood Schools Foundation annual districtwide Trivia Night.

Date: Friday, Nov. 12

Time: Silent Auction starts at 6 p.m. and Trivia begins at 7 p.m.

Location: St. Johns Lutheran Church at 15800 Manchester Road in Ellisville

Reservations: Call (636) 207-6800 to reserve your ticket for \$30 or a full table for \$200.

This community event supports fundraising efforts for innovative teacher grants and Dream Catchers scholarships for students. Find out more about this not-for-profit organization at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/schoolsfoundation.

VOLUNTEER IN ROCKWOOD SCHOOLS

The Rockwood Schools Foundation is a publicly supported 501(c)(3) organization with an independent board of directors. The Foundation raises money and receives contributions to benefit the school district above and beyond regular tax revenues.

The Foundation is not part of the Rockwood School District; however, it collaborates with the district to provide exceptional opportunities for staff and students throughout the school district.

Call the Foundation's Executive Director, Debbie Fuchel, at (636) 207-6800 and find out how you can enhance education and support Rockwood students.



Providing Innovative Opportunities for Kids