

WOERTHER STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

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Preface

Dear Students and Parents,

This handbook was prepared as an information guide. It is designed to explain school policies, rules, regulations, guidelines and any other information pertaining to the school's operation. It serves as a companion to the Policies, Regulations, Procedures and Consequences pertaining to elementary students published by the Rockwood School District. Every student receives the booklet on policies during the first week of school. Please read through this handbook and keep it for future reference throughout the school year. We hope it will promote better understanding and communication between the home, school and community.

The Woerther staff will work very hard to ensure that each student has a successful and pleasant learning experience during the 2008-2009 school year. Should questions or problems arise during the school year, please do not hesitate to discuss them with us.

Sincerely,

Jane Levy
Principal

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School Policies and Procedures

School Hours

Full Day Kindergarten, Grades 1-5	9:02 a.m. - 3:52 p.m.
AM Kindergarten	9:02 a.m. - 12:02 a.m.
PM Kindergarten	12:52 p.m. - 3:52 p.m.
Office Hours	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Early Arrival

The school day begins at 9:02 a.m. Students **should not arrive at school before 8:47 a.m.**, except those attending morning Adventure Club. No supervision will be provided and students will not be permitted to go to their classrooms before 8:47 a.m. Teachers need a few minutes after they arrive in the morning to prepare the best possible daily instruction for your children. We know students are eager to get to school each day. However, arriving too early in the morning will not permit them to be at their best when instruction begins at 9:02 a.m. If child-care is needed from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., please contact the Adventure Club Program at 314-404-1271.

Change in Transportation

The school office needs a note for any change in a student's dismissal. If you intend to pick up your child at the end of the day or if your child is walking home or riding a bicycle/scooter instead of taking the bus home, **we must have a note signed by a parent/guardian**. If your child is going home with a friend, please make the arrangements the day before **and send a note** indicating who your child is going home with and if they are walking, being picked up by a parent, or taking the bus.

Appointments

Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments during the school's monthly early release time. However, sometimes it is necessary for a parent/guardian to pick up a child during the school day for a dental, orthodontic, or doctor appointment. Teachers have been instructed not to release children from the classroom, cafeteria, or playground without approval from the office. In such cases, parents must check in at the office to sign the student out of school. Please wait in the office area and your child will meet you there. Students who are returned to school after their appointment or students who arrive at school after 9:02 a.m. must have their **parent** sign them in at the office.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school before 9:15 a.m., 636-207-2674, and leave the information on the Attendance Line or with the secretary. If you don't call, it will necessitate the office staff calling you at home or at work to see why your child is not at school. When calling to report an absence, please state the child's name, his/her teacher's name and the **reason for the absence**. Also, please call if you know your child will be late for school. According to District policy, students who are absent during the day may not participate in any after-school activities or programs. If your child attends CCL, please remember to call both the school and the Center for Creative Learning to report their absence. The number for the Center for Creative Learning is 636-207-2579.

Excusable Absences

1. Death in the student's immediate family.
2. Illness of the student.
3. Certain days for religious observances.
4. Traveling out of town with parents for up to five days. Please be sure to:
 - a. Notify school in advance (both the office and teacher).
 - b. Procure student's assignments in advance of absence.
 - c. Make up all tests or quizzes.
 - d. All assigned work is turned in upon returning to school.
5. Doctor and dental appointments.
6. Court appearance.

Make-Up Work After Excused Absence

Students who have an excused absence shall have the opportunity to make up work. It is the responsibility of the student, on his/her own initiative, to contact the teacher(s) involved to determine make-up assignments and establish mutually agreeable times for daily test make-up.

Students will be granted the amount of time they were absent to make up work. For example, if a student is absent Monday, his/her work would be due on Thursday at the beginning of the scheduled class.

When a student is absent one day, he/she will be required to take a test missed on a day to be determined by the teacher.

If you would like to pick up your child's homework at the end of the school day, please request it at the time you call your child in absent. The teachers will be requested to forward the work to the office for pick-up by a parent after 3:52 p.m.

Students who have excused absences such as illness or accidents and whose absence is expected to extend beyond four weeks shall be referred for homebound instruction.

Tardiness

Regular and punctual attendance is important in order for children to have continuity with their teachers and peers in the educational process. Students who are tardy -- any time after the 9:02 bell rings in the morning -- must have an attendance pass from the school office before he/she enters the classroom. **Parents must sign the student in at the office.**

Grading

Grade reports will be issued four times a year, at the end of each quarter. The Rockwood School District grading system is as follows:

A	A-		90 to 100%
B+	B	B-	80 to 89%
C+	C	C-	70 to 79%
D+	D	D-	60 to 69%
F			0 to 59%

Reading Level on the Report Card

Your child's report card (grades 3-5) will show his/her reading and spelling levels as follows:

AB: Above grade level
AT: At grade level
BE: Below grade level

The letter grade earned refers to how he is doing at the level he is working. Consequently, it does not necessarily mean that he is meeting the expectations for his grade level.

Non-Graded Report Card

Students in kindergarten through second grade do not receive letter grades. They are assessed through a comprehensive progress report, which is supplemented with a narrative section.

Modified Program on the Report Card

If your child's report card has a "Modified Program" area marked, this means that he/she is working below grade level in that subject and the grade received is for that level. Parents will be notified if their child will be in a "Modified Program."

Testing

Students take a variety of standardized tests throughout the year. Grades 1 and 3 will take the OLSAT Test in the fall. Grades 2-5 will also have the Stanford 10 Achievement Test administered in the fall. The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) tests are given to grades 3-5 in the spring.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for the end of the first quarter and the end of the third quarter.

Tuesday, October 21	4:15-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22	4:15-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10	4:15-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11	4:15-7:30 p.m.

Parents will be asked to indicate their preference of a time for a conference at Curriculum Night on Thursday evening, August 21st. When possible, this schedule will be used for the spring conferences.

Homework Policy and Philosophy

Woerther Elementary believes that homework is an integral part of the educational process. Homework may be an assignment that was unfinished in the classroom or an assignment specifically intended to be done at home. In addition to reinforcing specific subjects in the classroom curriculum, homework can and should be used to do the following:

- Develop responsibility and good study habits.
- Encourage growth of the individual to his/her full potential.
- Enhance communication skills.
- Apply knowledge to real-life situations in a meaningful way.
- Logically connect to facts and ideas.
- Provide each student an opportunity to develop independent judgment.
- Think critically and problem solve.

Accepting the responsibilities of homework means the student needs to independently take direction, manage time, and complete the work to the best of his/her ability. Homework is about learning to make choices about when to do homework, how to do homework, where to do homework, and when to submit the homework to the teacher.

Parent support of homework is an extremely important factor towards building positive attitudes and successful study habits. Parent interest in schoolwork reflects their belief that what their child is doing is important and that school is a family priority. It is evident that student, parent and teacher needs and expectations vary. Therefore, flexibility must exist in the assignment of homework. Time requirements are difficult to establish because of a wide variation of reading and work speeds. The following parameters have been established as general guidelines (rather than as limits or requirements) in terms of time spent by students:

- In grades K-1, homework should not normally exceed an average of 10-20 minutes per day.
- In grades 2-3, homework should not normally exceed an average of 20-30 minutes per day.
- In grade 4, homework should not normally exceed an average of 30-40 minutes per day.
- In grade 5, homework should not normally exceed an average of 40-60 minutes per day.

Teachers at each grade level will have specific responsibilities for students and parents when assigning homework and will share those at the onset of the school year. Woerther Elementary also encourages the following activities for work at home:

- Fifteen minutes of recreational reading each night.
- Practice basic math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Homework assists in connecting the school and the home. As parents and teachers, we share the responsibility for education. The cooperation between home and school is imperative in our quest to provide a quality educational program for each student at Woerther Elementary.

Use of School Phone

With teacher approval, children may come to the office and use the phone to call home for emergency situations. **Students may not call for incidental matters or reasons that have parents handling their personal responsibility.** Children may not call from or accept calls in their classrooms.

Calling home to have a parent bring an assignment or an instrument is not acceptable. The child must accept this responsibility and learn from the consequences of a missing assignment or missed music lesson.

Cafeteria Information

The following rules apply to students in the Woerther cafeteria. Students are to:

1. Walk at all times.
2. Use good manners.
3. Clean up after eating.
4. Return trays and silverware to the proper places.
5. Deposit all trash in appropriate containers.
6. Eat only what is on your tray or what you bring from home. Don't pass or trade food.
7. Talk in a quiet voice.

Cafeteria Prices

- \$ 1.45 - Regular student breakfast (includes milk)
- .30 - Reduced price breakfast
- 1.70 - Adult breakfast

- 2.30 - Regular student lunch (includes milk or juice)
- 2.90 - Regular adult lunch (includes milk or juice)
- .50 - Milk or juice only (to accompany lunch brought from home)
- .40 - Reduced price lunch
- 2.45 - Restaurant Day price for students
- 3.10 - Adult Restaurant Day price

Breakfast Procedures

Breakfast will be served at Woerther each day from 8:47-9:02 a.m. Meal money envelopes used for lunch orders are also used for breakfast orders and payments. Each month, a menu will be sent home with every student.

Recess/Lunch Schedule:

1st grade — 11:00–11:40
2nd grade — 11:25–12:05
3rd grade — 11:50–12:30
4th grade — 12:15–12:55
5th grade — 12:40– 1:20

Restaurant Day

Restaurant Day implements a special menu for the price of \$2.45 for students and \$3.10 for adults. Only one menu, pizza from local pizza restaurants, will be served that day. Participating restaurants will make special deliveries to our school on these Restaurant Days. A count of students who plan to purchase pizza on Restaurant Day is taken in advance so that we can order enough pizza.

Lunchroom Procedures

Parents are encouraged to pre-pay for lunches through the online accounting system. Students are also provided a yellow envelope for pre-payment. All students who order lunches return their envelopes. Please insert payment (cash or check payable to Rockwood School District) in the special envelope provided. Please be sure to seal the envelope. If you have more than one child participating in the lunch program, please indicate on the envelope the amount to be deposited in each student's account. Otherwise, the deposit will be divided evenly among the students.

Lunch counts are taken each morning by the classroom teachers, and pre-paid students designate, at that time, if they want a regular or alternate lunch for that day. At serving time, the student enters his/her personal lunch identification number, and the computer records the money paid and the lunch received by the student that day.

Students purchasing only milk or juice will pay 50 cents in the cafeteria as they pick up their drink each day.

When a student is absent and has already paid for lunch or breakfast for that week, credit will be given in the student's account.

The meal account system is NOT a “charge” system. Parents are encouraged to deposit money in the account on-line or send money with their child to be deposited in their meal account. Food Service will make every effort to ensure that parents/guardians of elementary students are contacted if additional money needs to be deposited in their account.

Students are discouraged from bringing large denomination bills to pay for meals.

Valuables and Other Items

We will do all we can to prevent the loss of students' articles, but we discourage students from bringing valuables to school. Valuable items are not to be brought to school without permission and pre-arrangement with the teacher. Students must assume responsibility for the safekeeping of their possessions. **Students are not allowed to bring toys, balls, games, video equipment or radio headsets and CD players to school. Be sure to**

mark your child's name in all coats, jackets, hats, sweaters, and lunch boxes and any other personal property! The lost and found cart is located in the cafeteria. Parents should encourage their children to check the cart when items have been lost. Lost small trinkets, keys, and jewelry are kept in the office. All unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to a charitable organization each quarter.

Textbooks

Rockwood does not charge for textbooks. Textbooks used in the classroom are loaned to students and must be returned to the teacher in good condition at the end of the school year. If a book is lost or damaged, the student is expected to make restitution.

Recess

All students in grades 1-5 attend physical education every day. This eliminates the need for regularly scheduled recesses (except before lunch). Teachers are permitted to provide recess for their class when they feel it is appropriate. Restroom breaks and opportunities for social interaction will be provided as needed.

Staying in at Recess Time

A note from the parent requesting that a child stay in for recess is required. However, children are encouraged to go outside, and notes should be sent only when absolutely necessary. If a child is too ill to go outside for recess, he/she is probably not well enough to be in school, unless there are unusual circumstances.

Playground Equipment Rules

Tag and chase games are not allowed in any form on any part of the playground.

Play fighting, wrestling and karate are forbidden.

Students are to line up immediately following the whistle by the duty supervisors. Students are not to kick or throw balls "one extra time."

Gravel, mulch, or rocks are not to be thrown, kicked, or handled in any other way.

Students are to keep hands and feet to themselves.

Only one student at a time goes down the slide. Students must also be seated as their feet go down the slide first. Students must slide to the ground. Students are not allowed to walk up the slide.

Food and drink in any form is not allowed on the playground, unless supervised by a teacher.

Jumping from equipment, playing on the steps, and climbing on the soccer goals are not allowed.

While on the equipment, students must maintain a grasp with their hands at all times. Jumping off equipment is not allowed.

Students are to move across the horizontal bar in one direction only from the center of the equipment outward. Hanging upside-down by the knees is not allowed. Remember hands, not bodies, above climbing bars.

Students are to remain seated while using the swings. Twisting swing chains or swinging any direction except straightforward and backward is not allowed. Pushing or pulling students in swings or jumping from swings is not allowed.

Flipping, cartwheels and other tumbling are not allowed.

Children are not allowed to play in water, snow or mud at any time. Students must wipe their feet off before entering the building.

Students are not allowed on the rail that runs along the stairs. The rail is not to be climbed on or sat on at any time.

Be courteous to physical education classes by staying out of their outdoor classroom.

Always stay on school property.

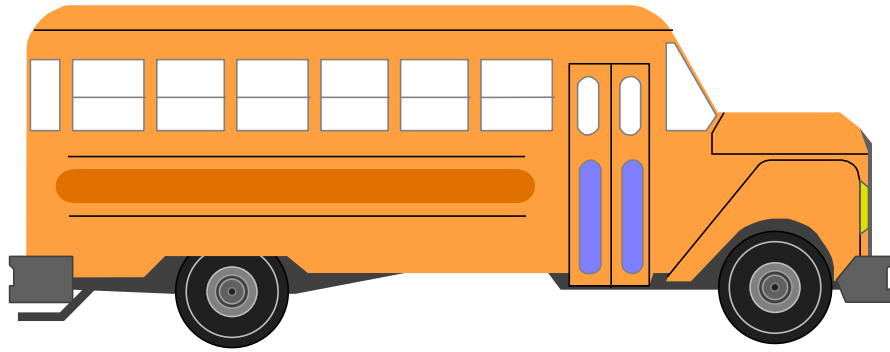
Report to the duty teacher if you need to enter the building to go the restroom or to the nurse's office. Report back when you return. Only one person at a time is to enter the building for restroom usage, and only one person is to accompany an injured child to the nurse's office.

Field Trips

During the course of the school year, in an effort to enhance and support the curriculum, teachers plan field trips. Notification of such trips is sent home with students well in advance of the event. Parents are **required to sign permission forms and return them to the teacher before the student will be allowed to take part**. Parent volunteers may be asked to accompany the classes (space permitting) to provide additional adult supervision. If you're interested in volunteering to accompany your child's class on a field trip, please contact the teacher. All students attending field trips must ride the bus provided by the school to the destination and the students participating in the field trip are required to return to school with the group using school sponsored transportation.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken in the fall. The pictures are made of each student for school records, but parents may purchase a color package if they choose on a **pre-pay basis**. Information regarding picture day and a flyer describing the packages available will be sent to parents. Pictures will be taken again in the spring. In the spring, pictures will be sent home and parents will have the option to purchase the pictures or return them to school. Yearbooks will also be sold in the spring. A flyer will be sent home to order and pre-pay for yearbooks.



Laidlaw Transportation
636-458-2044
636-458-2045

VTS Transportation
314-721-8657

Bus Regulations

1. The driver is in charge of the students and the bus; students must obey the driver promptly and cheerfully.
2. Students must be on time. The bus can't wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy.
3. Students should stand at least ten feet back of the roadway while waiting for the bus.
4. Bus riders will not move toward the bus at the school loading zone until the bus has been brought to a complete stop.
5. No eating is allowed on the bus.
6. A quiet noise level should be maintained at all times. This is a safety factor so that the driver is not distracted.
7. Good classroom conduct is to be observed by students while riding in the bus, except for ordinary conversation.
8. The seats are designed for three students and no student shall stand. Students shall not save seats.
9. Students must not, at any time, extend their arms or head out of the bus windows.
10. Students must not try to get off the bus or **move about** within the bus while it is in motion.
11. Students must observe instructions from the driver when leaving the bus.
12. Any damage to a bus by a student must be paid for by the student responsible for the damage.
13. The driver will not let students off the bus at stops other than the regular bus stop unless proper authorization is presented by the parent and school administration.
14. Missouri law does not permit animals aboard a school bus.
15. Students are allowed to ride another bus only when **written permission** is given by the parent, approved by the school, and when there is space available.

Evening Activities

All students are invited to participate in evening activities such as vocal and instrumental music programs, Special Chorus performances, and educational events. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children to evening events. Transportation will not be provided for evening activities.

When it is necessary for a student to stay after school to attend an evening performance, adult supervision and dinner at school will be provided if **written** permission is received from the parent. We would like to see all of our parents attend the program. Students will be released to the parents at the end of the program.

Emergency Closing of School

- **All parents are required to have an Emergency Dismissal Form (for each child) on file in the office! This form must be completed and returned to the school office no later than August 29th. Please inform the office of any changes that may occur throughout the year.**

School may be closed due to inclement weather under two situations:

1. Prior to the opening of school, with the closing effective for the entire day.
2. Prior to the end of the day when developing conditions merit an early dismissal of school.

When school is to be closed for an entire day, the decision will be made prior to 5:00 a.m. and communicated to all affected parties as soon as possible. When possible, the decision will be made by 10:00 p.m. on the previous night.

When school is dismissed early due to rapidly deteriorating conditions, the decision will depend upon the situation. However, it is recognized that activating the transportation system takes time.

Lunch will be served before the students leave if at all possible.

A decision on afternoon kindergarten will be made as early as possible to avoid confusion. If those routes have been started before a decision can be made, they will be completed before students of any age are sent home.

Procedures for early dismissal for Adventure Club children will be as stated in the Adventure Club Parent Handbook.

All activities (performances, games, practices) will be canceled when school has been closed all day or closed early.

Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather or Emergencies

When school is dismissed early due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, all students will be sent home on the bus or dismissed to walk if they are not eligible for bus transportation. We are not able to provide supervision after all the buses have left. **If your child should not be sent on his/her regular bus or should not walk home, it is the parent's responsibility to notify us IN WRITING of any alternate arrangements.** Please send your written notifications to the office as soon as possible if alternate arrangements are needed. Adventure Club will be closed on inclement weather dismissals. **Because of the large number of students and our limited number of phones, it is not possible for us to call parents in case of early dismissal.**

Radio/TV Stations Carrying Closing Information

TV: Channels 2, 4, 5, 11

RADIO: KMOX 1120 (AM), KTRS 550 (AM),

Early Dismissal Half-Days (Staff Development)

Students will be dismissed at 12:47 p.m. on one Tuesday/Friday each month to allow time for staff development. PM Kindergarten classes will attend the morning session (9:02-12:47 p.m.) on these dates. Breakfast and lunch will be served on Early Dismissal Days. **It is the parents' responsibility to notify us in writing if your child should not be sent on his/her regular bus or should not walk home on these days.**

Campus Safety

It is imperative for the safety of each student and others on the school grounds that the following school policies be strictly followed. Please carefully review these policies and share them with your child, if applicable. It takes all of us working together to ensure the safety of our students.

Walkers - Those students who do not have bus transportation available to them and walk to school should walk on sidewalks and the designated walkways only. Students walking from behind the school (Westglen Woods) should stay on the sidewalk and enter the building at the south entry by the cafeteria.

Bicycle/Scooter Riders - Students who do not have bus transportation available to them may ride their bicycles/scooters to school. Any child for whom bus service is assigned must have a note from a parent stating that it is permissible for the student to ride his/her bicycle/scooter to school. When a student riding a bicycle/scooter reaches the school grounds, **he or she should get off the bicycle/scooter and walk it to the bicycle racks on the south side of the school building.** They should walk on the sidewalks and designated walkways only. A bicycle/scooter should never be ridden in the parking lot or any other area of the school grounds. A student's privilege of riding a bicycle/scooter to school may be rescinded by the principal if problems arise from the individual riding his/her bicycle/scooter.

Safety Tips:

1. Wear a helmet when riding bicycles or scooters.
2. We recommend that all bicycles or scooters be chained and locked to the bicycle rack.

Woerther cannot be responsible for lost or stolen equipment.

Automobiles - Drivers should enter the parking lot by the south entrance only. Exit the parking lot using the north exit only. Signs are posted designating the correct procedure. When children are dropped off, remember to stop at the crosswalk at the south side of the building both entering and leaving. **THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS AT STAKE!** Please remember to **DRIVE SLOWLY**. Always be alert for a student who may not be walking in a designated area. Also, please remember **not to park in the bus/fire lanes in the front of the school building at any time during the day.**

Health Examinations

A health examination is required of students **new** to Rockwood School District this year. This does not apply to students returning from last year. Students are given one month from the start of school to comply. If parents or guardians can produce written confirmation from a physician that their child has had a physical within the past year, it will fulfill the requirement. The “past year” should be interpreted as being one calendar year from the date the child starts school.

The administration may waive the requirement for a health examination upon written objection by a parent or guardian.

Health examinations may be performed by a Medical Doctor, a Doctor of Osteopathy, or a Chiropractor.

Immunization

State law requires that each student have all immunizations up to date before entering school.

Diphtheria (DTaP/DPT/DT/Td): Five doses with the last dose on or after the child’s fourth birthday and last dose of pertussis before the seventh birthday for all students in kindergarten through first grade. Four doses with the last dose on or after the child’s fourth birthday and the last dose of pertussis before the seventh birthday for all students in second through fifth grade. **Maximum needed: six (6) doses.**

Polio: Three doses with the last dose on or after the child’s fourth birthday (if a combination of IPV/OPV is received, four doses are required) for students in kindergarten through fifth grades.

Measles: Two doses received on or after the first birthday separated by at least 28 days, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Rubella (three-day measles): Two doses received on or after the first birthday separated by at least 28 days, for students in kindergarten through first grade. One dose received on or after the first birthday for students in second through fifth grades.

Mumps: Two doses received on or after the first birthday separated by at least 28 days, for students in kindergarten through first grade. One dose received on or after the first birthday, for students in second through fifth grades.

Hepatitis B: Three doses for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Parents must provide satisfactory evidence of immunization before a child will be allowed to attend school. Satisfactory evidence of immunization includes any of the following:

1. Records maintained by a parent or guardian regarding types and dates of immunization received by the child, with month, date and year. Records must be verified by a doctor or health organization stamp or signature.
2. A statement by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O) that a child has been immunized against diphtheria, polio, measles, rubella, hepatitis B, and mumps, including the dates of immunization (including month, date and year – i.e. 08/18/04).
3. A statement from a licensed physician that such immunization would seriously endanger the child's life – must submit state medical immunization exemption form MO 580-0807-Imm. P-12.

Medical Emergencies

When a child is injured or becomes ill at school and, in the judgment of the nurse, should be sent home, the parent will be contacted. If the parent cannot be reached, the person(s) listed on the emergency card will be called. It is important to keep your child's emergency card up to date.

Medical Information -- Parents Out of Town

If you are going to be out of town and someone else is to be responsible for your children, please notify the school in advance. Please send all of the necessary information in a note to the school office and nurse. The note should authorize the individual caring for your child to represent the parents during the specified period of time of the parents' absence. **This note is required whether or not the person authorized to care for your child is a relative.**

Emergency Information

The school office maintains up-to-date information on all students. This information is very important in case of emergencies. New Student Information Forms are sent home with every student attending Woerther. **It is imperative that parents/guardians keep the school updated concerning any changes of home phone number, work phone number, address, or persons other than parents/guardians who could be reached in an emergency.** Please be assured that Woerther School considers all telephone numbers to be confidential.

Rockwood School District

Parent Information – School Health Services

The role of the school nurse is to provide health services which will appraise, protect, and promote the health of students. They will work with students, teachers, and parents for the purpose of improving the students' health. There are several guidelines that parents/guardians should follow to assist in maintaining a healthy school environment.

- A child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher should not be sent to school until the temperature has been under 100 degrees for 24 hours.
- A child diagnosed with strep infection must be treated with antibiotics for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
- It is highly recommended that a child with a rash of unknown origin should be checked by a doctor before attending school to assure that the rash is not contagious.

We would like to ensure that this school year gets off to a good start for all children and are requesting your cooperation in adhering to the following:

1. Return a completed Student Information Form to the school as soon as you receive it.
2. If your child has special health care needs, please notify the nurse.
3. Take note of the following Rockwood School District medication procedure.

Administering Medicines To Students

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that the giving of medicine to students during school hours be discouraged and restricted to medication that cannot be given on an alternative schedule. The Board of Education recognizes that some students may require medication for chronic or short-term illness/injury or disabling condition during the school day to enable them to remain in school and participate in their education.

Medication Control

The transportation of medication to school or from school by students is prohibited with the exception provided for self-administration of medication by waiver.

Prescription Medication

The student's physician shall provide a written request that the student be given medication during school hours. The request shall state the name of the student, name of drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, and the name of the physician. The diagnosis/indication for use of the medicine shall be provided. When possible, the physician should state adverse effects and applicable emergency instructions. A parent/guardian shall provide a written request that Rockwood School District comply with the physician's request to give medication.

In lieu of the physician's written request, the District will accept a prescription label properly affixed to the medication in question. Said label must contain the name of the student, name of the drug, dosage, frequency of the administration, route of administration, and the name of physician. Along with the labeled medication, a parent/guardian shall provide a written request that Rockwood School District comply with the physician's request to give medication.

When parent/guardian does not provide a written request for the administration of medicine, the registered professional nurse or his/her designee will attempt to contact the parent and obtain the written request.

If it is not possible to contact the parent/guardian, the child's physician shall be contacted. If that is not possible, Rockwood's consulting physician shall be contacted for directions. The District will not administer the initial dose of any medication. The day's first dose of medication should be given at home.

In the absence of the parent/guardian's written request, correct prescription label, manufacturer's label or the physician's request, the parent/guardian may personally administer medication to his/her child at school. Usual precautions regarding proper identification of the parent/guardian shall be exercised. The driver's license may be used as a means of identification.

Over-the-Counter Medication

The student's physician shall provide a written request that the student be given medication during school hours. The request shall state the name of the student, name of drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, and the name of the physician. The diagnosis/indication for the use of the medicine shall be provided. When possible, the physician should state adverse effects and applicable emergency instructions.

Over-the-counter medications must be brought to school in their original container and kept in the health room in the possession of the nurse.

The prohibition against the possession and use of over-the-counter medication on school property and at school-sponsored activities on or away from school property shall not apply to products containing sunscreen and sun blocking agents, including lotions, creams, lip balm and other similar products, so long as such product (1) contains no other substances prohibited under this or any other Board policy and (2) is in the original, clearly labeled manufacturer's container.

The student will assume the responsibility for requesting the medication each day at the proper time.

The parent/guardian will provide a written request that Rockwood School District comply with the physician's (person who can legally prescribe in the state of Missouri) request to give medication.

Emergency Medication

For students who may be in need of emergency medication, written standing orders from the District's consulting physician will be obtained annually for the administration of such medication, i.e., epinephrine, Tylenol.

Storage and Administration of Medication

A parent/guardian or other responsible party designated by the parent/guardian will deliver all medication to be administered at school to the school nurse or designee. All medication, prescription or over-the-counter, must be in a pharmacy or manufacturer labeled container. The District shall provide secure, locked storage for medication to prevent diversion, misuse, or ingestion by another individual.

The administration of medication, including over-the-counter medications, is a nursing activity governed by the State of Missouri Nurse Practice Act. It must be performed by the registered professional school nurse. Said nurse may delegate and supervise the administration of medication by unlicensed personnel who are qualified by education, knowledge and skill to do so. Said registered nurse must provide and document the requisite education, training, and competency verification.

Exception for Potentially Harmful Administration

It shall be the policy of this District that the District will not knowingly administer any medication to a student if the District's registered professional school nurse believes in his/her professional judgment, that such administration could cause harm to the student, other students, or the District itself. Such cases may include, but are not necessarily limited to, situations in which the District is being asked to administer medication in a dosage that exceeds the highest recommended dosage listed in the current annual volume of the *Physician's Desk Reference* or other recognized medical or pharmaceutical text.

Parent/Guardian Administration

In situations where the above requirements are not met, or any time the parent/guardian chooses, the parent/guardian may come to school to administer medicine to his/her child. The parent should report to the office to have the child summoned to meet the parent in the office.

Health Precautions

Parents, in order to try and prevent illness/disease, the following guidelines must be followed:

- ◆ Food must be limited to *commercially* prepared food.
- ◆ Foods prepared at home should not be brought into the classroom for sharing.
- ◆ Distribution and handling of food should be limited to teachers, staff, and/or parent volunteers who are wearing disposable plastic gloves.
- ◆ Good hygiene is the simplest and most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Students and staff should practice careful hand washing, especially after using the bathroom and before eating or handling food.

Birthday Treats

Whenever a child has a birthday, he/she may bring a treat for the other students, but only if that treat is commercially prepared and can be dealt with easily. It will be distributed at the discretion of the teacher. Party decorations, flowers or balloons are not allowed, as they would disrupt instructional time excessively. **Classroom birthday parties sponsored by a parent are not allowed.**

Birthday invitations may not be passed out in a classroom unless all students are invited (both boys and girls). No exception is made for home parties. Singling out a few children hurts children quite easily, and we want to avoid this at all costs.

Non-Custodial Parents

It is important to note that a non-custodial parent has all the rights and privileges of a custodial parent unless so noted by a court order kept on file in the school office (i.e., conferences, newsletters, and access to student records). A non-custodial parent must make him or herself known to the office in order to be on a school mailing list. This is not automatically done.

Instrumental Music and Special Chorus

As part of the fourth grade curriculum, students are instructed in the Suzuki method of violin. Fifth grade students are eligible to take strings. Also, students in grades 4 and 5 are eligible to be part of the school's Special Chorus. All music instruction is given during the regular school day.

Talented and Gifted Program

Rockwood has developed and implemented a Talented and Gifted Program for those students in grades kindergarten through five who meet the District's requirements. This program is a one day a week pull-out activity for students, where the children attend an off-campus site. Identified Kindergarten students start the program the second semester. If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact the school counselor. Woerther students will attend the Center for Creative Learning on Mondays during the 2008-09 school year.

Remedial Reading

Students qualifying for remedial reading services, receive reading instruction from their classroom teacher, as well as from the school's reading specialists. All students new to Woerther are tested at the start of school, and former remedial reading students are tested in September to determine if they are eligible for services. Parents are contacted by letter if their child will receive services.

Special School District

The Rockwood School District receives services from the Special School District. A wide range of services are available to the student, such as educational testing, home teaching, diagnostic evaluations in the areas of speech, hearing, and sight, and alternative schools. For specific information about the programs available, please call the Special School District at 314-989-8100 or the school office at 636-207-2674.

School Counselor

Mrs. Michelle Shaw, our school counselor, works with students, staff, and parents to help meet the special needs of students. Students may be referred to the counselor by a teacher, the principal, parents, or other students. Students may request to see the counselor.

Mrs. Shaw coordinates referrals to the Special School District and the Talented and Gifted Program. In addition, she will conduct small groups of student guidance activities, whole class guidance lessons, and parenting skill activities for parents.

Physical Education

All students in grades 1-5, and full day kindergarten, will participate in Health/Physical Education five days per week. Each of these classes will be 30 minutes in length. The P.E. teachers will teach both Health and Physical Education. Half day kindergarten students will receive Health/P.E. instruction two days per week. All students are expected to participate in gym classes. Whenever you feel your child should not take part in gym classes for a day or two (when he/she has been ill and is recovering, for example), please send a note to the P.E. teacher. If your child needs to be excused for a longer period of time, we ask that you send a doctor's statement to that effect.

All children must wear tennis shoes to gym classes.

Adventure Club

Adventure Club is a before and after school program available at all Rockwood Elementary Schools and is designed to provide children in grades K-5 with a safe, well supervised, and fun atmosphere before and after school hours. The focus of the program is to complement the child's classroom experience with non-academic fun activities and to stimulate development in the areas of social, cognitive, gross and fine motor skills. In addition, a half-day Kindergarten Adventure Club is available to provide care for kindergarten students during the lunch period and the half-day the children are not in their kindergarten class. For more information, please call the Adventure Club office, 636-861-7768, or Woerther's Adventure Club coordinator, Sharon Pentland, at 314-404-1271.

Visitors/Volunteers

All visitors/volunteers are to enter only through the front door, sign in at the office, and wear a visitor's badge. All parents and visitors in the building without a visitor's badge will be asked to return to the office. Even if we know you well, we ask that you follow this procedure for uniformity and the safety of the students.

One of Woerther's many assets is the tremendous amount of parental involvement. We invite your participation. Volunteers are needed to assist teachers in the classrooms, accompany students on field trips, help with room activities and volunteer time in the school library. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer. Visits by preschool children and/or children from other schools shall be discouraged. Our PTO will also send out a volunteer sign-up sheet early in the school year with additional opportunities.

No Smoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited in Rockwood school buildings and on all district property. This policy applies to students, district personnel, parents, community members, and all visitors.

Woerther Expectation Statement

Every individual is special with unique differences, needs, and abilities. Everyone will be treated with respect at all times.

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
 - Develops listening, thinking, and attending skills
 - Shows respect for the speaker
2. Consistent Participation.
 - A student's job is to be an active learner.
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
 - Shows safety and respect for self and others
4. Use kind words and actions.
 - Treat people the way you want to be treated.
5. Do your best every time.
 - Emphasizes personal success

As each child is an individual, each behavior is addressed individually.

These expectations support the Rockwood Character Education Program.

Hierarchy of Interventions

1. A minimum of three classroom interventions have been attempted prior to office referral.

Suggested classroom interventions:

- verbal or nonverbal reminder
- adjust teacher/student location
- removal from activity
- loss of free time – complete "Think Sheet"
- parent contact by student and/or teacher

2. A referral to the office/counselor is written outlining specific incident/behavior.
3. Administrator meets with the student and assigns a consequence. One copy of referral with action taken is placed in the child's file, a copy given to the teacher and one copy is sent home.
4. Action/consequence is implemented.

Examples of actions/consequences include, but are not limited to the following:

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| * Student conference | * Time out |
| * Loss of recess | * Parent contact |
| * School service | * Parent conference |
| * Suspension-in school | * Suspension - out of school |

***Severe Clause** – any behavior or threat that would endanger a child or themselves – **Immediate Office Referral.** *Please refer to “Policies, Regulations, Procedures and Consequences” booklet for specific infractions.

Woerther Staff 2008-09

Mrs. Jane Levy	Principal	Office
Mrs. Lynn White	Assistant Principal	Office
Mrs. Lisa Philipps	Secretary	Office
Mrs. Cheryl Brinkmeyer	Secretary	Office
Mrs. Pat LeMarbe	Computer Specialist	CSS Office
Mrs. Nancy Cavedine	Registered Nurse	Health Room (7)
Mrs. Michelle Shaw	Counselor	Office
Mrs. Margaret Maffit	Counselor	Office
Mrs. Karen Robertson	Kindergarten	Room 5
Miss Michelle Morrell	Kindergarten	Room 1
Mrs. Angie Nabe	Kindergarten	Room 24
Ms. Nicki Albair	Grade 1	Room 14
Mrs. Kim Harmon	Grade 1	Room 13
Mrs. Margaret Kamper	Grade 1	Room 12
Mrs. Saundra Kloeckener	Grade 1	Room 10
Mrs. Lisa Lennon	Grade 1	Room 11
Mrs. Jane Kohl	Grade 2	Room 17
Mrs. Kelly Schilling	Grade 2	Room 15
Mrs. Ann Thompson	Grade 2	Room 26
Mrs. Helen Youngwith	Grade 2	Room 16
Mrs. Meredith Bohnert	Grade 3	Room 27
Ms. Angie Keresztes	Grade 3	Room 28
Mrs. Julie Ware	Grade 3	Room 29
Mrs. Kim Wilhelm	Grade 3	Room 25
Dr. Brenda Cortelyou	Grade 4	Room 42
Mrs. Cindy Cundiff	Grade 4	Room 41
Ms. Stacey Evans	Grade 4	Room 35
Ms. Colleen Ryan	Grade 4	Room 43
Mrs. Jennifer Bettis	Grade 5	Room 53
Ms. Michelle Schultz	Grade 5	Room 52
Ms. Nell Hubacher	Grade 5	Room 54
Mrs. Lydia Jury	Grade 5	Room 51
Mrs. Carrie Santel	Grade 5	Room 44
Mr. Casey Griffin	Art Teacher	Art Room (32)
Mrs. Teresa Milligan	Music Teacher	Music Room (6)
Mrs. Linda McNair	Strings/Suzuki	Room 30
Ms. Nicole Cramer	Strings/Suzuki	Room 30
Mr. Chris Sakowski	Strings/Suzuki	Room 30
Mrs. Carol Earley	P E Teacher	Gym
Mrs. Amy Gentry	P E Teacher	Gym
Ms. Julie Cooper	P E Teacher	Gym
Mrs. Sharon Covey	Reading Teacher	Room 37
Mrs. Lou Ann Moore	Reading Teacher	Room 34
Ms. Jan Araniecke	Reading Teacher	Room 31
Mrs. Mekea Johnson	Librarian	Library
Mrs. Claire Harder	Class. Assist.	Library
Ms. Amy Chernus	Class. Asst.	

Mrs. Marianne Kamfe	Class. Asst.	Technology
Mrs. Roberta Curtis	Speech Therapist	Room 40
Mrs. Carol Karlow	Speech Therapist	Room 31
Ms. Heidi Seitter	Resource Room	Room 40
Mrs. Terry Lancaster	Phase II	Room 36
Mrs. Karen Schamerloh	Phase ii	Room 36
Mrs. Joan Tagnoni	Phase II	Room 36
Mrs. Sue Williams	ESOL	
Mr. Tim Roten	Custodian	
Ms. Ruth Hanephin	Custodian	
Mr. Ragan Mujcic	Custodian	
Mrs. Suzanne Norman	Food Service Manager	
Mrs. Karen Kallansrud	Food Service	
Mr. Robert Threnn	Food Service	
Mrs. Sharon Pentland	Adventure Club Coordinator	

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008-09

Friday, August 1	Letters go home to parents with teacher assignments
Monday, August 11	Meet Your Teacher 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 13	First Day of School
Thursday, August 21	Curriculum Night, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 18	CCL Begins
Wednesday, August 20	Fall Picture Day
Thursday, August 21	PTO Fundraiser Kickoff
Friday, August 22	PTO Skate Night, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, September 1	No School, Labor Day
Thursday, September 5	PTO Executive Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. PTO General Meeting/Room Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 16	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m.
Friday, September 19	PTO Fall Movie Night
Friday, September 26	Hearing Screenings 9:30-12:00, PM K at 1:00 p.m.
Friday, October 3	PTO Popcorn/Spirit Day
Thursday, October 9	Fall Picture Make-Up Day PTO Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m. PTO General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, October 10	End of 1 st quarter Fall Celebrations (no costumes)
Saturday, October 11	Cross Country Meet, 8:00 – 12:00 Eureka High School
Tuesday, October 14	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m.
Wednesday, October 15	PTO Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up
October 20 - October 23	Book Fair Red Ribbon Week
Tuesday, October 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:15-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:15-7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 24	No School PTO Trunk or Treat
Tuesday, November 4	No School – Election Day
Thursday, November 6	V.I.P. Day/Turkey Trot, Grades 1-5, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, November 7	Turkey Trot Rain Date
Tuesday, November 11	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m.
Thursday, November 20	5 th Grade Fall Concert, 6:30
November 26-November 28	No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
Saturday, December 6	PTO Winter Wonderland, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 9	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m. Spelling Bee
Friday, December 12	PTO Popcorn/Spirit Day
Friday, December 19	Geography Bee Winter Academic Celebration End of 2 nd quarter and 1 st semester
December 22-January 5	No School, Winter Holidays
Tuesday, January 6	School Resumes for students
Thursday, January 8	PTO Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. General PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, January 16	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m.
Monday, January 19	No School, Martin Luther King's Birthday
Thursday, January 22	Winter Special Chorus
Friday, January 23	PTO Skate Night, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 4	Kindergarten Registration
Thursday, February 5	Kindergarten Registration Science Night at Selvidge
Friday, February 13	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m. PTO Popcorn/Spirit Day
Monday, February 16	No School, Presidents Day
Friday, February 27	Spring Celebrations End of 3 rd Quarter
March 2 – March 6	Rockwood Reading Week
Tuesday, March 3	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m.
Thursday, March 5	1 st Grade Vocal Music concert, 6:30 p.m., Gym
Friday, March 6	PTO Skate Night, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 7	PTO Pancake Breakfast/Book Fair, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
March 9 – March 12	Book Fair
Tuesday, March 10	Spring Pictures

Wednesday, March 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:15-7:30 p.m.
March 13- March 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 23	Spring Break
March 30- April 24	School Resumes
March 30- April 24	MAP Testing, Grades 3-5
Thursday, April 2	PTO Executive Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. PTO General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 9	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m.
Friday, April 10	No School, Spring Holiday
Friday, April 17	PTO Spring Family Carnival
Thursday, April 23	Kindergarten Orientation Strings Concert, 6:30 p.m., Gym
April 25-April 26	Rockwood District Art Show, LaSalle Springs Middle
Thursday, April 30	Special Chorus Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m., Gym
Tuesday, May 12	Early Dismissal, 12:47 p.m.
Thursday, May 7	PTO General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, May 15	PTO Popcorn/Spirit Day
Thursday, May 21	5 th Grade Recognition
Friday, May 22	Track Meet, Large Schools
Monday, May 25	No School, Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26	Track Meet Rain Date
Wednesday, May 27	5 th Grade Selvidge/Pointe
Thursday, May 28	Last Day for Students

CCL is on Mondays

Early Dismissal Days end at 12:47

Dates of Early Dismissal: 9/16, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/16, 2/13, 3/3, 4/9, 5/12

PM kindergarten students attend in the morning on Early Dismissal Days

**ROCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL CALENDAR
2008-2009**

New Teacher Orientation and Staff Development Thursday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 6
 Regular Teacher Orientation..... Thursday, August 7 through Tuesday, August 12
 First Day of School for Students Wednesday, August 13
 Labor Day – No School Monday, September 1
 No School Friday, October 24
 Election Day – No School Tuesday, November 4
 Thanksgiving Holidays – No School..... Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28
 Winter Holidays – No School Monday, December 22 through Friday, January 2
 School Resumes/Second Semester Begins Tuesday, January 6
 Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday Holiday – No School Monday, January 19
 Presidents’ Day Holiday – No School.....Monday, February 16
 No School Friday, March 13
 Spring Recess – No School Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20
 No School – Spring Holiday Friday, April 10
 No School – Memorial Day..... Monday, May 25
 Last Day for Students Thursday, May 28
 Records Day; Teachers on DutyFriday, May 29

STUDENT DAYS DAYS

1st Quarter ends October 10	42	3rd Quarter ends February 27	37
2nd Quarter ends December 19.....	<u>45</u>	4th Quarter ends May 22.....	<u>56</u>
1st Semester Ends December 21	87	2 nd Semester ends May 28.....	<u>93</u>
..... 1 st Semester	87 days		
..... 2 nd Semester	<u>93</u> days		
..... Total Student Attendance Days	180		

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE: Five days are built into the calendar which can be used to make up for snow days. In the event inclement weather requires extending the school year, the schedule on the attached sheet will be used.

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

SNOW DAY #6 -- No Change	
Last Day for Students	May 29
Last Day for Teachers	June 1
SNOW DAY #7-- Add one day to end of year	
Last Day for Students	June 1
Last Day for Teachers	June 2
SNOW DAY #8 -- Add two days to end of year	
Last Day for Students	June 2
Last Day for Teachers	June 3
SNOW DAY #9 – Add three days to end of year	
Last Day for Students	June 3
Last Day for Teachers	June 4



Intruder Alert Plan and Procedures

Minimal Crisis Plan

1. An announcement will be made on the intercom system stating: **“We have a situation. Please take appropriate action.”**

Any person not supervising students (i.e., on planning period, or break) should report to the office for further instructions and to offer assistance. Everyone else should carry on as normal.

Major Crisis Plan

1. An announcement will be made on the intercom system stating: **“We have an intruder. Please implement the lock-down.”** Then a description of the intruder will be given and any special instructions.
 - Teachers and staff members should get all students inside classrooms immediately.
 - All classroom doors must be shut and locked if possible, after the students are safely inside. Cover windows in the doors.
 - Close blinds, turn off lights and position students against the door wall in the least visible corner of the room and have them lie down flat on the floor.
 - Do not use classroom telephones. The office will contact the police.
 - Take roll and account for every child, noting where individuals not present may be located (i.e., nurse, with SSD or reading teacher, etc.).
 - Any person not supervising students (i.e., on planning period or break) should report to the office for further instructions and to offer assistance.
 - Report students present in the classroom vial email to the office.
2. If outdoors, students and staff should go to the wall by the art room and lie flat on the ground.
3. If a fire alarm sounds during the lock-down, students and staff should remain in their lock-down positions until notified by the staff that all is clear.
4. Any student in the hallways or restrooms when the Intruder Alert is implemented should go to the nearest classroom.
5. Staff members need to remain calm. Do not try to stop a suspect if he/she leaves. Refrain from any action that would endanger lives.
6. Control emotions; assist in calming others.
7. Information will be communicated via the email system regarding the situation. An announcement will be made on the intercom system when the situation has been resolved.



Acceptable Use Policy for Internet Use Woerther Elementary Students

We are very privileged and excited to have access to the INTERNET for our staff and students. The INTERNET is an electronic highway, connecting millions all over the world. Through the INTERNET, Woerther students and staff have access to:

1. Electronic mail communication with people all over the nation and world.
2. Information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with scientists at other research institutions.
3. Discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from culture and the environment to music and politics.
4. Many university library catalogs, the Library of Congress, and ASK ERIC, a large collection of relevant information to educators and students.
5. The World Wide Web.

With such unlimited access to computers and people all over the world, INTERNET users must be responsible. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure that everyone understands the expectations and consequences of using the INTERNET. When on-line, students and staff will adhere to the following expectations:

1. Do not use another person's account or allow others to use your account.
2. Do not intentionally alter or destroy any electronic information or resource.
3. Do not plagiarize or violate copyright restrictions.
4. Do not access the INTERNET for non-school purposes.
5. Ask permission from school personnel before using the INTERNET at school.
6. Be Safe – do not give out personal information such as a telephone number or last name.
7. Do not agree to personally meet someone.
8. Report all problems or non-educational information received to school personnel.

Following the expectations will make INTERNET use a productive experience for all involved.

We are required to ensure safe use of the INTERNET by our students and ask each parent/guardian to please read the Acceptable Use Policy and discuss it with their child. All legal and school consequences are applicable when the expectations are not followed. This policy will ensure that everyone understands the benefits and expectations Woerther has for use of the INTERNET.



Woerther Elementary

Vision Statement

Woerther Elementary is a superior, child-centered school, whose mission is to instill in every child the skills necessary to become self-directed, life-long learners. Through our focus on student achievement, we endeavor to enhance the self-esteem of every child, as they realize their own potential to succeed. Implicit in our vision is the necessity to evaluate each student's complement of skills and provide differentiated instructional programs, which appeal to individual student's educational needs. As they aspire to reach the high standards of performance set by our faculty and staff, Woerther students will develop a positive sense of self-worth and a vision of the wealth of opportunities that await.

Mission Statement

Woerther Elementary School, a partnership of students, parents, staff and community, is dedicated to developing responsible citizens and productive, life-long learners in a nurturing environment.

"Roots to Grow . . . Wings to Fly"



Insert Rockwood Beliefs

Key Goals

Rockwood School District

■ **World-Class Education**

Provide a world-class education that is academically challenging through a progressive, consistent and comprehensive curriculum, which encourages life-long learning and maintains the highest expectations for all students.

1. Initiate a review of the district's technology plan.
2. Expand the use of quality classroom assessments.
3. Implement optional full-day kindergarten for 2005-2006.
4. Refine and expand the use of electronic communication with parents.

■ **Student Achievement**

Increase student achievement by providing differentiated learning opportunities for each student.

1. Identify achievement gaps and implement plans to reduce them.
2. Expand opportunities for parents to be involved in their children's education, including careful monitoring of their schoolwork.

■ **School Climate**

Ensure that all schools have a supportive, welcoming, respectful and collaborative attitude toward students, parents, patrons and staff.

1. Use an intentional, proactive and integrated process to provide a caring school climate that supports student achievement and promotes good character.
2. Attract and retain a qualified and diverse teaching force.
3. Maintain orderly schools through effective discipline and appropriate safety and security measures.

■ **Operations**

Ensure effective and efficient management of the district's human, facility and financial resources.



*Growing Together,
Learning for Life*

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