



Rockbrook Express



Rockbrook Elementary School Newsletter
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Mission

The mission of Rockbrook Elementary School, a diverse community of learners, is to foster learning by providing a quality educational experience within a secure and challenging environment.

School Improvement Goal

At Rockbrook we will increase student engagement and achievement through Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports for social, emotional, behavioral, and academic needs.

News Briefs

**Last Day of School
Wednesday, May 23
1:00 Dismissal**

2017-2018 Yearbook

Will be handed out in May, watch for them in backpacks.



Please check the table in the lobby. All unclaimed items will be donated after the last day of school.

End Of The Year

Some items for you to consider as the 2017-18 school year winds down:

- **All medicines must be picked up by a parent by the last day of school.** Any medicines left in the nurse's office will be disposed of.
- **Lunch accounts must be at or above zero at all times, especially at the end of the year.** All negative balances in your child's account must be paid in full by the last day of school. Any monies left in your child's account will remain to start the next school year. Sixth graders' accounts will transfer to the middle school.
- **All library books MUST be turned in to the Media Center** by May 21st, or paid for before the end of the year. The last day for check-out is Tuesday, May 15th.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to starting a new school year in August.

School Picnic May 22nd

Our students will be enjoying their lunch out on the back lawn this year. In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved into the gym. The district indicates a picnic lunch on May 11, this lunch will be served as usual in the gym with traditional seating. Please see our Rockbrook edition menu with this newsletter.

Report Cards

Parents should expect these in their child's backpack on the last day of school. If your child is not at school on the last day, report cards will be available for pickup from the front office this summer.

Field Day

Field day will be held May 18th, we will blend it with a student wellness activity through our Student Council. Last year our Student Council sponsored a very successful wellness themed buddy activity, including stations for fun and fitness, as well as a healthy snack. We feel adding some adult support will really help make for a fun set of afternoon stations that kids can enjoy. We are looking for volunteers from 10:30-12 and 1:20 through the end of the day. If interested, please contact Mr. Higginbotham at higginbotham.garret@westside66.net.



Rockbrook Calendar

May 8 All School Instrumental Concert, 2:40 pm
 10 West Fest - Instrumental Performance @ WHS - 7pm
 11 Grandfriends Day 2:30-3:30 pm
 16 Don & Millie's Night
 18 Field Day
 22 All School Picnic

May 25 Last Day of School 1:00 pm dismissal
 August 14 First day of new school year

Counselor's Corner

Have you looked back at pictures of your child from the beginning of the school year? It is amazing how much physical change kids experience and how much new information gets crammed into their heads! Your child is hitting a milestone each time a school year ends, and it can be fun to reflect with them about the year. Talking points could include favorites from the year, challenges they had, choices they are proud of and new friends they made. Quiet times together are perfect for connecting in this way.

As for the "not so quiet times", when your kids are on the go, reviewing safety tips is always helpful. In regards to this, here are a few "talking tips" for you and your child(ren) from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children,

- * Always check first with your parents, guardians, or the trusted adult in charge before you go anywhere. Check in regularly with them when you are away.
- * Never go alone to malls, movies, video arcades, or parks. Take a friend with you, and always check first with your parents or guardians to make sure it's okay.
- * Be careful playing or riding your bike as it gets dark. Sometimes it is difficult for people driving to see you.
- * Be careful where you play. Stay away from bodies of water unless you are with a trusted adult. Don't play near busy streets.

Meghan Martin
School Counselor

Grandfriends Day May 11th

(NOTE NEW TIME) 2:30-3:30 pm

Please remember to sign a permission form if your child is leaving with their grandfriends.

Lunch Guests - Joining your child for lunch is a fun and enjoyable tradition that Rockbrook is pleased to support when your schedule allows. For this purpose we have designated a guest table during our lunch period where you and your child can share a meal and each other's company. To ensure that there is enough space for our out-of-school guests we ask that families **eat with their own children only. When room allows, guests may also sit at the regular lunch table with the class.** If you would like a school lunch, please make your reservation with the office before 9 a.m.



Rockbrook Recess Equipment

Each grade level at Rockbrook has a set of recess equipment. Having each grade level with their own equipment encourages students to be responsible with the equipment, ensures all classes have similar access, and offers greater variety for students to play. **We ask that students not bring equipment from home.**

Notice of Nondiscrimination - Westside Community Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, marital, parental or pregnancy status, military/veteran status or any other category protected by law in its programs and activities or in admission or access to, or treatment in, hiring and employment. Retaliation is prohibited. The following persons coordinate our compliance and can assist with questions or filing a concern or report:

- For students, parents or others: Coordinator of Student Services/Title IX Coordinator – ABC Building, 909 So. 76th St. Omaha NE 68114 (402) 390-2100 or via e-mail: titleixcoordinator@westside66.net

- For staff members or applicants: Ass't Superintendent for Human Resources/Lead Title IX Coordinator – ABC Building, 909 So. 76th St. Omaha, NE 68114 (402) 390-2100 or via e-mail: titleixcoordinatorHR@westside66.net

Jump on the Wellness Wagon!

This month's tip...Move more Kids who get daily physical activity perform better in school, have better attendance rates, have a more positive attitude about school, and have higher self-esteem. Kids should get at least 60 minutes of moderate physical activity every day. No matter what activity kids choose, they can do it all at once, or divide it into two or three bouts during the day. Sports are great, but kids can also have fun and be fit by walking the dog, biking, or even dancing while they watch TV or cleaning their room!



Rockbrook Band Parents!

Our final school concert is rapidly approaching. We will be performing for our school on Friday, May 8th, at 2:45 and parents are more than welcome to attend though seating will be limited.



A NEW Student Calendar for 2018-2019 is attached.
A few dates to note:

- Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be March 4-7 and March 11-14, taking place over a 2 week window, one night per week.
- There is NO intersession March 15 - school will be in session.
- Spring Break will take place March 18-22.
- There will be NO SCHOOL April 19; this will now be a Teacher Comp Day.

7th Grade Requirements: Physicals and Immunizations

From our Middle School Nurse:

Nebraska law requires all students entering 7th grade to have a complete physical (also fulfills the requirements for a sports physical).

- For those playing sports, physicals must be performed after May 1st; for all others, examinations must be performed after March 1st.
- A Tdap booster given after 10 years of age prior to entering 7th grade is also required.

Please call your health care provider to schedule your child's physical and immunizations (call now—appointments fill up fast). Once completed, we ask that you turn in your completed physical, along with immunizations, to the ABC Building (909 S. 76th Street) before August 1st.

Please email questions to smith.melissaa@westside66.net.

Melissa Smith, RN
Westside Middle School

Rockbrook School, Early Childhood, and Club 66

Safe and Welcoming Inside and Out

The safety of our students and families is our top priority at Rockbrook. The best security, however, is only as good as the practices we implement in using it. During our recent renovations we updated our entry security and visitor procedures, and appreciate your help in adhering to policies regarding student Drop Off and Pick Up.

Both Early Childhood (ECC) and Club66 Policy requires that all students be checked in to these programs by an adult, by walking children into the building. As ECC and Club66 staff operate from the south end of our building, we ask that all Early Childhood and Club66 attendees enter through the south end of our building unless stair access prohibits doing so.

All exterior doors at Rockbrook will remain locked except when being monitored by Rockbrook Staff during arrival and dismissal. School age students may be dropped off starting at 8:30 a.m. and enter through either the north or south entrance. Please be aware of the times below when entrances will be locked or open and monitored.

Before 8:30 - All entrances are locked, students and families must use the buzzer to request entry.

8:30-8:40 - North and south entrances will be open and supervised by Rockbrook Staff.

8:40-3:25 (2:55 on Wednesdays) - All entrances are locked, students and families must use the buzzer to request entry.

3:25 (2:55W) - 3:45 (3:15W) - North and south entrances will be open and supervised by Rockbrook Staff.

3:45-6:00 - All entrances are locked, students and families must use the buzzer to request entry.

(Note: for evening events, and access, arrangements for entry are being coordinated through our district office. Please contact Jennifer Fox at fox.jennifer@westside66.net regarding evening access.)

Late Drop Off

If you will be dropping your child off after 8:45 you will also need to walk them to the office and sign them in for the day. If students arrive without an adult between 8:45 and 3:30, parents will be contacted to remind you of this expectation.

Early Pick Up

If picking your child up for an appointment, please arrive in time for your child to be called down to the front office. To maintain student learning time, students will only be called down once parent's have arrived. We cannot have children waiting in the office.

Visiting

When you are visiting the school, we would also remind you that all visitors must check in at the main office and get a visitor's badge. Anyone without a badge may be asked to return to the office to check in. If you child has forgotten something at home and you are quickly dropping this off, we are happy to accept this at the office and deliver items to the classroom.

Thank you for your support to keep Rockbrook Safe and Welcoming Inside and Out.

Your Partners in Education,

Mr. Garret Higginbotham, Principal & Ms. Julie Kathol, Site Director RBECC and Club66

THE 2018 WESTSIDE OPEN

PRESENTED BY THE HAWKINS SISTERS

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

4-Person Texas Scramble

SHOTGUN START: 7:30AM OR 1:00PM

Awards Banquet begins at 5:30pm



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Summer Reading Tips for Parents

During your child's school vacation, it is important for him to spend time reading and writing on a regular basis—whether he is a very beginning reader or a fluent reader. Luckily, summer's more flexible schedule and wide array of activities lend themselves to literacy opportunities. Try some of these suggestions for making your school-aged child's summer full of literacy fun.

- **Be a reader and writer yourself.** When you spend time reading books on the beach or even directions for how to put together the grill this summer, you demonstrate for your child that reading is both fun and useful.
- **Set aside a consistent time each day for reading.** Depending on your family's schedule, reading time might be in the morning, afternoon or before bed. Whatever time you choose, stick to it, but also remember that flexibility around trips and special family events is OK.
- **Read aloud to your reader.** As school-aged children become better readers, parents often stop reading aloud to them. However, by reading more difficult books aloud to your reader, you help him learn new vocabulary words, concepts, and ways of telling stories or presenting information. You also enjoy the closeness of sharing a book with your child.
- **Connect read-aloud choices to summer activities.** Read your child books about camping, such as "Webster and Arnold Go Camping", before or after a camping trip. When you read and discuss books about things your child has experienced, you help her learn important vocabulary and extend her understanding of experiences.
- **Allow your child to choose books for summer reading.** While it is important for your child to complete reading required by his school, it is equally important for him to read about topics that interest him, whether it is insects, dragons or a favorite fiction series.
- **Help your child select books at a comfortable level.** Listen to your child read. If he reads smoothly, uses expression and can accurately tell you what he read, the book is probably at a comfortable level. If you are having troubling judging, consult your local children's librarian, who is likely to be an expert at matching books to readers. In addition, teach your child to use the "rule of thumb" in selecting books: if he makes five or more errors in reading a page of about 50 words, the book is too challenging.
- **Encourage your child not to limit summer reading to books.** Encourage your child to read the sports page to check up on her favorite baseball team or to read children's magazines such as Ranger Rick, National Geographic World and New Moon.
- **Read a book and watch the video together.** When you finish reading and viewing, discuss the similarities and differences and talk about which version you prefer. Many books, including "Stone Fox", "Sarah, Plain and Tall" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," are available in movie versions.
- **Take books along on outings.** Pack books in your beach bag or picnic basket, and bring a stack on long car rides. You and your child can enjoy books together anywhere you go this summer.
- **Encourage your child to write this summer, too.** From writing postcards to friends and relatives to keeping a journal while on a trip, summer presents unique ways for your child to write about his own experiences. Have your child pack a disposable camera on vacations or day trips and help him create a book about his experiences.

Westside Community Schools

School District 66
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Student Calendar 2018-19

July 2018

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1:00 Dismissal

June 2019

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Bold dates indicate days students will be in school.

SCHOOL BEGINS
Semester 1: August 14
Semester 2: January 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 15-17
March 4-7* and March 11-14*
*Over a 2-week window, one night per week.

First Semester Conference Days:
Elementary: Monday & Wednesday
Middle School: Monday & Tuesday
High School: Tuesday & Wednesday

Second Semester Conference Days:
*TBD

Last Day of School
May 24
1:00 Dismissal

NO SCHOOL

- Professional Development - August 31
- Labor Day - September 3
- Intersession- October 19
- Professional Development - October 22
- Thanksgiving Break - November 21-23
- Winter Break - December 24 - January 4
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 21
- Presidents' Day - February 18
- Spring Break - March 18-22
- Teacher Comp Day - April 19

Rockbrook Edition



May 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 SPV – Grape Tomatoes Cheesy Nachos Or-Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Cowboy Beans Mandarin Oranges	1 🌸 May Day Popcorn Chicken Basket with a Dinner Roll Or- Beef Taco Salad with a Dinner Roll 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Banana	2 Philly Chicken & Cheese Sandwich Or- Southwest Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Green Beans Applesauce	3 Turkey Pot Pie with a Biscuit Or- Crispy Chicken Salad with a Biscuit Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Biscuit Peas Mixed Fruit	4 Star Wars Day Death Star Meatball with Galaxy Garlic Bread 🐶 Or- Tusken Raider Tuna Salad on 9 Grain Bread Or- Yoda Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Galaxy Garlic Bread Vader's Veggie Salad Padawan Pineapple Wookiee Red Velvet Cookie
7 SPV – Baby Carrots Colby Cheese Omelette with a Long John Donut Or- Cottage Cheese & Fruit with a Long John Donut Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Long John Donut Tater Tots Cinnamon Applesauce	8 Oven Roasted Chicken Legs with a Dinner Roll Or- Asian Chicken Salad with a Dinner Roll Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	9 Pizza Hut Pizza Or- Turkey BLT 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Fresh Broccoli Peas	10 BBQ Pork Sandwich 🐶 Or- Roast Beef Sandwich Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Roasted Zucchini Apple	11 Braided Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Vegetable Medley Fruit Medley
14 SPV – Red Bell Pepper Strips Teriyaki Chicken over Rice Or-Salami, Cheese, and Crackers with a NutriGrain Bar 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Edamame Pineapple Fortune Cookie	15 Crispy Beef Tacos with a Lettuce and Cheese Cup 🐶 Or- Chef Salad with a Dinner Roll 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Corn Banana	16 Macaroni & Cheese with Garlic Bread Or- Turkey Custer Sandwich 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Garlic Bread Peas Tropical Fruit	17 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Or-Italian Hoagie 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Sweet Potato Fries Peaches	18 New Item! Flatbread Pepperoni Pizza 🐶 Or- Southwest Chicken Salad with a Soft Pretzel Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Romaine Salad Mandarin Oranges
21 SPV – Grape Tomatoes Chicken Nuggets with a Breadstick Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Cowboy Beans Fruit Medley	22 Picnic Day Hot Dog on a Bun 🐶 Or- Antipasto Pasta Salad 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Baby Carrots Baked Potato Chips Peach Cups	23 Pizza Hut Pizza Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Romaine Salad Fruit Medley	24 Pancakes & Sausage Links 🐶 Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted Bread Vegetable Medley Fruit Medley	25 Westside School's Last Day Corn Dog Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted Bread Baby Carrots Fruit Medley

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