

WELCOME

Kindergarten Families

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!!

Blevins Elementary Bobcats

#BobcatPride #BlevinsProud



▶ Names to know:

Mr. Hector Ramirez, Principal

Ms. Sara Thomason, Administrative
Intern

Ms. Amber Lutes, Counselor

Mrs. Jordan Jureka, PTO Co-President

Mrs. Natasha Zabeck, PTO Co-President



Office Staff

- Mrs. Heidi Fahrner - Principal's Secretary
- Mrs. Angie Ewers - Secretary
- Mrs. Jill Muller - Secretarial Assistant

Nurse

- Mrs. Linda Vanek
vaneklinda@rsdmo.org

Contacting Blevins

636.733.3175

*See emails on ABCs of Blevins

We are here to serve you!



NEW STAFF

We welcome the following new staff to Blevins this year:

- Abbie Catalana- 1st Grade Teacher
- Melissa Lake—3rd Grade Teacher
- Eva Vandegriffe—3rd Grade Teacher
 - Maternity Leave Sub for Kimberly Moore
- Raechal Catalano 5th Grade Teacher
- Michael Reyes- 5th Grade Teacher
- Samantha Sexton- Reading Intervention Teacher
- Justine Gamblin Speech Language Pathologist

Staff changing roles:

- Sara Thomason—moving from 3rd grade teacher to Administrative Intern
- Madison Steere—moving from 5th grade to 1st grade



1st Day of School

- **Monday, August 22**

When do I find out who my child's teacher is?

Monday, August 15 via email at approx. 9:00am

First Bell: 8:55am - School begins at 9:09am

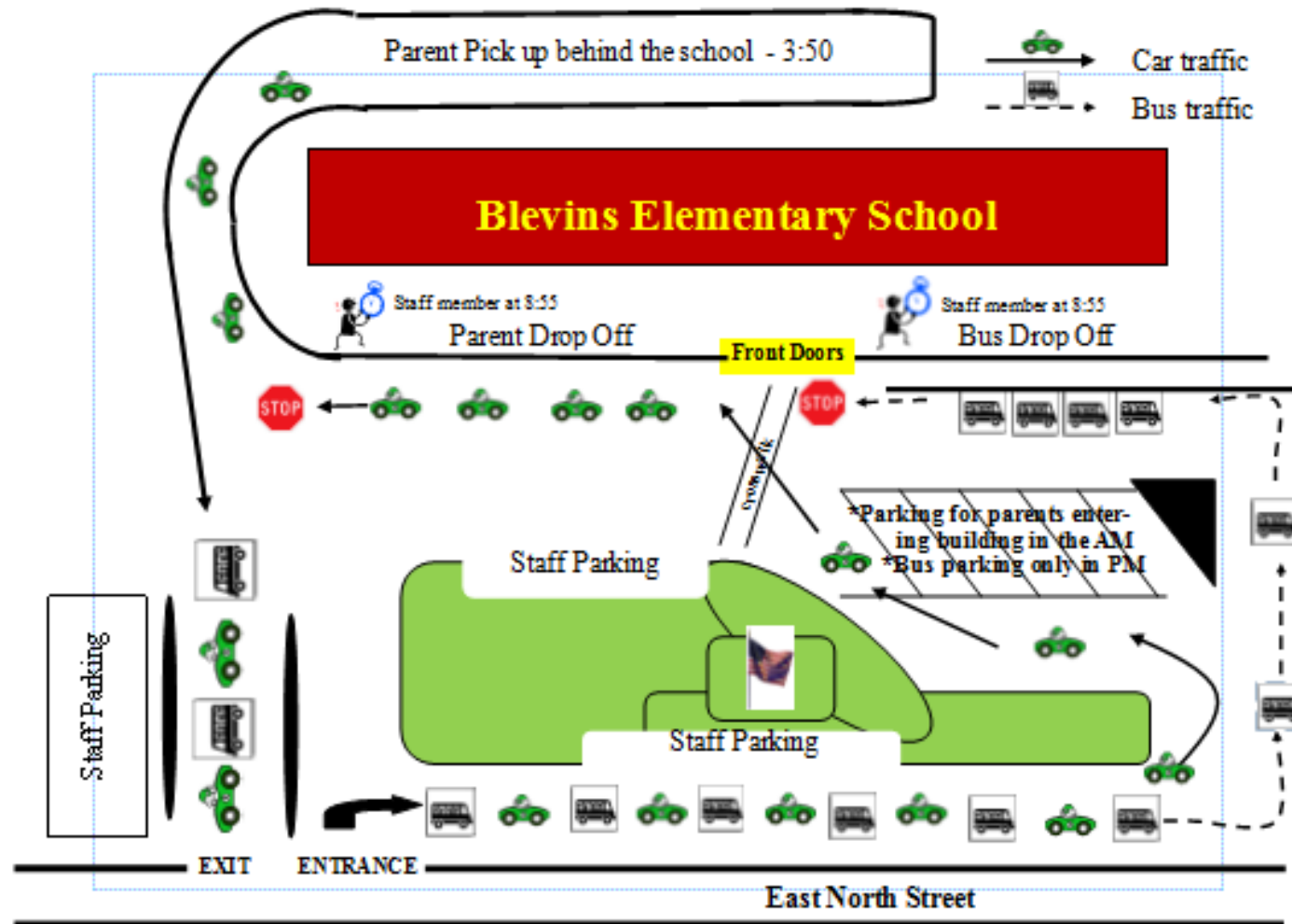
First Dismissal bell: 3:45pm - School ends at 3:59pm

- Parents will be able to walk their child to their room **ONLY** on the first day of school

TIPS FROM THE OFFICE

- If you are entering the building during the school day (between 9:09-3:59) you will have to sign in and out in the office.
- All adults/volunteers visiting Blevins during the school day must sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's tag.
- If your child is absent, please call the school office at **(636) 733-3175**.
- Please be sure the office has current information on your child. (All phone numbers, addresses, transportation information-including the names of those who may pick-up your child, emergency contacts, etc.)
- Parent pick up or bus change?
- **Notify office by 3:00 if change is necessary**
- If your child arrives late for school, please go to the office first to sign in your child. They must have a late slip to enter the classroom after 9:09am

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures



Our arrival and dismissal procedures will also be communicated in a separate email closer to the start of the school year.

Transportation Notes:

- ▶ A letter from the transportation department is attached to the weekly newsletter that lets kindergarten families know that Rockwood has a policy that all Kdg. students have a parent or guardian with them at the bus stop in the AM and at PM drop off. They may also have an older sibling 4th grade or higher.
- ▶ The office or myself will communicate as quick as we can if bus routes are delayed for any reason.
- ▶ Expect bus delays the first couple of days.
- ▶ Please use the Rockwood website to find bus routes. You will need your child's ID #
 - ▶ Google: Rockwood School District elink

Tyler's Versatrans e-Link

School Year 2022-2023 Bus Information will be available Aug 5th.



User Name

Password

Login

- Enter the student number as the username and password.
- Choose *Work with Students*.
- Choose *View my Students*.
- Select the student's name.

Misc. Items

PTO - more information at New Family Orientation on Tuesday, August 16th and at Meet the Teacher Night. Look for their Booth

Adventure Club before/after care (636-891-6675) *There is a wait list*

"Specials" one hour per day:

- ▶ PE every day for 30 minutes
 - ▷ Tennis shoes preferred for safety for PE and recess every day!
- ▶ Music and Technology or Strings (Grades 3-5), Library 2x/week
- ▶ Art classes, once a week

News from the Nurse

- It is essential that parents keep children at home if the child isn't feeling well. We need to count on each other to keep all students in school AND healthy.
- If your child becomes sick at school, we will notify you and expect you to pick up your child within one hour.
- Ensure all vaccinations are updated and are on record with us.

When is lunch?

20 minute lunch before recess

KG Lunch: 10:55 – 11:15

KG Recess: 11:15 – 11:35

1st Lunch: 11:20 – 11:40

1st Recess: 11:40 – 12:00

2nd Lunch: 11:45 – 12:05

2nd Recess: 12:05 – 12:25

3rd Lunch: 12:10 – 12:30

3rd Recess: 12:30 – 12:50

5th Lunch: 12:35 – 12:55

5th Recess: 12:55 – 1:15

4th Lunch: 1:00 – 1:20

4th Recess: 1:20 – 1:40



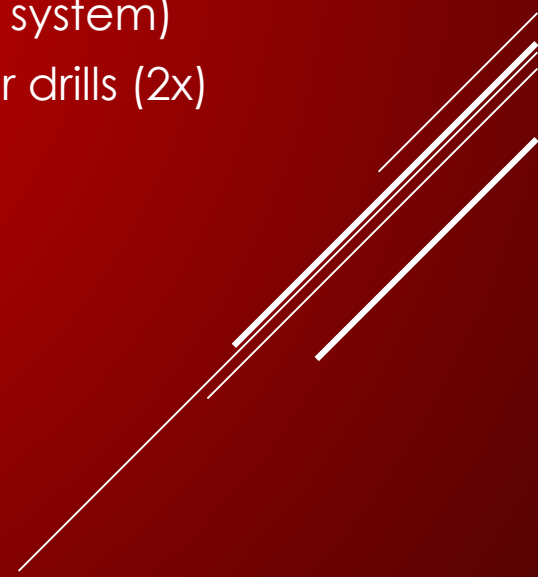
- ▶ Parents will need to call in advance to reserve one of our two spots
- ▶ Every grade level will have a snack. Please look for teacher communication.
- ▶ Lunch menus can be found at the Blevins Elementary Website
- ▶ There is an allergy free table. Mrs. Vanek (nurse) will let teachers know of allergies.
However, please communication with your teacher about your child(ren) allergies.

Communication!

Parent Square - The NEW communication tool for Rockwood. Be sure to mark your preferences. More training at New Family Orientation (August 16)

- ▶ Friday email from me ([Smore.com](https://smore.com)) via Parent Square
- ▶ Regular communication from teachers
- ▶ Please always reach out your teacher or the office if you have any questions!

Safety

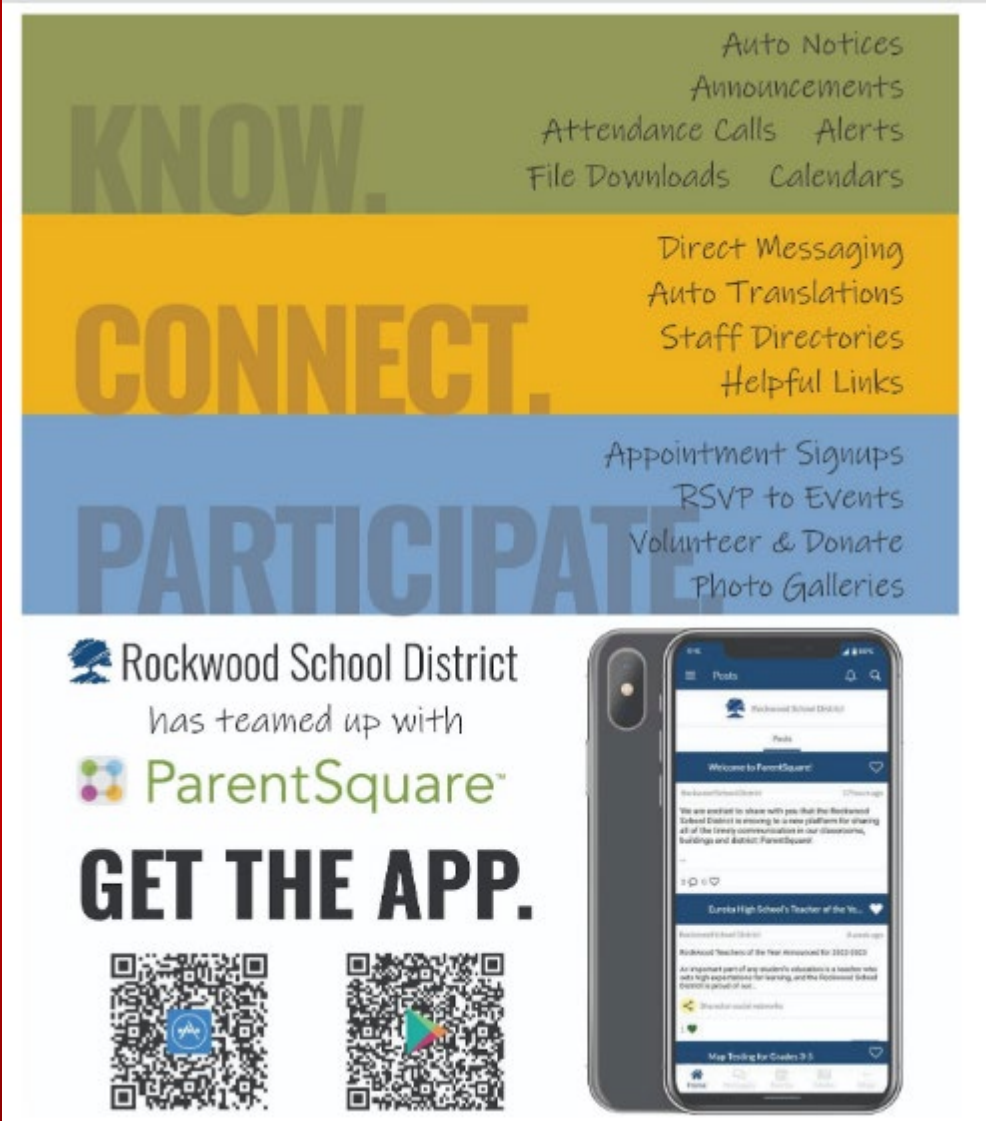
- ▶ Guests, visitors and volunteers must always enter through front doors.
 - ▶ Doorbell/buzzer system & School Pass (new sign in & out system)
 - ▶ Fire (monthly), earthquake(2x), tornado (2x) and intruder drills (2x)
 - ▶ Birthday treats (non-edible due to allergies)
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Parent Square

Rockwood/Blevins Communication System

Here's what you can do with ParentSquare:

- Receive messages from the school via email, text or app notification
- Choose to receive information as it comes or all at once with a daily digest at 6pm
- Communicate in your preferred language
- Comment on school postings to engage with your school community
- Direct message teachers, staff and other parents
- Participate in group messages
- Sign up for parent-teacher conferences
- Receive report cards, sign up to volunteer and more all from your desktop or mobile device



The graphic is divided into three horizontal sections with large, bold text: **KNOW.** (green background), **CONNECT.** (yellow background), and **PARTICIPATE.** (blue background). Under **KNOW.** are: Auto Notices, Announcements, Attendance Calls, Alerts, File Downloads, and Calendars. Under **CONNECT.** are: Direct Messaging, Auto Translations, Staff Directories, and Helpful Links. Under **PARTICIPATE.** are: Appointment Signups, RSVP to Events, Volunteer & Donate, and Photo Galleries. Below this is the Rockwood School District logo and text: "Rockwood School District has teamed up with ParentSquare™". The main text "GET THE APP." is in large, bold, black letters. Below it are two QR codes: one for the App Store and one for Google Play. To the right is a smartphone displaying the ParentSquare app interface, showing a welcome message and a list of posts.

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Curriculum and Academic Content

Curriculum Overview - [LINK](#)

In Rockwood, we write our own curriculum.

In Rockwood, we teach our own curriculum.

In Rockwood, we review and update our own curriculum.

In Rockwood, we use the top academic standards in the nation and align with state approved standards.

In Rockwood, we do whatever it takes to ensure all students realize their potential.

Rockwood Website: Departments - Curriculum - Course Catalog Guide link for parents

<https://www.rsdmo.org/elementarycourses>



Discipline Procedures

- School-wide common language among all classes
- School-wide common expectations in classroom, hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, recess, bus, etc.
- All students will learn about the Blevins Behavior Plan and how we take PRIDE in everything we do at Blevins and in our community!
- Behavior TALKS

Behavior Talk

Blevins Elementary



Bobcat PRIDE

- Honesty
- Respectful
- Safety
- Self Control
- Kindness
- Effort



Blevins Behavior Plan

- Verbal Warning
- Behavior Sheet (written warning)
- Think Station
- Think Room
- Office Referral

Discipline Procedures

Blevins Elementary Behavior Sheet

Name _____ Date: _____

Behavior Interventions (after verbal warning): Staff/Location _____

☐ 1. Written warning
☐ 2. Think Station
☐ 3. Think Station in another classroom
☐ 4. Office visit with parent contact


Student did not practice the following BLEVINS Elementary Core Value (circle all that apply):

Respect Self Control Honesty Safety Kindness Effort

Additional comments: _____

Student Signature _____
Parent Signature (return next school day) _____

If checked, attached work must be completed and returned ☐



BEHAVIOR REFERRAL FORM

Student Name _____ Date _____ Time _____ Place _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Referring Staff Member _____

Nature of Offense

☐ Bus Misconduct
☐ Disrespectful Conduct or Speech
☐ Disruptive of School Environment
☐ Disruptive Speech or Conduct

☐ Inappropriate Behavior
☐ Stealing/Possession of Stolen Property
☐ Fighting/Physical Violence/Threatening
☐ Other _____

Description of Situation (who, what, where, when, how): _____

Background Information (what prior interventions have taken place) _____

Conference Notes (Bottom Portion to be filled out by Administrator)

Administrative Action: check all that apply

____ Student Conference
____ Parent Phone Call
____ Letter to Parent
____ Other _____

____ Detention / Time out
____ In-School Suspension
____ Out-of School Suspension

Pawsitive Paws

- Student positive recognition from staff
- Paws will be announced to the student from admin. Paws will be displayed in hallway after parent initial.



Expectations for Students

- Be at school everyday!
 - Be ready to learn, discover, and work hard!
 - Follow all school rules/expectations!
 - Respect and follow directions from adults!
 - Communicate with an adult when you do not feel safe or are being hurt!
 - Read everyday/night!
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- Strive to be a kid with CHARACTER
 - Strive to GROW as a student



Expectations for Parents

- Encourage your child to have GREAT attendance
- Communicate with the teacher!
- Get Involved...We Need You! PTO :)
- Keep us informed in the office.....Our door is ALWAYS open! We will make time for you!
 - Family Concerns
 - Bus Concerns
 - Instructional Concerns
 - Safety Concerns
 - Peer Concerns
- Encourage and Emphasize academics...all the time...everywhere

IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

- Monday, August 15th - Student placement will go out to families @ approx. 9:00am
- Tuesday, August 16th - New Family Welcome and Orientation 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, August 17th - All Teacher's report back
- Thursday, August 18th - Meet the Teacher Ice Cream Social 5:00-6:00
- Monday, August 22nd - Kids are BACK!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

▶ Facebook and Twitter. Please follow Blevins at:

▶ Facebook: @BlevinsElementary

▶ Twitter: @BlevinsElem

▶ ALWAYS ask if you have a question!! My door is always open!

▶ HECTOR RAMIREZ

▶ ramirezhector@rsdmo.org

▶ 636.733.3175



*We are need of a 4th/5th grade Classroom assistant!
If you are interested, let me know :)