

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2017-2018
Week of February 5, 2018

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Rocky Hill Middle School.

Follow us on –<https://twitter.com/RockyHillPRIN>(daily updates Monday-Friday!)

The RHMS main office hours are 7:45am until 3:45pm. Phones are not answered after this time and all messages left will be picked up the following morning at 7:45am.

Our weekly Sunday evening email has two sections:

1. RHMS Calendar/Events and Activities
2. RHMS Reminders

1. ROCKY HILL EVENTS/INFORMATION:

After School Activity and Bus Information:

Parents and Students: On February 6, 2018, we are pleased to be adding a 4th after school activity bus to accommodate all of the students who participate in our many after school activities. As a result of adding an additional bus, some of the bus assignments and routes have changed. Please review the new bus numbers and routes with your child and determine which activity bus they should take and the appropriate stop. Please see the attached link. You can also find the new after school activity bus schedules in the Afterschool tab on the home page.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/activities/RHMSActivityBusStops2618.pdf>

Monday, Feb. 5- Periods 12345

Spelling Bee (8:15-10:45am) (Media Center) (snow date Feb. 9, 9:30am-12:30pm)

No After School Activities-No After School Buses

Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Periods 67123

RH Readers @ Wims ES, 9:00-11:30am (Abita and Heidary)

Extended Day Math (3:05pm in Cafeteria)

Math 8 Support (Ms. Braune-Rm. 157)

Algebra Support (Ms. Murray-Rm. 152)

Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson-Rm. 368)

RecXtra Green Team (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Evans - Rm. 260)

SGA (3:05-4:25pm) (K. Conley – Rm. 167)

Talent Show Auditions (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Belman - Cafeteria)

Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Periods 45671

Book Wars (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Gramatges – Media Center)

Chess Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Harris – Rm. 140)

Extended Day Math (3:05-4:25pm) (3:05pm in Cafeteria)

Math 8 Support (Ms. Braune-Rm. 157)

Algebra Support (Ms. Evans - Rm. 260)

Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson Rm. 368)

Model UN (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Fong – Rm. 358)

M.O.R.E. Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Room 180/Cafeteria)

RecXtra Board Games Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Rye – Rm. 268)

RecXtra Lego Robotics (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Smith - Rm. 143)

Thursday, Feb. 8- Periods 23456

Report Cards distributed in Homeroom, pm.

No After School Activities-No After School Buses

Intermediate Orchestra (Pd. 5) with Feeder ES Cluster Concert @ CHS, 7::00-9:00pm

Friday, Feb. 9 - Periods 71234

Safety Drill Pd. 3

No After School Activities-No After School Buses

FEBRUARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Grade 7 Permission slips due for Field Trip to Holocaust Museum

Monday, February 12 is the deadline for all permission slips and money for the Grade 7 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum field trip. *No permission slips will be accepted after February 12.* Please make sure to send in the permission slip (three forms) and money with your child if you have not already done so. If need another permission slip, the links are below or your student can get another one from his/her English teacher. We still need parent chaperones so please sign up for the trip on February 23. Information to chaperone is on the forms. Please send in the paperwork as soon as possible!

Field Trip Permission Form links:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kNQPG_Lm8xDKT6U3IIfdqUIjMf_dcQj/view?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14OU17TATkOdB1L9jF5B0BjMYekuR_wQ1/view?usp=sharing

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ORMSDLanio24xrX34tK3LBaGTvr0RMZ5/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you,

7th Grade English teachers

Men Organized to Raise Engagement (MORE)

M.O.R.E. meets every other week—The next meeting is this Wednesday, February 7 at RHMS right after school. For more information please contact: **Sullivan Phillips** at

kaphung19@gmail.com OR **Raymond James** at Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com

Basketball Intramural!

Attention all basketball players... We will begin our 3v3 basketball tournament ***Tuesday, February 13th***. The tournament will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays thru February 22nd and is open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. **All players must have an Intramural Permission slip turned into Ms. Brouillard in order to participate!!** If you have any questions, please see Ms. Brouillard.

Upcoming SGA Winter Dance!

The SGA Winter dance will be on Friday, Feb.23rd from 3:00-4:25 pm. More information and the permission slip will be available in the next few weeks.

Yearbooks are on sale!

Flyers and information will be distributed with report cards on February 8th. Each regular hard cover yearbook costs \$30. **Please consider paying online with a credit card.** Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob> and the Yearbook ID Code is 9140518. **Online orders will close on April 9.** Cash and check payments can be made to Rocky Hill MS and turned into the main office using the order envelope on the flyer. Cash and check payments will continue until we sell out. Contact the yearbook coordinator, Lisabeth Belman (Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org) with any questions or concerns.

Leo Club News

The RHMS Leo Club and Damascus Lions Club **will continue our Recycle for Sight program throughout the month of February.** We will happily accept any used prescription glasses that your family no longer has a need for. The glasses will go to the Lions Club and be refitted for a person in need. **Your unwanted glasses will be given a second life and distributed world-wide to someone in need.**

Green Team and Science Club News

The Green Team and the Science Club are collecting bottle caps for the rest of the year.. Please save any bottle caps and deposit them in any designated containers around the school. We plan to make several murals with the caps.

Don't Be Distracted Creative Contest

Don't Be Distracted Creative Contest Deadline is February 16, 2018 - Enter Now!

Create a 30-60 second public service announcement (PSA) video or artwork about one or both of the following topics:

1. **Tell your peers the importance of not walking or driving distracted.**
2. **Tell adults the importance of not being distracted while driving, especially in school zones.**

By entering, you could win \$500 for college tuition or a \$100 Chick-Fil-A or Chipotle gift card! Also, the first 20 entries that meet the requirements will be awarded one free movie ticket! So don't wait. Submit your video or art piece today!

Enter today on the Montgomery County Safe Routes to School. **Deadline** to enter is **February 16, 2018**. website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/Creative-contest.html>

MCPS Student Contest: United We Learn: All Means All

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jack R. Smith, has stated that “we will celebrate diversity and a commitment to equity making sure that *All Means All* when it comes to equity and excellence in learning, progress, achievement and opportunity.” Students are being asked to use visual art and the written word to celebrate diversity while exploring the matter of equity for all. The goal is to provide students with a creative, structured opportunity to explore what equity means and the barriers that limit some from having access to the same opportunities and resources as others. To encourage collaboration, **entries must be submitted by groups of two to eight students.** Entries will be judged by level (elementary, middle and high) and by medium. **The contest launches Monday, January 29, and will close at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 16, 2018.** Additional details about the contest, including rules, are available online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/>

2. REMINDERS:

RHMS' Black History Event - Friday, March 2 – We need student presenters!

The PTA planning committee is looking for students and parents interested in helping at our Black History Month event. Please sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a4dadae2eaafa7-rocky/2030035>. We look forward to a wonderful celebration with all of your support!

Rocky Hill's Got Talent is coming!

What is your talent? Can you sing, dance, juggle, tell a good joke, play a musical instrument - show it off at the show on Wednesday, February 21. Want to audition? Auditions will be held on February 6th and 13th. All details are posted on the board outside the cafeteria. We need 15 auditions scheduled or the talent show MAY be cancelled. Got questions? – see Ms. Belman in Room 376.

Have You Moved or Are You Planning to Move to a New Home???

For further information on providing Rocky Hill with the correct documentation to complete your change of address, please refer to the following link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IFLehcv9HE8EsaOZxYTU4qJjM3pTX2fn>

Summer School 2018 – Save the dates – July 9 – 27 (pending approval)

RHMS is planning to offer a Local Summer School Program designed to meet the needs of RHMS students. **Similar to last year**, below are the sessions we plan to offer:

--Support Reading 6/7/8 is for rising 6th,7th, 8th graders who would benefit from extra support in strengthening reading skills.

--Support Math 6/7/8 is for rising 6th,7th, 8th graders who would benefit from extra support in strengthening math skills.

--Bridge to IM is for rising 6th graders being considered for IM and 7th graders taking IM who would benefit from extra support to prepare for IM.

--Bridge to Algebra is for rising 8th grade students who would benefit from extra support to prepare for Algebra or took Related Math in 7th grade.

--Focus on Algebra is for rising 7th and 8th graders taking Algebra next year.

The dates for the program will be July 9-July 27, 2018 for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders, 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is an **approximate \$250 fee for this program**, and transportation services will be available for those students eligible for bus transportation during the regular school year. Final plans and registration will be announced as soon as possible. If your student would benefit from summer school, please consider saving the dates in July! If you have questions, please contact Lisabeth Belman, Summer School Coordinator at Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org.

Homework Hotline

Please visit the Homework Hotline link on the RHMS Home page.

Resources include live help with MCPS teachers via text messaging, snapchat, email and by phone. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/>

RHMS PTA Updates are sent in a separate ConnectED message on Tuesdays, 9:30am.