

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Thank you to the SGA, Mr. Conley, Ms. Tippet and everyone who made this year's Spirit Week a huge success! Friday, we took school spirit to an EPICC level with Pink Out Day! As one staff member commented, "This has to be our best year yet for Pink Out day. Not only did we have a huge participation spirit and clothing wise, but the letters from our children are mind blowing!" The empathy and care demonstrated during the "Paws For A Cause" activity is yet another reason why we have some of the *Best and Brightest Students In The World!*



Announcements:

(The weekly calendar can be found on the right side of the RHMS website)

MON, OCTOBER 31

PD 4 Day: 4, A, 5, 6, 7, 1

TUE, NOVEMBER 1

PD 2 Day: 2, A, 3, 4, 5, 6

Activity Buses

NJHS

Boys/Girls Softball Practice

Cross Country Practice

RecXtra Tennis Club

Green Team

WED, NOVEMBER 2

PD 7 Day: 7, A, 1, 2, 3, 4

Activity Buses

Boys/Girls Softball Practice

Cross Country Practice

Tennis/Pickleball Intramurals

Soccer Intramurals

Rocky Hill Jazz Band

RecXtra Guitar Club

RecXtra Movie Club

THU, NOVEMBER 3

PD 5 Day: 5, A, 6, 7, 1, 2

Activity Buses

Fidos for Freedom Therapy Dog Visit (During Lunches)

Cross Country @ Kingsview

Softball Boys v Kingsview

Soccer Intramurals

RecXtra Movie Club

FRI, NOVEMBER 4

PD 3 Day: 3, A, 4, 5, 6, 7

BUY A BRICK ART MURAL FUNDRAISER!!!

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL, THE ARTS TEACHERS ARE HOSTING A "BUY A BRICK" FUNDRAISER TO HELP PURCHASE THE PAINT TO CREATE A STUNNING MURAL FOR OUR ARTS HALL. OUR FUNDRAISER WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 24TH TO NOVEMBER 21ST. FOR \$50, WE WILL PAINT YOUR FAMILY NAME ON A BRICK NEAR THE MURAL IN THE HALLWAY. THERE IS A SMALL PROCESSING FEE MCPS CHARGES. YOU CAN ALSO DONATE A SMALLER AMOUNT IF YOU WISH, ANY

AMOUNT WILL HELP US GET TO OUR GOAL OF **\$2000!** THIS WILL BE A TOTALLY ONLINE EVENT, PER **MCPS** POLICY. ANYONE CAN DONATE! SEND IT TO YOUR **GRANDPARENTS, UNCLES, AUNTS, FRIENDS AND COWORKERS!** PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE TO OUR **FUNDRAISER:**

[HTTPS://MCPSMD.SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM/FEE/DETAILS/16859/354/FALSE/TRUE](https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/fee/details/16859/354/false/true)

ANY EXCESS MONEY WILL GO TO OUR SCHOOL TO HELP WITH OTHER PURCHASES FOR OUR STUDENTS IN CLASS. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY AMOUNT YOU CAN HELP WITH. WE APPRECIATE OUR **RHMS** COMMUNITY!

THE ARTS TEAM

THE **6TH** GRADE FIELD TRIP TO **BAR T** IS **2** DAYS AWAY. ALL PERMISSIONS SLIPS AND MONEY WERE DUE **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**. STUDENTS IN **SESSION 1** WILL ATTEND ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND** AND **SESSION 2** STUDENTS WILL ATTEND ON **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**. THIS IS AN ACADEMIC TRIP DURING THE SCHOOL DAY THAT WILL FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TEAM BUILDING.

A COUPLE OF KEY REMINDERS:

- **STUDENTS MUST BE PREPARED TO BE OUTSIDE ALL DAY SO DRESSING IN LAYERS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.**
- **STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING A BAG LUNCH ON THE DAY OF THEIR TRIP.**
- **STUDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING THEIR LUNCH THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**
- **STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A DRAWSTRING BACKPACK TO CARRY THEIR PERSONAL ITEMS.**
- **CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE TRIP.**
- **STUDENTS WILL ATTEND THEIR REGULAR FIRST BLOCK CLASS ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP; SO COME PREPARED WITH ALL MATERIALS.**
- **A WATER BOTTLE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. WATER FILLING STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY.**
- **STUDENTS WILL DEPART AT 9:30 AM AND RETURN AT 2:10 PM**
- **STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO BRING ANY SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH THEM TO BAR T.**
- **STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE FIELD TRIP WILL REPORT TO SCHOOL FOR A REGULAR DAY OF SCHOOL.**
- **ON THE DAY THAT STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND BAR T, THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR BINDERS AND COMPUTERS BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE A NORMAL ACADEMIC FIRST BLOCK.**
 - **BINDERS AND CHROMEBOOKS WILL BE KEPT IN THEIR LOCKERS.**

PLEASE CONTACT **Mrs. QUINN** DIRECTLY (LORIE_QUINN@MCPSMD.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TRIP.

School Safety:

The message below was sent by MCPS to the community last week. Please read the full message and continue to stay safe and healthy this year.

As we head into November and the cooler weather, I would like to share information about health and safety for Halloween and this year's cold and flu season:

Influenza, RSV and other respiratory infections

We are paying close attention to the surge of respiratory illness including influenza (flu) cases in our metropolitan region.

Read the full message here:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2022-2023/Community-Update-20221028-SSMO.html>

Important Dates:

Friday, November 4, 2022–Application Deadline for Regional/Countywide High School Programs.

- ★ **If you need help finishing or want someone to proofread and help you polish your MCPS magnet school application or Clarksburg High School APPS application, Mrs. Crismond, Rocky Hill Teacher and professional college essay coach, will be available to help 8th graders during advisory the week of October 31st every day but Wednesday.**
- ★ **Please get a pass from your advisory teacher and then go down to the conference room on the first floor to meet Mrs. Crismond. She'll be available to help during advisory Monday October 31st, Tuesday November 1st, Thursday November 3rd, and Friday November 4th.**
- ★ **Magnet school application deadline is Friday November 4th and Clarksburg High School APPS application deadline is Friday November 11th . Don't miss out on this chance for help if you need it!**

Admission Process Information Overview for Regional/Countywide High School Application Programs:

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) offers a wide range of high school application programs for students entering Grades 9 through 12. These programs have a centralized admissions process, which begins with a common online application. The admission process opens in early October 2022.

For students entering Grades 9–12 in 2023–2024, the regional/countywide high school application process admission, timeline, and program information is available at the Special Programs website:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/

MCPS has streamlined the Grade 8 high school application process by providing one common online application for all programs via Synergy. Grades 9–11 will apply electronically through a link provided on the website above.

Program eligibility is based on the student's address and middle school for current Grade 8 students; and for current Grades 9–11 students, it is based on the home address only.

MCPS Regional/Countywide List of Programs by Home/Base High School

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNdicCl1xkElsRvmCF6Cqh97D_l7hoplCqUszqXZWoM/edit?usp=sharing

Parent/guardian/student flier

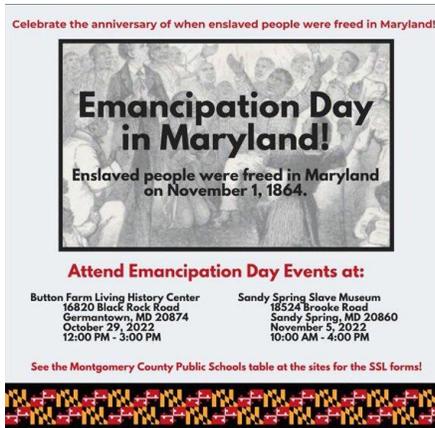
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_0vd_G2JgjHOdCUJNfdtwkw6EORqwMCzYNaxiEu4g/edit?usp=sharing

November is Remembrance and Reconciliation Month (The Following Message Was Sent to Families on October 28, 2022):

Montgomery County Public Schools will observe Remembrance and Reconciliation Month by supporting local Emancipation Day celebrations, providing schools with [age-appropriate lessons](#) on local historic African American communities, and virtual changemaker workshops for students and their families in English and Spanish on November 15 - 17, 2022.

Read full message and access translation here:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2022-2023/Community-Update-20221028-november.html>

November 1, 2022-Emancipation Day in Maryland (Opportunities for students to earn SSL hours)



November 7, 2022- End of Quarter One (No School)

Kids Day Out!

Need something for your child to do when school is out? How about a day of fun and supervised activities by the Montgomery County Recreation Department!

All MCPS students can receive a free scholarship by using the code: MCPSkid2022 during registration.

When?

Nov. 7

Jan. 27

March 31

April 21

Where? Montgomery County Recreation locations:

Damascus, Mid County, N. Potomac, Plum Gar, Praisner, Upper County, White Oak, Bauer (for youth and teens with disabilities), East County, Long Branch, Coffield, Clara Barton, Potomac

How? Visit ActiveMontgomery.org or call 240-777-6840.

November 8, 2022 - No School Election Day

November 11, 2022- Make-Up Day for School Pictures

November 18, 2022- School-wide Celebration for Marking Period One

November 21, 2022 - Early Release and Parent Conference Day (Stay Tuned for More Information)

November 22, 2022 - Early Release Day

Reminders:

- Rocky Hill Middle School is an “Away All Day” personal mobile device school. Students may use their PMDs before school, during lunch and after school. We have also allowed students to use them during Wildcat Wellness Day and plan to continue this during the next scheduled day. Students who use their PMDs

during times that are not allowed are subject to having them taken and a phone call made home. Overall, our students have been doing a great job with this responsibility. As you know, Personal Mobile Devices can be a big distraction from teaching and learning. We need your partnership and support in reminding your child at home.

- Please remind your child to charge their Chromebook each night and bring their charger with them to school each day. Also, it is the students responsibility to take care of their Chromebooks to prevent loss or damage. We thank you parents for your partnership!
- *Interested in becoming a Rocky Hill Parent Volunteer? Visit the [MCPS Volunteer Webpage](#) to learn more information about what is required to become a volunteer. There is also a step-by-step [Support Guide](#) to help parents through the process. We are excited to partner with parents in our community and together we can ensure every student has an EPICC experience at Rocky Hill. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.*

PTA:

[GO TO THE PTSA WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR MEETING DATES & INFO](#)

<https://sites.google.com/view/rhmspta/home>

- **[Tis the Season catalog Fundraiser November 1-27th, with extended online shopping days! Over 800 Online Products prices starting from \\$9.50...](#)**
- **[Family Night Out planned for November at Villa Maya, in the works for the first or second WEDNESDAY in November, stay tuned in for details...](#)**
- **[Staff Appreciation Lunch Buffet for Parent-Teacher Conferences Day, November 21st - Sign Up to donate food items or volunteer to help through Sign-Up Genius links on the PTSA website, click below...](#)**
- **[National PTA 'Reflections' Arts Program begins this fall! Student participants present their original works in several categories, and compete at local, state & national levels.](#)**
- **[Give the Gift of Books! Our SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming to the Media Center December 12-16th...](#)**
- **[A special Family Fun & Shopping Time being planned for Scholastic week!](#)**

[PLEASE REGISTER YOUR FAMILY & JOIN YOUR PTSA TODAY! Every Membership funds our basic operating costs and ensures we can continue to serve our Rocky Hill Community with PRIDE...](#)

<https://sites.google.com/view/rhmspta/home>

[PLEASE JOIN our new OFFICIAL Private PTSA Facebook Group too! Get timely reminders for events, opportunities & sign-ups, communicate with our school PTSA community privately!](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rhmsptsa>

We are looking forward to an EPICC year at Rocky Hill! Thank you for your support! We are Rocky Hill Middle School-Growing Stronger Together!

With Wildcat PRIDE!

***Darryl V. Johnson
Principal***

(English and Spanish copies of the Weekly Wildcat Update are attached to this message)