

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Thank you to our EPICC PTSA! They are so nice! We are celebrating them twice! Parent volunteers organized and delivered certificates and treats to the advisory classes for our first ever school-wide honor roll/straight A celebration on Friday! Then, they prepared an EPICC Lunch for staff on the parent conference day, Monday! Also, a special shoutout to our newly formed Wildcat Ambassadors, who did an amazing job greeting parents and demonstrating Rocky Hill PRIDE!



Announcements:

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

MON, NOVEMBER 28

PD 6 DAY: 6, A, 7, 1, 2, 3

LEO CLUB RECYCLE FOR SIGHT DRIVE

TUE, NOVEMBER 29

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

**LEO CLUB RECYCLE FOR SIGHT DRIVE
NJHS**

WED, NOVEMBER 30

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

**LEO CLUB RECYCLE FOR SIGHT DRIVE
ROCKY HILL JAZZ BAND**

THU, DECEMBER 1

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

**RHMS CANNED FOOD & TOILETRIES DRIVE
LEO CLUB RECYCLE FOR SIGHT DRIVE
FIDOS FOR FREEDOM THERAPY DOG VISIT (DURING LUNCHES)**

FRI, DECEMBER 2

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

RHMS CANNED FOOD & TOILETRIES DRIVE

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

STUDENTS! YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING SO WE ARE PROVIDING! WE ARE MAKING AVAILABLE RHMS SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR JUST LIKE THE STAFF HAS! DO YOU LIKE DIFFERENT COLORS? WE HAVE THEM FOR YOU! CHECK OUT OUR RHMS SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR AND NEW LOGO JUST FOR OUR ROCKY HILL COMMUNITY!

UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE SHIPMENT BEFORE WE GO ON WINTER BREAK BUT, IT WILL DEFINITELY BE HERE EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. CHECK OUT OUR COOL GEAR NOW, BUT DON'T HESITATE TO ORDER! THE ONLINE STORE WILL CLOSE SUNDAY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 4TH. ALL PROCEEDS FROM SALES WILL GO RIGHT BACK TO OUR SCHOOL FOR OUR STUDENTS! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! [HTTPS://ROCKYHILLMIDDLE2022.ITEMORDER.COM/SHOP/HOME/](https://rockyhillmiddle2022.itemorder.com/shop/home/)

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING:

Volunteers are needed to assist during the screenings. If a parent/guardian is available and has completed the required MCPS course [Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect online training module](#) please call 240-740-6672. The link to the FY23 CAN Volunteer FAQs is embedded in the link in the previous line. Time slots will be available for any or part of the days.

In accordance with Maryland State Law students in Montgomery County Public Schools are screened for possible vision and hearing problems. Trained hearing and vision screeners will be screening students new to MCPS, students in Grade (s) 8, and students referred by teachers because of possible signs of hearing or vision problems. The screeners will be at (Rocky Hill MS) on (December 19, 20, 21 and 22).

Children who do not see clearly or are unable to hear what their teacher and classmates are saying have a harder time learning at school.

You will receive a referral form, via US mail, to take to your child's doctor if your child fails the screening. If your child is already under care for a hearing or vision problem, or you do not wish your child to be screened at school because of conflicts with your religious beliefs, please notify the school nurse in writing. If your child wears glasses or contacts they should wear them every day and bring them to the screening.

School based vision screenings may not detect every vision problem. To learn more about possible vision problems and symptoms or health conditions that may require additional evaluation go to Montgomery County Government's website at this link:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/PHS/SchoolHealth/HearingVision.html>

Contact your school's nurse if you have questions about your child's screening.

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De acuerdo con las Leyes del Estado de Maryland, los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery (MCPS), son examinados para identificar problemas de vista y de audición. Personas que han sido entrenadas estarán examinando la vista y la audición de los estudiantes que han sido matriculados por primera vez en MCPS, incluyendo la de los estudiantes en grado (s) 8, y aquellos estudiantes cuyos nombres han sido remitidos por sus maestros porque han demostrado señales de que posiblemente tengan problemas con la vista o de audición. Los estudiantes de (Rocky Hill MS) serán examinados (December 19, 20, 21 y 22).

Los estudiantes que no puedan ver claramente o no puedan escuchar lo que sus maestros o compañeros están diciendo tienen mucha dificultad para aprender en la escuela.

Si el estudiante no pasa el examen de vista o de audición usted recibirá un formulario por correo con nuestra recomendación para que lleve al estudiante a su doctor.

Si el estudiante ya ha sido examinado y está bajo tratamiento por problemas de visión o audición, o si usted no desea que el estudiante sea examinado en la escuela por conflictos con sus creencias religiosas, por favor escríbale una carta a la enfermera de la escuela y hágase lo saber.

Si el estudiante usa anteojos o lentes de contacto, ellos deben usarlos todos los días y llevarlos puestos el día del examen.

Es posible que las evaluaciones escolares de vista y audición no detecten todos los problemas de la vista. Para averiguar más sobre los posibles problemas de vista y síntomas, o condiciones de salud que pueden requerir de exámenes adicionales visite el sitio de web del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Montgomery, en el siguiente enlace:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/PHS/SchoolHealth/HearingVision.html>

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de la evaluación de su hijo(a) por favor póngase en contacto con la enfermera escolar.

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Holiday Drives:

The Rocky Hill NJHS, Leos and SGA are supporting a food drive for the Wildcats Care food pantry at our school, and to make a donation to Damascus food bank. We will have boxes available for donations starting Nov. 21st if you would like to contribute.

The Rocky Hill Leo Club is currently collecting items to be donated to a local Animal Shelter. Items include Dog/Cat food and treats, collars, leashes, toys, and coats. Please, no bedding or blankets. Items can be dropped off in room 258 from November 9th-22nd. Contact Mr. Stevenson with questions or assistance with a large donation at Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org. Thank you.

The Leo Club is holding its annual Lions Recycle for Sight. Please donate any unwanted prescription glasses. Collection will take place in the Main Office at RHMS. Any size, style or age of glasses are welcomed. Our collection box will be available from November 9th- December 2nd.

Athletics:

Basketball Tryouts are quickly approaching! Tryout dates are December 6, 8, & 13th. Athletes are expected to attend ALL 3 days of tryouts to be considered for the team. Tryouts are open to 7th & 8th grade students who are ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE Quarter 1 with a 2.0 GPA and no more than 1 E, a current physical

signed and dated by a doctor within the last 2 years on file at Rocky Hill, and a parent permission slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard. Paperwork can be turned in to Ms. Brouillard, or parents may also register their students through ParentVue. Forms and information on how to register can be found on the [Sports Page](#) of the RHMS website.

Intramurals:

Cheerleading Intramurals will begin after Winter Break and are open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. Practice dates will be announced next week, so students should be listening to morning announcements! Students planning on staying should be committed to attending all practices to prepare for a halftime performance at the Girls Basketball game against Kingsview on 2/8 and the Boys Basketball game against Ridgeview on 2/15! If interested, students must have an [Intramural Permission Slip](#) turned in to Ms. Brouillard and be academically eligible (2.0 GPA and no more than 1 E on their Quarter 1 report card). Permission slips can be picked up in the PE locker room or found on the [Sports Page](#) of the RHMS Website.

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?

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.

Important Dates:

The Federal Impact Aid Survey went home with students on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. If the form applies to you please fill it out no later than Friday, December 9, 2022. The form can be returned to 45 W. Gude Drive, Suite

3201, Rockville, MD 20850, faxed to 301-279-3031, or emailed to impactaid@mcpsmd.org.

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>

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