

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Thank you to the entire staff, students and parents for an EPICC first quarter! Students, continue to Be in the Right Place, at the Right Time, Doing the Right Thing! Everyone is valued and respected. Words can help or harm our school. I encourage you to speak words that build each other up and not tear each other down. Continue to keep our school clean by recycling and throwing trash away. Demonstrate Rocky Hill PRIDE all day, every day! If you did well this quarter, congratulations! If you did not, you have a new opportunity beginning the second quarter. Set a goal and make a plan! Your success is our success! Remember, you can be any good thing you want to be, because you ARE some of the Best and Brightest Students in the World!

Scenes from the first quarter!



Announcements:

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

MON, NOVEMBER 7

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-End of Quarter Grading/Planning

TUE, NOVEMBER 8

Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)

WED, NOVEMBER 9

PD 1 Day: 1, A, 2, 3, 4, 5

Activity Buses

Tennis/Pickleball Intramurals

Soccer Intramurals

Rocky Hill Jazz Band

RecXtra Guitar Club

BFFF Men's & Women's Enrichment Programs

RecXtra Movie Club

Leo Club Meeting

THU, NOVEMBER 10

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

Activity Buses

Soccer Intramurals

RecXtra Movie Club

RecXtra Dance Club

Rocky Hill Jazz Band Concert

FRI, NOVEMBER 11

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

Make-Up Picture Day

Let's Celebrate our Veterans!!! *Calling all Rocky Hill Community Veterans!!!! If you are free Friday, November 11th at 9:15AM, please come by the school for some donuts and coffee and a HUGE THANK YOU from your Rocky Hill staff and student community. We will also have a flag raising ceremony we would like you to be a part of as well. We value the sacrifice you have made to enter military service, and this is the least we can do to show our appreciation for you. If you plan to come, please either call Ms. Tip at 240-740-6670 or email teresa_a_demosky-tippett@mcpsmd.org to RSVP so we know how many donuts and cups of coffee to buy! Thank you!!*

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 Leos, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and Student Government Association (SGA) will hold a canned food and toiletries drive from Dec. 1st- Dec. 9th. This will be used to replenish the Wildcats Care food closet at RHMS and make a donation to the Damascus Food bank. The Damascus Lions Club will pick up food donations on December 14th.

6th Grade Bar – T Field Trip

WOW!! What beautiful weather we had for our field trip to Bar T Mountainside!! Our Rocky Hill students learned a lot about renewable energy like the Wind Turbine and got to build and test their turbine props, how to determine the health of a stream by looking for macro-invertebrates in the creek, and getting to know our fellow classmates better through team building activities. Students showed their Rocky Hill PRIDE! They were EPIC!!



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>

Did you know?

MCPS has a monthly student newsletter called Student Post and it is located on MCPS Canvas! Check it out! [MCPS Student Post Newsletter - November 2022 Issue](#)

The MCPS Student Post NewsletterLinks to an external site. is a monthly publication shared with all middle and high school students via the MCPS Student Post webpage, your school webpage, and in your MCPS student email. It includes SSL information, provides updates on county programs, shares student experiences, and highlights student and student organizational success. Check out the November edition today, November 4, 2022!



Important Dates:

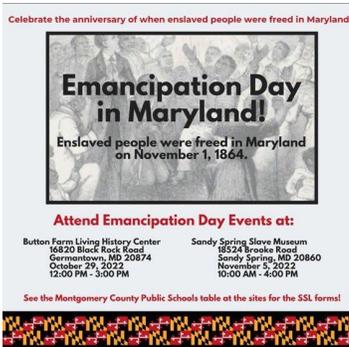
November is Remembrance and Reconciliation Month (The Following Message Was Sent to Families on October 28, 2022):

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>

(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 and Chromebooks 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.*

PTSA:

Thank you to the PTSA and parents who donated Halloween treats for staff to enjoy! They were frighteningly delicious!!!

[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**](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**](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)