

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Shoutout to NJHS, SGA and Leo's for sponsoring a canned food drive. Our students collected about 600 items and this allowed us to put some in the Wildcat Cares food pantry which supports our RHMS families, and then ship off 20 boxes to the Damascus Food Bank. Thank you Mr. Conley and Mr. Smith for leading these community outreach efforts.



Special thanks to Mr. Davis and our SON-School Outreach Network partners. Rocky Hill MS hosted the first mentor/mentee holiday celebration. RHMS and Montgomery Village MS students are being mentored by athletes from Watkins Mill HS and Clarksburg HS. Students participated in community building activities, STEM activities, learned how to tie a tie and engaged in basketball handling drills with a Harlem Globetrotter legend!



Announcements:

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

MON, DECEMBER 19

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

TUE, DECEMBER 20

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

Activity Buses

BFFF Holiday Celebration

Green Team

RecXtra Board Game Club

Cares Tutoring

Boys' & Girls' Basketball Practice

WED, DECEMBER 21

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

Activity Buses

Cares Tutoring

Boys' & Girls' Basketball Practice

THU, DECEMBER 22

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

Activity Buses

RecXtra Board Game Club

FRI, DECEMBER 23

Non-Instructional (No school for students and teachers)

Music News!



Congratulations to the following chorus and instrumental students for their accomplishments!

Samual Thawng (8th grade) and Shaunak Kumar (7th grade) qualified to be in the Maryland Junior All State Chorus which comprises roughly 100 of the top 7th, 8th and 9th grader singers in the state of Maryland. Over 1000 students auditioned.

These students auditioned and were selected for the Middle School All-County North Band and Orchestra:

Emily Pentapaty, Flute, Grade 7
Caitlyn Goodman, Clarinet, Grade 7
Teo Kuperberg, Bass Clarinet, Grade 8
Dannie Delaney, Trumpet, Grade 6
Haven Lucas, Trumpet, Grade 7
Samuel Dixon, Trombone, Grade 7
JJ Bucher, Baritone, Grade 8
Hargun Malhotra, Violin, Grade 7
Makayla Nguyen, Violin Grade 7
Aaron Zhang, Violin, Grade 7
Asul Llanos, Viola, Grade 7
Joshua Lee, Cello, Grade 8
Reina Lee, Cello, Grade 8
Matthew Colachagua, Bass, Grade 8
Harry Qin, Bass, Grade 7

They will perform in a concert the second week of February.

ART HALLWAY BEAUTIFICATION AND ZEN DEN MURALS!!!

BE A PART OF ROCKY HILL HISTORY AND HELP US BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME! ANY AMOUNT OF A DONATION WILL HELP US WITH THE PAINT PURCHASE FOR OUR ART HALLWAY MURAL, AND OUR ZEN DEN'S FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. OUR GOAL IS \$2000, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! A \$50 DONATION WILL GET YOUR FAMILY NAME ON A BRICK FOR STUDENTS TO SEE FOR YEARS TO COME! CLICK THE LINK TO VIEW THE FLYER AND LINK TO OUR WEBSITE FOR DONATIONS. ANYONE CAN DONATE! NO NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT, AS WE HAVE MADE THE PAYMENT PROCESS AVAILABLE TO "GUESTS"! PLEASE HELP US BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF BY DONATING TO OUR MURAL FUNDRAISER! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/DOCUMENT/D/1LR7Q7rCAu_vp8T_A-mKYnFMP9rEG4z_3LKavMu_h4BY/EDIT?USP=SHARING](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LR7Q7rCAu_vp8T_A-mKYnFMP9rEG4z_3LKavMu_h4BY/edit?usp=sharing)

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR SALE CONTINUES!!!

WE HAVE AWESOME ITEMS FOR SALE TO SHOW YOUR ROCKY HILL SCHOOL SPIRIT! THESE ARE THE SAME ITEMS THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO STAFF! GET YOURS TODAY! CLICK THE LINK BELOW, MAKE SURE TO CLICK "PICK UP" THEN "PICK UP FROM SCHOOL" TO GET FREE SHIPPING! SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT! ORDER CLOSES ON DECEMBER 21ST! ITEMS WILL ARRIVE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. DON'T MISS OUT! TERRI DEMOSKY-TIPPETT

[HTTPS://ROCKYHILLMIDDLE2022.ITEMORDER.COM/](https://rockyhillmiddle2022.itemorder.com/)

Cheerleading Intramurals

Cheerleading Intramurals: We will be having Cheerleading Intramurals starting after Winter Break for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders interested in learning cheers and performing at halftime during 2 of our basketball games this winter! There will be a mandatory interest meeting for students on Thursday, January 5th. Students must have an Intramural Permission slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard and be academically eligible Quarter 1 (2.0 GPA with no more than 1 E on their report card). Need a flyer or more information? Visit the [Sports Page](#) of the RHMS website for details. Got questions, or need a permission slip? See Ms. Brouillard or Ms. Hardie!

7th Grade News:

Seventh grade parents: Tis the season... to start prepping for [Finance Park](#)! If anyone is interested in chaperoning on one or all of the days (March 20-22), please let your student's World Studies teacher know. Here is an [overview of the responsibilities](#), and where to [sign up](#)! Thank you in advance for your help!

Attention 8th Grade Parents

There will be a rising 9th Grade Parent Night on January 5th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Clarksburg High School. During the meeting, parents will be able to review graduation requirements, academies, college & career pathways, AP & elective courses, the registration process, and other important dates. It is also a great opportunity to meet Clarksburg High School staff members and ask any questions you may have about the articulation process. For additional information, please call Clarksburg High School at 240-740-6000.

Vision and Hearing Screenings:

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 8, and students

referred by teachers because of possible signs of hearing or vision problems. The screeners will be at Rocky Hill Middle School 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 Cheryl Kemp, MSN, RN School Community Health Nurse Rocky Hill MS 240-740-6672 if you have questions about your child's screening.

Volunteers are needed to assist during the screenings. If a parent/guardian is available and has completed the required MCPS course please call 240-740-6672. Time slots will be available for any or part of the days. Cheryl Kemp, MSN, RN School Community Health Nurse Rocky Hill MS 240-740-6672.

Volunteers for Vision and Hearing click on the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A9AB2CA1F9C34-volunteers>



[Volunteers Needed](#)

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

www.signupgenius.com

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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) ocho, 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 serán examinados 19, 20, 21 y 22 de diciembre.

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 hágaselo 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>

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Important Dates:

December 19th - Students will participate in assessment practice for the ACCESS and MAP testing that will take place in January and February.

December 19, 2022 - Elementary School Principals Pre-Articulation Meeting, 8:00am - 8:45am RHMS Cafeteria

December 20, 2022 - Principal's SIP and Chat. Tuesday, December 20th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM via zoom. Stay tuned for the zoom link and agenda! During the meeting, I will review first marking period data and preview our SIP (School Improvement Plan).

December 23, 2022 - Non Instructional Day and beginning of winter break!

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>

The PTA WINTER SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR and Restaurant Night were hugely successful! Thank you to all PTSA volunteers, parents, students and staff for your support!

- **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>

Scenes from the book fair and restaurant night:



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)