

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Shoutout to Mr. Heinemann for creating an EPICC experience for our chorus students! They participated in a music workshop with the musical director for Hamilton! Later in the day, students got to see the show on Broadway!



Announcements:

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

MON, DECEMBER 5

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

RHMS Canned Food & Toiletries Drive

TUE, DECEMBER 6

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

Activity Buses

RHMS Canned Food & Toiletries Drive

Basketball Tryouts

BFFF Tutoring Tuesday

Green Team

RecXtra Board Game Club

Cares Tutoring

Winter Band Concert at CHS

WED, DECEMBER 7

Early Release Day for Students

7 PD Day: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5

RHMS Canned Food & Toiletries Drive

BFFF Men's & Women's Enrichment Programs

THU, DECEMBER 8

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

Activity Buses

RHMS Canned Food & Toiletries Drive

RecXtra Book Wars Club

Basketball Tryouts

RecXtra Board Game Club

Cares Tutoring

FRI, DECEMBER 9

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

RHMS Canned Food & Toiletries Drive

BUY A BRICK" ART HALLWAY MURAL FUNDRAISER!!!

WANT TO BE A PART OF ROCKY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL FOREVER? HELP US WITH OUR ART MURAL FUNDRAISER BY "BUYING A BRICK" FOR \$50 AND WE WILL PAINT YOUR NAME ON A BRICK! OR, IF YOU JUST WANT TO HELP US IN ANY WAY YOU CAN, SEND THE LINK OUT TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

ANYONE CAN PAY AS A "GUEST" ON OUR FUNDRAISER. DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT FROM \$5 TO \$50 ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL CASH ONLINE SITE. ANY AMOUNT YOU CAN DONATE WILL HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$2000 TO PURCHASE THE PAINT FOR OUR ART HALLWAY MURAL AND THE SCENERY BACKGROUNDS FOR OUR STUDENT AND STAFF "ZEN DEN'S"; WHERE OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS CAN GO FOR A SHORT MENTAL HEALTH BREAK. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING US MAKE OUR BUILDING A BEAUTIFUL PLACE FOR OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS TO WALK INTO EVERY DAY!

[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)



<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-leadership/student-blog/Student-Post-Newsletters/>

Attention 7th & 8th graders:

Basketball tryouts are here!! We will be holding tryouts on Tuesday, December 6th, Thursday, December 8th, and Tuesday, December 13th. Athletes are expected to attend ALL 3 days of tryouts to be considered for the team. All paperwork is due to Ms. Brouillard NO LATER THAN Monday, December 5th. Parents can register their athlete using their ParentVue account. Instructions on how to do so can be found on the Sports Page of the RHMS website. Athletes must have a CURRENT physical on file at Rocky Hill (signed and dated by a doctor within the last 2 years), have a parent permission slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard (or be registered through ParentVue), AND be academically eligible Quarter 1 (2.0 GPA with no more than 1 E on their report card). Need more information? Visit the Sports Page of the RHMS website for details.

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!

Important Dates:

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

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.

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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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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)

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PTA WINTER SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on December 12 - 16th, from 7:30AM-3PM in our beautiful RHMS Media Center. For students, this is one of the most anticipated events of the school year.

The PTSA is looking for volunteers to help make this an EPICC book fair. You don't need to be a member to volunteer. Volunteering your time and talents helps our students and every purchase benefits our school, so helping is twice as rewarding. (First time volunteers please visit [MCPS Volunteers.](#))

>> If you're available to lend a hand at the book fair, please register on our sign up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054BACAE29A6FA7-ptawinter>

If you have any questions please reach out to our Book Fair Chairperson, [Diana Garcia](mailto:DianaGarcia@RHMS.bookfairy@gmail.com) at RHMS.bookfairy@gmail.com.

- ***'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)