

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

This is the beginning of vertical articulation and registration for Rocky Hill MS families and students. During the next few months, we will partner with our feeder elementary schools and Clarksburg HS to ensure that students experience successful transitions to middle and high school. Shoutout to Ms. Gupta, Mr. Miller and our entire 8th grade team for their efforts in planning the Coyote Kickoff on Friday, January 6th! Rocky Hill students received a warm welcome and learned what it means to “Rep the Burg!” We are thankful for the strong partnership with Principal Owusu and our Clarksburg High School family.



Announcements:

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

MON, JANUARY 9

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

TUE, JANUARY 10

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

Activity Buses

NJHS

Basketball Girls v Neelsville

Cheerleading

Green Team

BFFF Tutoring Tuesday

RecXtra Board Game Club

EPICC STEAM Club

WED, JANUARY 11

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

Activity Buses

SGA

BFFF Men's & Women's Enrichment Programs

Boys' & Girls' Basketball Practice

RecXtra Guitar Club (Advanced)

RecXtra Memories Club

THU, JANUARY 12

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

Activity Buses

Cheerleading

RecXtra Board Game Club

Boys' & Girls' Basketball Practice

RecXtra Guitar Club (Beginner)

RecXtra Memories Club

FRI, JANUARY 13

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

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 FLIER 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!

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ROCKY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL GREEN TEAM NEWS:

WE ARE PROUD TO HOLD THE DISTINCTION OF BEING DESIGNATED A MARYLAND GREEN SCHOOL! AS THE SERT AND GREEN TEAM SPONSOR, MS. EVANS DOES A PHENOMENAL JOB INSPIRING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO BE GREEN IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. WE HAVE SOME EXCITING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE COMING MONTHS, INCLUDING "WASTE FREE LUNCHES" AS WELL AS A NEW "SHARE TABLE AND MINI FRIDGE". WASTE FREE LUNCHES WILL INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO THE VALUE OF COMPOSTING. STUDENTS CAN PLACE PERISHABLE AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO SHARE WITH OTHER

STUDENTS IN THE CAFETERIA BY USING THE SHARE TABLE AND MINI FRIDGE. **WITH THE ADDITION OF THE MINI REFRIGERATOR, STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO AN AFTER SCHOOL SNACK IF THEY ARE STAYING FOR ACTIVITIES.**

POPCORN FUNDRAISER:

THIS YEAR, ROCKY HILL MS IS HAPPY TO BE PARTICIPATING IN A FUNDRAISER SELLING POPCORN THROUGH OUR SCIENCE CLASSES. WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR OUR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT. THE FUNDRAISER WILL START JANUARY 9TH AND END ON JANUARY 23RD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL Ms. EVANS.

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](#)!

Vision and Hearing screenings News:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Vision and Hearing screenings were held at your child's school on December 19, 20, 21 and 22.

All children enrolled in Grade 8 were screened for hearing and vision problems if they were in school on the screening day(s).

If your child did not pass the screening, you will have already received a referral letter, via US mail, with the notice of your child's not passing and specific results of your child's hearing and/or vision screening, as well as what to do with this information.

If you did not receive this referral form in the US Mail and your child was present on the screening day, then your child passed 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.

Estimados Padres/Guardianes,

Completamos las evaluaciones de vista y audición en la escuela de su hijo(a) en las siguientes fechas 19, 20, 21 y 22 de diciembre.

Todos los estudiantes que asistieron a la escuela esos días y que están inscritos en el grado 8 fueron evaluados.

Si su hijo(a) no paso la evaluación, usted debe de haber recibido un formulario por medio del correo postal haciéndole saber que su hijo(a) no pasó y los resultados específicos de vista y audición de su hijo(a), como también que hacer con esa información.

Si usted no recibió el formulario con la referencia por medio del correo postal y su hijo(a) estuvo presente en la escuela el día del chequeo, su hijo(a) pasó la evaluación.

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.

Important Dates:

January 10, 2023- SIP and Chat with Principal Johnson. I look forward to you joining this webinar from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. I will be sharing semester one updates and information about our School Improvement Planning (SIP). Webinar invite:

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/82752101449?pwd=K0JFa0xHcXVBRVcrYTNkVlprNkZWQT09>

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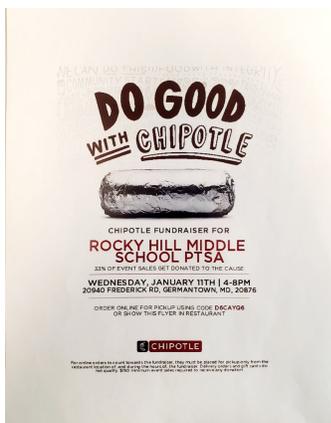
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January 11, 2023 - Do Good with Chipotle Fundraiser for Rocky Hill Middle School PTSA! 33% of Event sales get donated to the cause! Come out and eat some delicious food while supporting the PTSA on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 4-8pm at the Chipotle located at 20940 Frederick Road, Germantown, MD 20876



January 17, 2023 - Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm at Rocky Hill Middle School.

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.*

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)