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ROSA M. PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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August 1, 2012



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

If you grew up in Olney, you can remember when the land where our school now sits was nothing but an empty field. It's remarkable how time flies. This year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Rosa Parks Middle School! Students will be engaged in a variety of activities throughout the year in honor of the two decades of achievements that have made Rosa Parks a school of excellence. The anticipation of our year-long celebration increases our excitement about welcoming students back to school on **Monday, August 27, 2012!**

We have hired a number of new staff members this summer. In addition, we have reflected on how we can structure our work as collaborative teams in ways that support increased student achievement. Rosa Parks is continuing to focus on **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)**, presenting information to students in a variety of ways and encouraging students to use multiple means to show what they know. Our building services staff has worked tirelessly to ensure that our school looks just as new as it did 20 years ago, creating the most welcoming environment possible.

I am excited to kick off the school year by greeting RPMS students and their families at a **community reception** sponsored by the PTA on **Wednesday, August 22, 2012, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** A variety of staff members will be present to answer questions for our new families. Our student ambassadors will also be available to give tours of the building, and our new PTA President, Cindy Keating, will be on hand to greet you.

The support of our community lays the foundation for the high level of academic achievement at our school. In the past, the state has measured the academic growth of every school based upon the school making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). As a result of a federal waiver given to the state, school progress is no longer reported as AYP, but each school is accountable for showing progress in three different ways. I am pleased to let you know that based upon one aspect of the new accountability system that measures overall student achievement in reading and math, Rosa Parks has met **School Progress**. We are awaiting the results of the other two measures—the progress each student has made since the previous year and the extent to which RPMS has closed the achievement gap between our highest and lowest performing students. For more on our achievement, see <http://www.mdreportcard.org/Entity.aspx?k=150155>

Recruiting and retaining dedicated, high-performing staff members is essential to improving teaching and learning. We are very fortunate to have hired a number of new staff members at Rosa Parks. They are:

Mr. Richard La Rocca, Principal Intern
Mrs. Sara Watts, Resource Counselor
Mrs. Krystal White-Prillman, Administrative Secretary
Mrs. Pam Money, School Financial Specialist
Mr. David Levin, Instrumental Music
Ms. Leah S. De Jesus, Food Services

Ms. Theodora Barkers, Computer Science
Ms. Ramrattie Goolsarran, FACS
Ms. Alice Calloway, Attendance Secretary
Ms. Sue Crawford, Speech Pathologist
Ms. Jackie Miller, Pupil Personnel Worker

In addition, we are very pleased to welcome veteran RPMS staff members to their new roles:

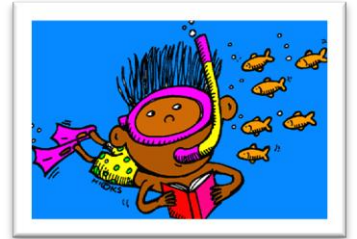
Ms. Dana Shelton—Mathematics Resource Teacher

Mr. Chris Swank—8th Grade Team Leader (8A)

Mrs. Cathy Fordham—Counseling Secretary

Another essential aspect of student success is students' own willingness to complete assigned work and to put in the time and effort necessary to take advantage of the learning opportunities they are provided. Over the summer all students were provided with math and reading packets to complete to keep their skills sharp over the extended break from school.

Required Summer Reading: All incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students received a copy of the summer reading assignment in June or upon enrollment. The assignment is accessible via the school website. Students must read **two books**, complete a graphic organizer for each, and bring the completed assignments to school the first day of school in order to receive credit. **6th grade students** may choose book titles or authors from the lists provided, or, with parent approval, they may select other book titles that interest them. **All 7th and 8th grade students** are required to read **one teacher-selected book** and **a second book of their choice**.



7th Grade Teacher-Selected Book

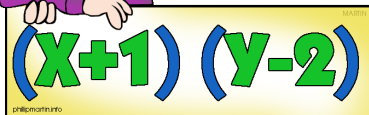
The Outsiders (if enrolled in English 7)

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy
(if enrolled in Advanced English 7)

8th Grade Teacher-Selected Book

Canyons (if enrolled in English 8)

The Hobbit (if enrolled in Advanced English 8)



Summer Math Review Packet: All incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students were given a summer math packet in June or when they were enrolled. This assignment is accessible from the Rosa Parks MS website. The answer keys are also available on our website. All students received a booklet for the course into which they have been placed for the Fall. Rosa Parks' students are expected to complete the booklet they are given over the summer and bring it in to their math teacher by Friday, August 31st for full credit. Students must

show all work in the space provided in the book or on a separate paper to receive full credit.

Teachers will be available to assist students with their math packets on two evenings this summer. The dates for the **summer math packet assistance** are **Wednesday, August 8th** and **Wednesday, August 15th** from **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Please call **301-924-3180** to reserve a space if your child will be attending.

Emergency Info: Beyond turning in summer work on the first days of school, students will bring home a number of important documents for you to complete so that the school can have all required information in case of an emergency and so that you and our students are aware of important school procedures. Please return these items by September 1st. *Lockers will not be assigned until emergency forms and handbooks are signed and returned.*

- Yellow Sheets with Pre-Printed Emergency Information: Students will receive these on the first day of school. Please review this information for accuracy, correct all errors, and sign and return. If there are no updates, please sign and return, indicating that all information is correct.
- Computer Handbook: Students will receive a handbook with strict rules for appropriate computer use at school. This handbook must be signed and kept in your child's binder.



- Authorization for Release of Student Form: In case of an emergency similar to the events of 9-11, we must have the names of adults who you authorize to pick up your child from school. We will be unable to release your child to another adult (including neighbors or relatives) without your *pre-approval*. This form is a part of this packet and available on our school website.

Edline Info: In middle school students and their parents are able to see all grades that teachers have recorded using Edline. The Board of Education will be sending a letter home approximately 2 weeks into the school year to our 6th grade parents and any new student coming into Rosa Parks. This letter will explain step by step how to activate your student's Edline account. **We encourage parents to register for their own accounts** and become an active partner in their child's education. Activating your own account is important...if we send an email through Edline to parents, and parents just look at their children's accounts, they won't receive our message.

If your child rides a school bus, please write the 4-digit bus route number on the inside of his or her notebook. This important information will be helpful in case your child forgets his or her bus number at the end of the school day.

The staff members of Rosa Parks Middle School are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. We work hard to provide excellence in opportunities for every student at Rosa Parks. If you have questions, do not hesitate to visit our website or call. I hope you have a relaxing, rejuvenating end to the summer.

Sincerely,



Donna Redmond Jones, Ph.D.
Principal

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Attachments

Communicating with the School	SNAP Form
General Information	Drop Off Procedures
Suggested Supply List	Bus Schedule
Student Agenda Book & Activity Fee Form	PTA Information
MCPS Directory Withholding Form	Authorization for Release of Student

Communicating with the School

Calling the right person to handle a question or concern will enable the issue to be resolved in the most efficient way.

Counselors (301-924-3190)

Grade 6	Mr. Yomon Mingia
Grade 7	Ms. Denise Talley
Grade 8	Mrs. Michelle Ewers – Team 8A Mrs. Sara Watts, Resource Counselor – Team 8B



Overall academic progress of child
Concern about social/personal adjustment
Schedule conflicts or changes
Information you would like shared with teachers about your child
Family or personal problems affecting your child's overall adjustment
Information about counseling groups and outside referrals

Counseling Services Secretary (301-924-3190) - Mrs. Fordham

Request for homework for long-term absence (3 day minimum)
Withdrawal from school
New registration
Request for transcripts
Request for team conference through counselor



Nurse (301-924-3266) - Ms. Ralli

Health Technician (301-924-3266) - Mrs. Williams
Health concerns/Immunization questions

Attendance Secretary (301-924-3180) - Ms. Alice Calloway

To inform school of absence of child
Notes for being absent
Notes for early dismissal
All attendance questions

Financial Assistant (301-924-3179) - Mrs. Pam Money

Any questions regarding financial matters – lost books, yearbooks, field trips, financial obligations, etc.

Classroom Teachers (301-924-3180) - Please be sure that the classroom teacher is the *first* person you call regarding these items:

Questions regarding child's performance in class or your child's grades
Concern with child's progress in class or any concern regarding student assignments

Team Leaders/Interdisciplinary Resource Teachers (301-924-3180)

Grade 6A Team Leader--Ms. St. John
Grade 6B Team Leader /Science Resource Teacher--Ms. Rakowiecki
Grade 7A Team Leader--Mrs. Link
Grade 7B Team Leader--Ms. Davis
Grade 8A Team Leader--Mr. Swank
Grade 8B Team Leader/Social Studies Resource Teacher – Mrs. Sturm
English Resource Teacher--Mrs. Kelly
Math Resource Teacher--Ms. Shelton
Physical Education Resource/Arts Team Leader – Mr. Foster
Special Education Resource/IEP Coordinator – Mrs. L. Taylor
World Languages Department Chair – Mrs. Van Duzer

If you have any of the following concerns, please call your grade-level team leader:

- Any question regarding curriculum
- Overall performance of child in subject area
- Unresolved concern with individual teacher
- Overall performance of child on team

Gifted/Talented Coordinators (301-924-3180) -Ms. Dana Shelton and Mr. Jason Volz

- Placement in honors classes
- Information about special programs (G/T, LD, summer and enrichment programs at Montgomery College, John Hopkins programs)
- Academic support for G/T students

PTA Website: – Access all PTA information and forms – come visit: www.rpmspta.org

President:	Cindy Keating.....	cjkeating1@verizon.net	301-570-3605
6th Grade VP:	Ginger Twombly	vctwombly@verizon.net	301-570-0394
7th Grade VP:	Kellie Blake	kelliemblake@gmail.com	301-570-7831
	Amy Katzman.....	amykatzman@verizon.net	301-774-9624
8th Grade VP:	Tammy King	tammy3360@comcast.net	301-570-5464

Parent Volunteer Coordinator: Stephanie Sebeck, sebeck@comcast.net, 301-924-0313

Administration (301-924-3180)

- Dr. Donna Redmond Jones, Principal
- Mr. Richard La Rocca, Principal Intern
- Mr. Shawn Krasa, Assistant Principal

If there is still a concern after you have spoken with a teacher/counselor/secretary, please call the appropriate administrator:

- Grade 7 and Team 6A- Mr. Krasa
- Grade 8 and Team 6B- Mr. La Rocca

RETURN PHONE CALLS & E-MAIL

Counselors and administrators will return all phone calls within **24 hours**. All teachers will respond to all phone calls and e-mails within **48 hours**. If you have an emergency please call the counselor who will get back to you as soon as possible the same day.

Parents can help the school by reviewing homework each night, reading with your child, and ensuring completed homework is in your child's binder and backpack prior to his or her departure for school.





GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Back-to-School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 13, 2012**, at 6:45 p.m. Please mark your calendar!

OPENING DAY

The first day of school for all students will be **Monday, August 27, 2012**. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who attended orientation, along with returning students, will report directly to their homeroom on Monday, August 27. Homeroom assignments will be posted by grade in alphabetical order by last name in the main hallways for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. After finding their names, all students will report directly to their homeroom classes.

Sixth grade students and new seventh and eighth grade students who did not attend the August 23rd orientation will report directly to the cafeteria.

SCHOOL DAY - 7:55 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Students may enter the building at 7:30 a.m. and report directly to the Pinkney-Murkey Media Center, gym or cafeteria daily. If your child walks to school, we request your cooperation in making sure that he/she arrives no earlier than 7:30 a.m. Students will be **UNSUPERVISED** if they arrive prior to that time. Students who are not riding the bus in the afternoon must leave school grounds by 2:55 p.m. daily, unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member.

GRADE 6 ORIENTATION

Orientation for incoming 6th grade students will be held on **Thursday, August 23rd** from 7:55 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Buses will run on a normal a.m. schedule (see enclosed bus schedules). Upon arrival at Rosa Parks, students will report to the cafeteria to receive their schedules. Then, they will follow their schedule and meet their teachers. Students will be dismissed from the cafeteria at 11:40 a.m. to walk home, ride the bus, or meet their parents.

GRADE 7 and GRADE 8 ORIENTATION (Only students new to Rosa Parks)

Orientation for students new to Rosa Parks is also on Thursday, August 23, from 7:55 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Students will report to the Pinkney-Murkey Media Center where they will receive further instructions.

Attention Parents of Sixth Grade Students:

The Sixth Grade Dance is Tuesday, September 18th, from 2:45-4:00 pm. The cost is \$3.00 and all sixth graders are encouraged to attend. Proceeds will be used to benefit sixth grade students.

Sixth graders will be attending Outdoor Education this year. The dates for our two teams are: May 15-17 for Team 6A/Terrapins (St. John), and May 13-15 for Team 6B/Blue Crabs (Rakowiecki). Your child will only be allowed to attend Outdoor Education during the designated times for his/her team, so please plan accordingly. The cost for Outdoor Education will be approximately \$80.00. Permission slips and required forms will be sent home the month of April. A general Outdoor Ed parent meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17th, at 7 pm in the cafeteria. Please mark this on your calendars now. We encourage all sixth grade parents to attend this meeting. We will need parents to accompany and help chaperone the teams for the 3 days each team attends Outdoor Education. If you are able to join us for your child's Outdoor Ed session at Skycroft, in Middletown, MD, please contact Jason Volz (Outdoor Education Coordinator) by email or note by March 15th. Parents who are chosen as chaperones will have a chaperone meeting in the Media Center Wednesday, May 1st at 7 pm. This meeting will be for the Outdoor Ed chaperones only.

For any team/student concerns or questions, please email Mrs. Kimberly St. John (Team A/Terrapins) or Ms. Amy Rakowiecki (Team B/Blue Crabs).

All of the sixth grade teachers are looking forward to working with your sixth graders this year.

Attendance

A student is counted present for a full day if a student is in attendance four hours or more of the school day. A student is counted present for half day if in attendance for at least two hours of the school day, but fewer than four hours.

- Students will be recorded as *a.m. absent*, if they arrive at school more than two hours late.
- Students will be recorded as *p.m. absent*, if they leave school more than two hours early.
- Students will be recorded as either *a.m. absent* or *p.m. absent* if they are absent from school for more than two hours, but fewer than four hours during the school day.
- Students will be recorded as *full-day absent*, if they are present for fewer than two hours of the school day.
- Students will be recorded as *full-day present*, if they are present for more than four hours of the school day.



Health Room News

The Health Room is run by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), School Health Services (SHS) in partnership with MCPS. We provide services to assure the health, safety, and well-being of students at Rosa Parks Middle School.

School Health Services include assessment of health needs of students, sick and emergency care and first aid, monitoring immunization compliance, administering medications and treatments to students who have physicians' orders, maintaining student health records, providing crisis intervention, health counseling, health education-promotion, and nurse case-management and referrals. Please contact the Health Room whenever there is a change in your child's health condition or questions regarding medications and/or treatment administration. You may also visit our health room link on the Rosa Parks Webpage for updated information throughout the school year, DHHS staff and credentials, and hours of operation.

We look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Physical Education

The following information has been prepared to give you a head start on what is needed for physical education classes:

Students are encouraged to cool down and freshen-up with a clean towel we provide each PE class.

Students are required to change for PE and have the option of purchasing the RPMS uniform. Reasons for purchasing the uniforms include:

- To reduce the competition between students when selecting sportswear for PE class.
- To distinguish between the students' school clothes and their physical education attire (since it is often difficult to make the distinction).
- To provide high quality, long-lasting attire that is very comfortable and that allows students to move freely for class activities.

During cooler weather, students will need warm clothing. Students may bring their own sweat suits, however, we recommend the sweatshirt and sweatpants be gray or black in color. Please note, no payments will be accepted for purchase of PE items until the first week of school. In addition, since our initial supplies are limited, we can only distribute one item per category (shirt, shorts, and/or gym bag), a total of three items per student.



Medical Examinations for Athletic Tryouts

Students who are trying out for softball and cross country in the Fall *must* have a recent medical examination on file with the school nurse. Medical examinations are good for two years for middle school students and must remain valid through the end of the season. Medical examinations **WILL BE REQUIRED** for softball, basketball, and soccer.

SPECIAL DIET MODIFICATION FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, a student may be entitled to receive menu substitutions or texture modifications under the school lunch program. This entitlement occurs when a doctor determines the student has an impairment, which substantially limits one or more major life activity. A signed statement from the student's doctor must verify the existence of the student's handicapping condition and an indication that the handicap restricts the student's diet. If the handicap prevents the student from eating the regular school meals, the school will provide meal substitutions at no extra charge.



FREE OR REDUCED MEALS

Students who were eligible for free and reduced meals during the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals until at least September 28, 2012. This provides benefits to eligible students while the applications are being processed for this school year. The applications will be distributed the first week of school. Please return the application as soon as possible to allow time for processing the paperwork. **STUDENTS MAY NOT RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS WITHOUT AN APPROVED APPLICATION ON FILE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012.**

LOCKERS/BACKPACKS

Each student will be issued a locker to keep his/her supplies in during the school day. Due to the space limitation in each locker, it is extremely important that you assist your child in purchasing a **regular size backpack**. **DO NOT purchase large, bulky or rigid backpacks, or backpacks with wheels.** Textbooks and coats will not fit in the lockers if oversized backpacks are stored there.



MEDIA CENTER—New for 2012-13

The Media Center will be relying on a new, online system for cataloging the library's holdings. The new system, called *Destiny Library Manager*, includes powerful tools to conduct research of print and digital resources. Throughout the school year, our Media Specialist, Mr. Tim Dixon, and our Media Assistant, Ms. Ann Brandorff, will guide students in using this next-generation searching tool for today's digital natives. The school community will have access to Destiny from any place that they can access the internet.

STUDENT SUPPLIES

Students are expected to establish and maintain good organizational skills at Rosa Parks. In order to help the middle school students become more organized, we suggest that they purchase the appropriate supplies listed for each grade level on the suggested supply list page in this packet and listed on our website (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rosaparksms). Most students find it important to have a three-ring binder that is **strong** and **durable**. Pencil cases and rulers that can be attached to the rings are also needed. These materials, along with paper, pen and pencil, should be brought to school every day. After school starts supplies may be purchased in the school store. Please assist us in this effort by guiding your child in the procuring and maintaining of his/her notebook for the upcoming school year. All students can purchase a **student agenda book**. This planner is designed to allow students to record all assignments for every class for the entire school year. The student handbook is also included in the agenda book. Financial assistance will be available to qualified students who bring a written note to their Team Leader or Assistant Principal.

TRANSPORTATION



We have included in this mailing a bus schedule for the 2012-13 school year. The same schedule will be used for the special orientation day on Thursday, August 23 with the exception that buses will depart Rosa Parks at 11:40 a.m. On regular school days, buses will depart at 2:47 p.m. If you wish to transport your child to school, it is essential to the welfare of our students that you adhere to the policy prohibiting cars from standing in the bus lane during loading hours - 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SAFETY

Safety is a huge concern for us during the morning and afternoon rush. Please adhere to these guidelines to reduce the possibility of car and pedestrian accidents.

1. Parents who wish to drive students to school **must** enter the school opposite Willow Grove Road. Here you will find visitor parking and a "Drop Off" loop which is ONE WAY for our students' protection. Please pull all the way around the loop and be sure that your children are ready to get out of the car quickly so that traffic does not back up. If you stop by the flag pole when there is space to pull forward, a major traffic jam occurs on Olney Mill Rd. This is a particular problem when there is inclement weather.
2. Please do not enter the bus loop in the morning or afternoon hours, and do not allow your children to get in or out of the car on the very busy Olney Mill Rd.
3. Please encourage students to use the sidewalks on school property. These walkways have been laid out with safety in mind. Their use will keep our students safe and sound.
4. Students **must** respect their community by exhibiting appropriate behavior when walking to and from school. Under no circumstances should students play in the street, enter the yards of community members or leave trash along the route to and from home. Any incidents of vandalism of residents' yards will be referred directly to the police.
5. Bicycle racks are provided for students who ride their bikes to school. Students **must** wear helmets, and bikes **must** be walked across the street and on school property.



2012-13 STUDENT AGENDA BOOK & ACTIVITY FEE FORM

Explanation of Student Fees

As a whole-school initiative Rosa Parks has ordered **student agenda books** that are available for purchase. The agenda books are not graded or used as hall passes, but they are used by teachers to help your child track his or her assignments and to let you know when assignments are due. While this is a voluntary purchase, we **strongly** believe a student planner is a valuable organizational tool to help you and your child monitor the completion of assigned tasks. If you do not want your child to purchase the school's agenda book, please provide a tool your child can use for the same purpose.

Rosa Parks Middle School provides **incentives** for all students throughout the year to exhibit positive behavior / good character. We also give incentives to encourage students to develop strong academic habits and skills that will benefit them in their classes and on the Maryland School Assessment. The activity fee supports the purchase of student incentives.

In addition to the student agenda book and activity fees, some students will be assessed fees for take-home or consumable items in their elective classes such as FACS (Family and Consumer Sciences), computer applications, art and photography.

Please return this form with your payment so that we can maintain accurate records.

Student Name _____ **TAP Teacher** _____ **Grade** _____
(To be filled in by student on the first day of school)

If you are purchasing a PE uniform, please **do not** combine your fees. PE uniform fees are collected separately by PE teachers.

Student Agenda Book \$8.00
Activity Fee \$3.00

Date _____ **Check #** _____ **Total** _____

Please make checks payable to Rosa Parks Middle School.

Note: A \$10.00 fee will be charged for each check returned to Rosa Parks Middle School. This fee is subject to change.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

Authorization for Release of Student 2012-2013

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Name of School: Rosa Parks Middle School Grade: _____
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

I certify that I am the custodial parent/legal guardian of the above named student, and I grant permission for my child to be released to any of the following individuals. *(Each section must be complete.)*

My child may be released to the following individuals. (Additional names may be included on a separate piece of paper. If additional names are attached, parent/guardian must initial here: _____.)

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Work Phone: _____

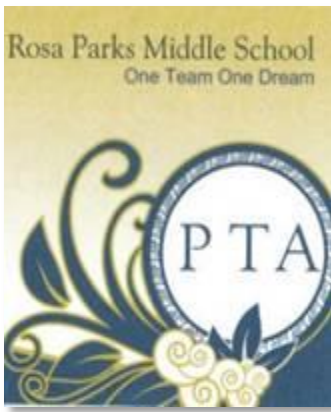
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child's after school daycare provider: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that my child will not be released to anyone other than those listed on this form. [If this form is not completed and returned to my child's assigned school, MCPS staff may refer to the Yellow Emergency Information Form, 565-1.] If changes occur during the school year, I will contact the school to update this form.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



To: Rosa Parks Students, Parents and Staff,

Welcome to all our new students, parents and staff. I also want to welcome back our returning students, parents and staff. I hope you had a relaxing summer and are ready to start another school year. The PTA has several new Executive Board members this year. The Executive Board met over the summer to formulate our goals and we are excited to begin the school year. A few of our goals are to improve communications within the PTA, have guest speakers at our meetings and have a larger PTA

Membership this year.

We want to thank our parents who currently Chair a committee for the PTA. Without these folks, the PTA would not be able to achieve many of its goals. As we begin this school year, we have several PTA Chair positions available. The following positions are open: Delegate, Book Fair, Website, Spirit Wear and Career Day. Some of these positions are for one-time events like the Book Fair and Career Day. Others involve a longer commitment.

Our parents are talented, creative and always working in the best interest of the students. Your support of our students and staff through volunteering can make a huge impact and enrich our school community. If you are interested in any of these available positions and would like to help us out, please contact me.

We are once again planning a Direct Appeal campaign this year. We are asking for a tax deductible \$20 contribution so we can fulfill our goals. On top of the many programs your contribution will support, some of the items on our wish list are hallway cameras, a Promethean Board, ActivExpressions technology for the classrooms and a storage system for the lost and found bin.

Finally, I hope that you join the PTA this year. PTA membership includes voting rights and a school directory. For forms and information, please visit the website (www.rpmspta.org). Also, join the Yahoo Group to stay informed. Do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 570-3605 or cikeating1@verizon.net if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Cindy Keating
PTA President



RPMS PTA 2012 DIRECT APPEAL



What is the Direct Appeal Campaign?

The direct appeal campaign replaces several different fundraisers with a one-time family contribution. Contributions are completely optional; however, we are asking that each family contribute a tax deductible amount of \$20.00 if they have the ability. This means that families are not asked to sell wrapping paper, candy, pizza's etc. Money collected from the direct appeal goes directly into programs that support RPMS and RPMS students. You've probably spent more than that just buying items from kids fund raisers. ☺

What On-going Programs Does Your Contribution Support?

Money raised in the direct appeal is used to operate various programs that are the responsibility of the RPMS PTA. Your support will ensure that RPMS continues to provide the following activities during the 2012-2013 school year:

- Student Awards and Incentives
- Funding for the Homework Club
- Earth Day & Cultural Arts Programs
- School Beautification Program
- Support for the Sherwood Scholarship Fund
- Media Center Support
- Staff Appreciation and Team Support
- Student Assistance Programs

What else is the Money Used for?

In addition to the important programs listed above, the RPMS PTA uses money collected from the direct appeal fund raiser to support specific needs identified by the RPMS staff. During the 2010-2011 school year MCPS provided stationary security cameras for the RPMS hallways, however, budget constraints left two hallways without cameras. Funds from last year's direct appeal and PTA membership were inadequate to purchase the additional cameras.

With funds collected this year, we hope to install the remaining two cameras for the hallways not currently covered. There is also a need to purchase a Promethean Board for a classroom undergoing renovation. We would also like to purchase ActivExpressions. ActivExpressions is a technology that can provide students with another choice about how to respond within an interactive classroom, and teachers can get a quick assessment of where students are in their understanding. Lastly, we hope to purchase and install a storage system for the lost and found bin.

How Can I Contribute toward the PTA?

Contributions can be made along with the regular appeal using PayPal online via www.RPMSPTA.org, or via mail using the **PTA Membership, Donations and Directory Information Form.** *Thank you for your donation!*

Rosa Park Middle School PTA

2012-2013 Membership and Directory Information



RPMS PTA Membership:

The PTA offers three levels of Membership. Membership dues and donations allow the PTA to support various programs within the Rosa Parks Community. Each membership entitles the family to an RPMS directory, a vote on issues raised during PTA meetings, and a membership card which will provide information to access resources provided by the National PTA. PTA meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the media center.

In **2011-2012**, the RPMS PTA contributed to:

- Beautification & Landscaping
- Teacher Appreciation
- Themed School Dances
- Educational Materials
- 8th Grade Hershey Park trip
- Student Directories

Membership/Directory Information:

Please provide information for our membership records and for the student directory by verifying or entering the information online at www.RPMSPTA.org. You can opt to have your information omitted from the directory or indicate multiple households. If you need assistance with this please stop by the Membership/Directory Table at back to school night on September 13th. Directory Information needs to be received and entered online by October 5th in order to be published in this year's directory.

Advertise in the Student Directory:

To help defer costs of printing, the RPMS PTA is now offering an option for families to purchase an ad to be printed in the current year's directory. The ad must be provided in digital format at the correct size, or in ready-to-scan format (such as a business card). Please contact Amy Seganish @ amyseganish@verizon.net for details.

Payment Options:

We recommend that you pay all fees using PayPal, via www.RPMSPTA.org. It's easy to use, secure, and a PayPal account is easy to setup via www.paypal.com - if you don't already have one. You can also pay online using a credit or debit card. You'll receive an email confirmation of your payment and save countless volunteer hours. If you choose to mail your payment, please use the form below; make checks payable to RPMSPTA and mail to:

RPMSPTA
19200 Olney Mill Road
Olney MD 20832

Name _____ **Student's Name/Grade** _____

Contact Phone/Email _____

Membership Selection:

Adult Double \$32.00 _____
 Adult Single \$26.00 _____
 Staff \$5.00 _____

Advertising Rates: (Please attach your ready to scan format or email your digital format to mdfeinroth@yahoo.com)

Business Card: \$25 _____
 Half Page: (4" h x 7" w) \$50 _____
 Full Page: (10" h x 7" w) \$100 _____

Direct Appeal:

Recommended \$20.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

PTA Membership, Donations and Directory Information

You can do all of this online! Save a stamp, save a check, save time:

Go online to www.RPMSPTA.org

Membership

Membership dues and donations allow the PTA to support various programs within the Rosa Parks Community. In 2011-2012, the PTA contributed to:

- Beautification & Landscaping
- Teacher Appreciation
- Educational Materials
- 8th Grade Hershey Park trip
- Themed School Dances

Each single or double membership entitles your family to one directory. A single membership has one vote and a double membership has two.

Advertise in the Student Directory

Ads must be provided in digital format at the correct size, or in ready-to-scan format (such as a business card).

Business Card

Half Page: (4" h x 7" w)

Full Page: (10" h x 7" w)

Directory Information

Please provide information for our membership records and for the student directory by entering the information online at www.RPMSPTA.org (click on "Directory Info") ***Please note, if you do not enter your family info (email, cell, etc.) through the website, only your child's name, address and phone number will be included.***

Direct Appeal & Fundraising

Our Direct Appeal Campaign and fundraising activities enable us to raise the funds we need to operate the various programs and responsibilities of your PTA. Some of the programs your contributions make available are:

- Student Awards and Incentives
- Funding for the Homework Club
- Earth Day & Cultural Arts Programs
- Support for the Sherwood Scholarship Fund
- Media Center Support
- Staff Appreciation and Team Support
- Student Assistance Programs
- Hall Cameras

Some families prefer to participate in PTA Fundraisers, some prefer one time contribution through direct appeal and some like to participate in both. Whatever your preference is, we appreciate your help.

Deadlines

Directory information must be entered online by **October 1st** to be published in this year's directory. Membership payment must be received by **October 7th** to receive a directory in the first distribution (late October/early November). A second distribution for payment received after the deadline will take place later in the year.

Name: _____

Student Name/Grade: _____

Contact Phone/Email: _____

Membership Selection:

- Adult Double\$32.00 _____
- Adult Single.....\$26.00 _____
- Extra Directory (limit 1)\$ 5.00 _____
- Direct Appeal Contribution: _____

Please make checks payable to RPMSPTA

Mail to: RPMSPTA
19200 Olney Mill Road
Olney MD 20832

Advertising Rates:*

- Business Card:\$25 _____
- Half Page: (4" h x 7" w).....\$50 _____
- Full Page: (10" h x 7" w).....\$250 _____

***Please attach your ready to scan format or email your digital format to amyseganish@verizon.net**

Total Enclosed _____