

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of October 29, 2018

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Rocky Hill Middle School.

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Our weekly Sunday evening email has two sections:

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1. **ROCKY HILL** Information and Calendar

Main Office Hours

The main office hours are 7:45 am until 3:45 pm. Reminder: The main office for our school closes at 3:45 pm each day. The phones are not answered after this time and all messages left will be picked up the following morning at 7:45 am.

Monday, Oct. 29– Periods HR34567

No after-school activities

Tuesday, Oct. 30 – Periods 12345

Archery Tournament, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Leck-Main Gym) John_P_Leck@mcpsmd.org

Cross Country Team end of season celebration, 3:00-4:25 pm (Coach-Mr. Stevenson)

Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org

Drama – Little Mermaid Jr., 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Heinemann-Rm. 105)

Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org

RecXtra Book Wars, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Gramatges-Media Center) Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org

Softball Teams end of season celebration, 3:00-4:25 pm (Boys Coach-Mr. Delescavage; Girls Coach-Mr. Lucas) Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org

Tennis Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Tennis Courts)

Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org

Wednesday, Oct. 31 – Periods 67123–No costumes. RHMS does not celebrate Halloween at school

Jazz Band, 7:00-8:00 am (Ms. Schiller-Rm 103) Heidi_L_Schiller@mcpsmd.org

No Cross Country Practice

Archery Tournament, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Leck-Main Gym) John_P_Leck@mcpsmd.org

Chess Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164) charris@letusteachyou.org

No Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal (Mr. Heinemann-Rm. 105)

Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org

RecXtra Board Games, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Duarte-Rm. 364) [Nelia R Duarte@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nelia_R_Duarte@mcpsmd.org)
NO Softball Practice

Tennis Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Tennis Courts)
[Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

Thursday, Nov. 1 – Periods 45671

NO Archery Intramural

Cross Country Meet v. Baker MS (Coach-Mr. Stevenson) [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org)
Drama-Little Mermaid Jr., 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Heinemann-Rm. 105)
[Paul W Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Science Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Evans-Rm 260) [Tara J Evans@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tara_J_Evans@mcpsmd.org)
Softball v. Baker MS (Boys-Home/Girls-Away) Boys - [Gerald E DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org);
0Girls - [Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org)

STEM Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm 150) charris@letusteachyou.org
Tennis Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Tennis Courts)
[Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

Friday, Nov. 2– Periods 23456

****Science Club Field Trip to Phillip Merrill Environmental Center in Annapolis, MD, 8:30 am-2:30 pm**
See details below.

*****Wildcat Day-Due to the weather forecast predicting rain last Friday, the Wildcat Day was postponed until today, from 2:00-2:50 PM. See details below.**
No after-school activities

After School Activity and Bus Information

After-school activities are scheduled Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-4:25 pm. Students hear about activities during morning announcements. Activity buses are provided each day and leave school at 4:25 pm. Please take this opportunity to discuss which route your child should take to get home and have them write it in their agenda book—Bus 1, Bus 2, or Bus 3. (See link below). **These stops are sometimes different from the regular bus stop. Below is the link to the most updated Activity Bus Stop list:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18f7sTqouWETd4ZcyjEEseBuEZNmACpGh/view?usp=sharing>

Additionally, for students who walk home, please review the route they should take. All students who are car riders need to be picked up NO LATER than 4:25pm.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS

****Science Club Field Trip-Friday, Nov. 2**

The science Club will be visiting Phillip Merrill Environmental Center in Annapolis Friday. Students will be leaving at 8:30 and returning approximately at 2:30. Students will be outside all day so dress in layers and according to the weather. Bag lunches are required, preferably waste free lunches, as there are no trash receptacles. Questions? Please contact Tara Evans:

[Tara J Evans@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tara_J_Evans@mcpsmd.org)

*****Wildcat Day**

All grades levels will be celebrating Wildcat Day on Nov. 2 from 2:00-2:50 pm. Wildcat Day is a celebration of our successful start to the new school year. As we recognize what an adolescent learner needs, we realize they need time to unwind, take a break, celebrate successes, and enjoy each other's company in a structured and supervised setting. Students will be able to choose from a variety of activities such as media center time, basketball, soccer, football, kickball, listening to music, participating in arts & crafts, and enjoying a Popsicle donated by our PTA. We know our Wildcats will show PRIDE while enjoying this special event.

Annual Veteran's Day Thank You!

Attention all retired, or serving, military parents/guardians and community members! On Monday, November 12, the PE and Health Department will be holding their annual "Thank You to Veteran's" celebration! It begins at 8:15 am with a continental breakfast (there will be plenty to eat so bring your appetite!). At 9:00 am we will head outside for our flag raising ceremony, musical arrangements and short thank-you speeches. After, if you would like to stay and speak with our students about your experiences or what it's like to serve, we would love and appreciate you for it! But, it's not required! We will have plenty to eat all morning, so if you cannot make it that early, come by and grab a donut, some coffee or tea, and a thank you from us! We wrap up at 11:00 am, so please make sure to come by before then! We are absolutely honored to take this opportunity to thank you so please stop by that morning if you are able. If you are able to make it for breakfast, please RSVP to [Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa.A.Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org) , or 301-353-8282 ex. 1090, so we know how many donuts to buy and egg casseroles to make! Thank you in advance for your service!!!!

PE Department Wellness Month Update

Thank you to everyone for their support with the Wildcat Wellness Week as we 'Exercised Across America!' The students and staff did an outstanding job helping us get across the country from Sacramento, CA to Ocean City, MD in just 7 days!!! That's 3000 miles at 5 miles for every 30 minutes of exercise! That's 300 hours of exercise as a school community in a week!!!! That is outstanding and shows us that the Rocky Hill community, parents, students and staff take our health very seriously. Keep up the good work everyone! It'll do the body and mind good!

MSDE Survey – October 29, 2018

Recent state law requires that all public schools in Maryland survey students about school climate. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning. Students will take the survey during regular school hours on October 29. The survey will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences, and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate his or her privacy. The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your student's school and about schools across the state. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Mr. Parker Matthew.Parker@mcpsmd.org or Mrs. Murphy Karen.S.Murphy@mcpsmd.org or call 301-353-8282.

Afterschool Activity Information

- **Chess Club**

Students interested in the Chess club should complete the registration link below. The chess club will be preparing for the Rocky Hill Chess Tournament scheduled for late January 2019. The tournament will be open to all scholastic players. For more information about the Chess club see the registration form link or contact Mr. Craig Harris at charris@letusteachyou.org.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vjjFVBJz1YyUhJyLxfVkuboYq_tr5X-F/view?usp=sharing

- **Intramurals**

Intramurals have begun and are open to ALL 6th, 7th, & 8th graders who are interested in participating in something active after school. All that's needed to participate is an Intramural Permission Slip (link below) which can be downloaded from the "Afterschool" page on the RHMS Website, or pick one up from the Girls PE office at any time.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TYLuqtCD5WqpowO6aJqBfB3f03Mq34Fm/view?usp=sharing>

-- --**Archery Intramurals** will meet Tuesday and Wednesday this week for the culminating Archery Tournament. Student who have signed up for the tournament will be participating.

--**Tennis Intramurals** have begun and will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays through November 1. See Ms. Brouillard in girls PE office if you need a permission slip or have questions. Melanie.J.Brouillard@mcpsmd.org

- **RecXtra After-School Program**

RecXtra after-school activity permission slips may be picked up from Ms. Chilnick in Room 269. Please contact Ms. Chilnick for questions.

Deborah.N.Chilnick@mcpsmd.org. Be sure to listen to morning announcements for upcoming activities that will be offered in the next few weeks.

--A new **Board Games session** is beginning on November 14. See Ms. Chilnick for a registration form in Rm. 269. *All students must turn in a new registration form for this new session.*

- **STEM Club**

Students interested in the STEM club should complete the registration link below. STEM club will be building Smart Cars and using microcontrollers as the computer brain. For more information about the STEM club see the registration form or contact Mr. Craig Harris at charris@letusteachyou.org. (UPDATED LINK):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CBz6kIFFLvIxXEcWBiUH8Re6qX7OCl_n/view?usp=sharing

2. Reminders

PE reminder about the cold weather

The weather is getting cooler by the day and the students need to have warm clothing if they are going outside. The PE department has sweatpants and hoodies available for sale in all sizes. Each piece is \$25 and sports our beautiful logo. Remember, all profits from sales go to fund our equipment and facility needs here at RH. You can send cash or check made payable to RHMS with your child, or order online using a credit card at the following link: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/MontgomeryMD/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=BY372> Thank you for your support!

From the Media Center:

-Media Center WEDNESDAY Volunteers Needed: Mrs. Gramatges and Mrs. Heidary in the Media Center are in need of parent volunteers in the mornings from 7:45 to 8:10 am on **WEDNESDAYS** to help out with checking out books, handing out passes, checking contest answers and just being an adult presence in the Media Center. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! If interested, please contact Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org.

-Donations Requested:

Sweet Treats & Small Prizes: The media center is in need of bite size candy (jolly ranchers, candy kisses, Nerds, Airheads, small chocolate treats, etc.-peanut/nut free) and small prizes (mini bubbles, fun erasers, individual stampers, small figurines, etc.) to hand out as incentives to support our instant prize activities. We're happy to take any leftover Halloween candy off your hands. And....candy is ½ price after Halloween! These incentives are a big hit and will help us continue our activities throughout the year-the students love these reading based activities! (Oriental Trading: <http://www.orientaltrading.com/> will provide you with an idea of items we are looking for).

-Craft Items: Have old craft items your children have outgrown? Cleaning out your playroom and want to donate old craft sets your children have lost interest in? The media center is happy to take them off your hands! We are looking for fuse bead kits, loom kits, yarn, pompoms, & pipe cleaners, modeling clay, felt, beads and other craft items that we can use during our weekly Mystery Monday activities and at our maker space station.

-Old T-Shirts: For our December giving activity we will be using old T-Shirts (lots of old T-Shirts) to make dog toys that we will donate to local animal shelters. If you have old T-Shirts that you no longer want, we'd be happy to take them off your hands!

-Empty, Clean Water Bottles: The media center is in need of empty 16-23 oz. water bottles (with caps) for a future project. Please consider donating your empty water bottles (with caps) to the media center instead of recycling them.

-Please contact Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org with any questions. All items can be dropped off in the main office (labeled media center). Thank you for any and all assistance you can provide!

PTA Fall Scholastic Book Fair-November 5-15

The Fall Book Fair is coming and we need your help! Set-up for the book fair begins on November 5 and will be open to students and their families on November 7. Please consider volunteering at the PTA Fall Scholastic Book Fair this November! Click on the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FACA96-ptafall> The schedule may be found at this link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=rockyhillmiddleschool>

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