

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019

Week of November 5, 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:

1. RHMS Information and Calendar
2. RHMS Reminders

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.

Sunday, Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Ended

Monday, Nov. 5 – Periods 71234

No after-school activities. No after-school buses.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Election Day – No School

Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Periods 1234567

1st Marking Period Ends-Early Release Day for All Students at 12:30 pm

Jazz Band, 7:00-8:00 am, Rm. 103 ([Heidi L Schiller@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Heidi.L.Schiller@mcpsmd.org))

PTA Book Fair in Media Center, 7:30 am-12:45 pm

No after-school activities. No after-school buses.

Thursday, Nov. 8 – Periods 56712

PTA Book Fair in Media Center, 7:30 am-3:00 pm

NJHS Meeting, A-Lunch (11:46-11:16 am), Rm. 143 ([Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani.Smith@mcpsmd.org))

No after-school activities. No after-school buses.

Friday, Nov. 9 – Periods 34567

PTA Book Fair in Media Center, 7:30 am-3:00 pm

No after-school activities. No after-school buses.

Saturday, Nov. 10

PTA Vendor Bazaar @ RHMS Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00 pm- See details below

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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 tomorrow, November 5 and will be open to students and their families on November 7. Please consider volunteering at the PTA Fall Scholastic Book Fair! 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>

--**During conferences, on Monday, November 12th from 4-7 PM everyone's invited to visit the Scholastic Book Fair!** There are lots of great, NEW books for everyone! Adventure, sci-fi, best-selling, and even "laugh-out-loud" stories. Find one book; find 10! Buy a lollipop gram to be delivered to let your child know you are thinking of them!

--The Book Fair ends November 15th! If you can't visit, you can still support the RHMS book fair by ordering online through November 19th:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/findafair> Hope to see you there!

****PTA Vendor Bazaar-Saturday, November 10, 12:00-2:00 pm**

The Rocky Hill Middle School PTA is sponsoring a vendor bazaar this Saturday, November 10 from 12:00-2:00 pm. A variety of vendors will be available to help meet your shopping needs. In addition, we will have a silent auction to support the Wildcat Care program. Please stop by for some early holiday shopping, to support local small business and of course, to support *your* PTA! This is going to be a fun event so bring the whole family. Click on the link for more information: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hRlMabpNDSWfn-4v1Yl4AHuCGGOMKSZt/view?usp=sharing>

Annual Veteran's Day 'Thank You' on Monday, November 12

Attention all retired and active 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 the ceremony, 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!!!!

Free school-based Flu Clinic - Tuesday November 13

Has your child received a flu shot yet? If your child is between the ages of 3 and 18 years, make an appointment for your child to receive a free flu shot at John F. Kennedy, Northwest or Rockville high schools on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. by visiting the Montgomery County government website at www.MontgomerycountyMD.gov or calling 311. #FlightFlu.

Lifetouch Pictures

Picture packages and school IDs will be distributed on Tuesday, November 20 with report cards.

Picture Retake Day

If your student did not get their photo taken by Lifetouch on Tuesday, October 16th, Lifetouch will be back on Thursday, November 29!

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>

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. Please make sure to listen to announcements for information on new RecXtra clubs after school including a baking club that is scheduled to start on Nov. 14th. Registrations will be available Nov. 9.

--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/1CBz6klFFLvIxXEcWBjUH8Re6qX7OCln/view?usp=sharing>

2. Reminders

Attendance

--To report an absence for the day, please leave a voice message on the new attendance phone line at 301-601-3195.

--Please include the full name and grade of your child.

--For questions about absence calls you may have received, please also call the attendance line (301-601-3195) and leave a message with your name, your child's name and your phone number.

--Parents wishing to pick up your children at any time for doctor appointments, etc., prior to the 3:00 pm dismissal, please send in a note with your child to be processed in the main office at the beginning of the day.

--RHMS has prepared a form for your convenience. (See link)

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/EarlyDismissalAbsenceForm.pdf>

--In the event that you have an **unexpected early dismissal**, please call 301-353-8282 at least 15 minutes prior to your arrival to allow time for the office staff to call your child to the office.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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!