

**THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019**  
**Week of 1/21/19**

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**

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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. To report an absence for the day, please leave a voice message on the attendance phone line at 301-601-3195. Please include the full name and grade of your child.

**Monday, Jan. 21**

Holiday-No School

**RHMS Week of Service**

**Tuesday, Jan. 22-Periods 23456**

**RHMS Week of Service- All students will write a brief short statement in period 2 about the importance of helping others in our community.**

**Girls v. Neelsville MS, Girls at CHS (\*\*see details below); Boys away at Neelsville**

**MS** Boys Coach-[Thomas M Shull@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Thomas_M_Shull@mcpsmd.org) Girls Coach-[Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org)

**Drama-Little Mermaid, Jr.**, 3:00-6:00 pm (Mr. Heinemann- Cafeteria and Rm.

105)[Paul W Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

**Cancelled: Extended Day Math**, 3:00-4:25 pm (3:00 pm in Ms. Flynn's Rm.

276) [Stephanie M Flynn@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_M_Flynn@mcpsmd.org)

**Cancelled: Math 8 Support (Ms. Braune-Rm. 150)** [Patricia A Braune@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_A_Braune@mcpsmd.org)

**Cancelled: Algebra Support (Ms. Murray-Rm.**

152) [Danielle M Murray@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Danielle_M_Murray@mcpsmd.org)

**Cancelled: Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson-Rm.**

180) [Tyleet R Sampson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tyleet_R_Sampson@mcpsmd.org)

**Cancelled:** **Invent the Future Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164) [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org)

**Cancelled:** **RecXtra Box Fit**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Stefon Jordan-Rm. 157) [Deborah N Chilnick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org)

### Wednesday, Jan. 23-Periods 71234

**RHMS Week of Service-Bring \$1.00 (or more) donation for our Wildcat Care pantry!**

**Basketball Practice**, 3:00-4:25 pm; Boys Coach-[Thomas M Shull@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Thomas_M_Shull@mcpsmd.org) Girls Coach-[Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org)

**Chess Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164) [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org)

**Drama-Little Mermaid, Jr.**, 3:00-6:00 pm (Mr. Heinemann-Cafeteria and Rm. 105)[Paul W Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

**Extended Day Math**, 3:00-4:25 pm (3:00 pm in Ms. Flynn's Rm. 276) [Stephanie M Flynn@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_M_Flynn@mcpsmd.org)

**Math 8 Support (Ms. Braune-Rm. 150)** [Patricia A Braune@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_A_Braune@mcpsmd.org)

**Algebra Support (Ms. Murray-Rm. 152)** [Danielle M Murray@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Danielle_M_Murray@mcpsmd.org)

**Math 7/IM Support (Ms. Sampson-Rm. 180)** [Tyleet R Sampson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tyleet_R_Sampson@mcpsmd.org)

**Model UN**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Fong-Rm. 358) [Stephanie L Fong@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_L_Fong@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)

**RecXtra Geo Bee Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Sweeney-Rm. 356) [Daniel F Sweeney@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Daniel_F_Sweeney@mcpsmd.org)

**RecXtra Lego Robotics**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143) [Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org)

### Thursday, Jan. 24-Periods 56712

**RHMS Week of Service-Donations of food or money will be added to our RHMS Wildcats Care program (items and/or money will be added to our Wildcats Care pantry)**

**Basketball Practice**, 3:00-4:25 pm; Boys Coach-[Thomas M Shull@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Thomas_M_Shull@mcpsmd.org) Girls Coach-[Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org)

**Drama-Little Mermaid, Jr.**, 3:00-6:00 pm (Mr. Heinemann-Cafeteria and Rm. 105) [Paul W Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

**Leo Club Meeting**, 3:00-4:25 pm, (Mr. Stevenson-Rm. 142) [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org)

**NJHS Meeting-All Members**. 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143) [Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org)

**RecXtra Box Fit**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Stefon Jordan-Rm. 157) [Deborah N Chilnick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org)

**RecXtra Environmental Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Perrone-Rm. 142) [Deborah N Chilnick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@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)

**STEM Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164) [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org)

**Yearbook Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Rm. 376) [Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

**Friday, Jan. 25- Periods 1234567**

**RHMS Week of Service-Bring a new pair of winter gloves or a winter hat (items and/or money will be donated to Daly ES)**

**End of Marking Period**

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

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## **January Events**

### **Weekend Food Boxes**

If you are a family in need of weekend food boxes (non-perishable items- cereal, canned food items and pasta, etc.) for your family, please contact PTA parent volunteer, Mrs. Jacqueline Moore at [jpmmoore@me.com](mailto:jpmmoore@me.com) or Rocky Hill Principal, Dr. Cynthia Eldridge at [Cynthia\\_Eldridge@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Cynthia_Eldridge@mcpsmd.org). **All communication is confidential.** Requested items may be picked up from the school main office.

Please email Mrs. Moore or Dr. Eldridge with the information below:

**Your name:**

**Student Name:**

**Student Grade Level:**

**Contact Phone Number:**

**Date you are requesting a box: Friday, January 25, Friday, February 1, AND/OR Friday, February 8.**

We will email you back to confirm the food box pick up.

### **Serving the Community**

On Monday, January 21 our schools will be closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Congress designated this as a day of service, noting it is a "day on, not a day off." Please check out this website to find service opportunities, not just for SSL hours, but to serve our community. <https://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday>

Tag Dr. Eldridge on Twitter on Monday with your service picture! (@RockyHillPRIN)

Dr. King stated that "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" How can our RHMS students find a creative way to serve to honor Dr. King's legacy of civic engagement? Please participate in the RHMS WEEK OF SERVICE—to collect donations to help our community.

- Tuesday, January 22: all students will write a brief short statement in period 2 about the importance of helping others in our community
  - Wednesday, January 23: we are asking that each student bring a \$1 (or more) donation (Wildcats Care pantry). We have MANY families impacted by the federal government shutdown who need our help! We will purchase grocery gift cards so families can buy perishable items not in our food pantry.
  - Thursday, January 24: will add to our RHMS Wildcats Care program (items and/or money will be added to our Wildcats Care pantry)
  - Friday, January 25: bring a new pair of winter gloves or a winter hat (items and/or money will be donated to Daly ES, our sister elementary school in our cluster that we support through our projects)
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### **Athletics**

Students may stay for basketball games and cheer on our basketball teams as long as they do the following:

-- have a ticket (***purchased for \$1.00 in the mornings-only sold before school-2 days leading up to games***),

--are academically eligible, and exhibit proper sports manners.

Activity buses will be available to take student spectators home at 4:20 pm. If student spectators are car riders, they MUST be picked up no later than 4:20 pm.

This year, our Boys and Girls Basketball teams will have an opportunity to play at Clarksburg HS for one of their games! The Boys Basketball team played Hallie Wells on January 9. \*\*The Girls Basketball team will be playing Neelsville this Tuesday, January 22 at 3:20 pm at CHS. **Any Rocky Hill students wishing to attend these games MUST HAVE A PARENT ACCOMPANY THEM INTO THE GAME. Student ID's will be checked at the door.** Following each of our CHS games will be a CHS Men's JV/V Basketball doubleheader starting at 5:00 pm. The fee to attend will be \$5 for Adults, \$3.00 for Students w/ID, \$1.00 for children 5-11, under 5 & seniors are free.

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### **Eyeglass Donation sponsored by the Leo Club**

The Leo Club is sponsoring our Annual Eyeglasses Collection. Please donate any unwanted eyeglasses to the big blue box on the counter in the main office. Our collection starts on January 22nd and will run through February 15th. Any eyeglasses, in any condition, any prescription; we will gladly accept.

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### **Invent the Future Club**

Interested in changing the world? Join the 'Invent the Future' club, where teams will invent and design prototypes for their solution to a global environmental issue. Pick up a

registration form in the main office. Cost is free-space is limited. The 'Invent the Future' club will be held on Tuesdays, beginning January 15th with Mr. Harris. [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org)  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_YrPXqI3bCUSN4GT\\_tEjQffYFXfEuj99/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_YrPXqI3bCUSN4GT_tEjQffYFXfEuj99/view?usp=sharing)

### **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. After-school activities can also be found on the Rocky Hill MS website 'Calendar of Events.' <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockyhillms/>

•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 4:25 pm.

•RecXtra after-school activity permission slips may be picked up from Ms. Chilnick in Rm. 269. Please contact Ms. Chilnick for questions. [Deborah\\_N\\_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org)

**Please make sure to listen to announcements for information on new RecXtra clubs after school.**

•**Activity buses** – After-school 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, Bus 3 or Bus 4.

On December 10, there was a new update to the Rocky Hill after-school activity bus routes. The change impacts the rural stops from Bus 3, which will now be on Bus 4. [Bus 4 will start taking the rural area of Prices Distillery, Lewisdale and Burnt Hill Road.](#) This change was effective on Tuesday, December 11. Bus 1 and 2 do not have any updates or changes at this time. Please see the link with the updated activity bus information.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16apYzaE-n74M7Mv6-Ae\\_wI8LEKfM1XZJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16apYzaE-n74M7Mv6-Ae_wI8LEKfM1XZJ/view?usp=sharing)

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### **PTA Sponsored Chess and STEM Club**

#### **Spring Chess Club has begun**

Students interested in the Chess club should complete the registration linked below. Chess Club is open to everyone regardless of experience. During this session, the club will focus on strategies to be successful during tournament Play. 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 or contact Mr. Craig Harris at [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mWX9fFFmzURoYkSCts7JBkY9jUJ2\\_tDL/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mWX9fFFmzURoYkSCts7JBkY9jUJ2_tDL/view?usp=sharing)

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#### **Spring STEM Club has begun**

Students interested in the STEM club should complete the registration linked below. During

this session of STEM students will learn about rocketry, Bluetooth, Bernoulli's Principle, Newton's Laws of Motion and infectious diseases. These activities are hands-on and they give students experience using the engineering design process and their own creativity as they learn about the world around them. For more information about the STEM club, see the registration form or contact Mr. Craig Harris at [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org) [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PIPH9swFJF\\_5-pA4C9rGdUOm3IHfOaF4/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PIPH9swFJF_5-pA4C9rGdUOm3IHfOaF4/view?usp=sharing)

## 2. Reminders

### Winter 2019 Parent Academy Schedule

The MCPS Parent Academy offers parents/guardians and community members the opportunity to attend workshops that provide information, resources, tools, and tips to support their children's success in school. The 2019 winter season of workshops has begun. You won't want to miss sessions on mindfulness, college and career planning, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) resources and much more.

Parent Academy workshops are free. Childcare and interpretation services are provided at all sessions. A full list of courses is available on the Parent Academy website [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/). Registration is available [here](#).

### Don't Be Distracted Contest Open to Elementary and Secondary Students

A Safe Kids study demonstrated that one in four high school students and one in six middle school students walk distracted. These distractions were most often texting or wearing headphones. Research also indicates that for teen drivers, a single glance off the road for two or more seconds increases the risk of a crash or near crash by almost four times. When students are distracted while walking or driving, they are putting themselves and others in danger. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation is inviting all MCPS students to help raise awareness of this critical issue by participating in the 2019 Don't Be Distracted Contest.

Students are asked to create a 30- to 60-second public service announcement (PSA) video or artwork about one or both of the following topics:

1. Tell your peers the importance of not walking or driving distracted.
1. Tell adults the importance of not being distracted while driving, especially in school zones.

All entries are due Monday, March 4. For more information and to submit an entry, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/creative-contest.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/creative-contest.html).

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**MCPS Invites You to Attend a Public Information Meeting on the Clarksburg, Northwest, and Seneca Valley High Schools Boundary Study**

Did you know that some of the boundaries for Clarksburg, Northwest and Seneca Valley High Schools and the middle schools that go to these high schools will change? Come learn about the boundary process and ask questions. The same information will be presented at each of the three school meetings. You may attend ANY one of the three meetings to receive the same information. Spanish and Chinese interpretation will be provided at the meetings. Below are links to the English, Chinese and Spanish informational flyers.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UFSIsR3oWQYJGSIsBaSXbDjlanXAKaKo/view?usp=sharing>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qelwQhwYmEb\\_oa7TIMhfRxN5lmv5g\\_9e/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qelwQhwYmEb_oa7TIMhfRxN5lmv5g_9e/view?usp=sharing)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UFSIsR3oWQYJGSIsBaSXbDjlanXAKaKo/view?usp=sharing>

**Final Meeting Date and Location:**

**Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 Clarksburg HS Auditorium 6:30–8:30 pm**