

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of 1/28/19

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Rocky Hill Middle School. Follow us on Twitter ~
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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. 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. 28

Professional Day-No school for students

Tuesday, Jan. 29-Periods 34567

Effective at the 3:00 pm dismissal, the pick-up row for bus route number 2625 will be moved to Row 8.

Basketball v. Kingsview MS, Boys home/Girls away 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)

Do-Gooders Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Fong-Rm. 366) [Stephanie L Fong@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_L_Fong@mcpsmd.org)

Drama-Little Mermaid, Jr., 3:00-7:30 pm All Cast and Crew (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)

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

RecXtra Book Wars, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Gramatges-Media Center) [Laurie A Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@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 Cooking Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Smith-Rm. 140) [Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org)

Wednesday, Jan. 30-Periods 712345

RH Readers to Wilson Wims ES, 9:30-11:00 am [Laurie A Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org)

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

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

M.O.R.E., 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Phillips-Rm. 176) kaphung19@gmail.com

RecXtra Board Games, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Duarte-Rm. 364) [Nelia R Duarte@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nelia_R_Duarte@mcpsmd.org)

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

RecXtra Super Smash Bros Melee Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Gramatges-Media Center) [Laurie A Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org)

Orchestra ES/MS Cluster Concert @ CHS, 7:00-9:00 pm [Heidi L Schiller@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Heidi_L_Schiller@mcpsmd.org)

Thursday, Jan. 31-Periods 67123

NJHS Meeting-Officers Only, 10:45-11:15 am (A-Lunch) (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143) [Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org)

Geography Bee, 2:00-3:00 pm, Media Center [Christopher S Grimes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Christopher_S_Grimes@mcpsmd.org)

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FCA Huddle, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Delescavage-Rm. TBD) [Gerald E DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Box Fit, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Stefon Jordon-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 Green Team, 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

Friday, Feb. 1- Periods 45671

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

Little Mermaid Jr. Production, 7:00-9:00 pm, Cafeteria **See details below

Saturday, Feb. 2

Little Mermaid Jr. Production, 2:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm, Cafeteria **See details below

January/February Events

Bus Row Change:

Effective Tuesday, January 29, Bus route number 2625 will be moved to Row 8 at 3:00 pm dismissal.

**The Little Mermaid JR.

Come see the Rocky Hill Drama program present the classic Disney tale, 'The Little Mermaid Jr.,' featuring an amazing set, special effects and an awesome cast and crew! Shows are **Feb. 1 at 7:00 pm** and **Feb. 2 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. Tickets are \$9 for Adults and \$7 for students/seniors. Children 4 and under are free!

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LMZQ4stn4xjeJ6vpcO6x4MvkufefYFli/view?usp=sharing>

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 will run through February 15th. Any eyeglasses, in any condition, any prescription; we will gladly accept.

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.

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 tjpmoore@me.com or Rocky Hill Principal, Dr. Cynthia Eldridge at 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, Feb 1, AND/OR Friday, Feb 8th.

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. Please see the link with the most current activity bus information.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16apYzaE-n74M7Mv6-Ae_wI8LEKfM1XZJ/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 out on 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/. 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.
2. 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.