

**THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019**  
**Week of 2/18/19**

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.**

**Reminder: Afternoon Bus Passes**

Parents/Guardians, if your child needs to ride a different bus from the school in the afternoon due to other after school arrangements, your child **must** bring a note to the office in the morning from you to request a pass to ride a different bus in the afternoon. Please include the following:

- Date(s) of the change**
- Full name of your child**
- Bus route number requested**
- Best contact phone number**

***Please remind your child to turn in the note for a pass in the morning. We are unable to process bus change requests after 2:45 p.m.*** For questions, please contact the main office at 301-353-8282.

**Monday, Feb. 18**

Holiday-No School

**Tuesday, Feb. 19-Periods 34567**

**SGA Candy Grams Sales – 2/ \$1.00, purchase in a.m.**

**Do-Gooders Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Fong-Rm. 366) [Stephanie L Fong@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_L_Fong@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)  
**Girls Fit for Life Intramural**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Demosky-Tippett & Ms. Grimsley-Aux  
2) [Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org) [Diana M Grimsley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Diana_M_Grimsley@mcpsmd.org)  
**Invent the Future Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164) [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org)  
**3 v 3 Basketball Intramural**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Brouillard -Gym)  
[Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

### **Wednesday, Feb. 20-Periods 12345**

**Jazz Band**, 7:00-8:00 am (Ms. Schiller Rm. 103) [Heidi L Schiller@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Heidi_L_Schiller@mcpsmd.org)  
**SGA Candy Grams Sales – 2/ \$1.00, purchase in a.m.**  
**Chess Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164) [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.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)  
**Girls Fit for Life Intramural**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Demosky-Tippett & Ms. Grimsley- Aux  
2) [Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org) [Diana M Grimsley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Diana_M_Grimsley@mcpsmd.org) **Model  
UN**, 3:00-4:25 pm, 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)  
**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)  
**3 v 3 Basketball Intramural**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Brouillard-  
Gym) [Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

### **Thursday, Feb. 21-Periods 67123**

**SGA Candy Grams Sales – 2/ \$1.00, purchase in a.m.**  
**Girls Fit for Life Intramural**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Demosky-Tippett & Ms. Grimsley- Aux  
2) [Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org) [Diana M Grimsley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Diana_M_Grimsley@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 Business Challenge**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Duarte-Rm.  
364) [Nelia R Duarte@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nelia_R_Duarte@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)  
**3 v 3 Basketball Intramural**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Brouillard-  
Gym) [Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)  
**Yearbook Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Rm. 376) [Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

### **Friday, Feb. 22-Periods 45671**

**SGA Candy Grams Sales – 2/ \$1.00, purchase in a.m.**

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

**Black History Month Celebration, 7:00-8:30 pm, Cafeteria** (\*\*see details below)

### **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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16apYzaE-n74M7Mv6-Ae_wI8LEKfM1XZJ/view?usp=sharing)

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### **February/March Events**

#### **\*\*RHMS Black History Month Event-This Friday Night!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PTA presents the **Black History Month**

**Event this Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7:00-8:30 pm:** ‘African American in Times of War.’ This inspirational evening will feature speakers who will share personal stories to honor African-American history. We will also enjoy a fun interactive cultural activity with the help of an Ethiopian dance/music group. Please see the link for RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4da8a928a57-rocky>

#### **Artwork and Essay Competition entries due this Tuesday, Feb. 19!**

We’re proud to announce our 2nd Annual Rocky Hill Middle School Black History Month Student Artwork and Essay Competition! All submissions will be showcased at the RHMS Black History Month event on **February 22, 2019**. Check out the attachment for the details! We would LOVE for EVERY student to participate!

- Writers: Start a web and outline of your writing ideas this week!
- Artists: Start a rough draft this week and see Mr. Perrone next week if you need any materials!

**All submissions are due no later than THIS Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Follow this link for directions to submit artwork and essays.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fa2hAwTio8APJFedk-EGzz04c3H7m2j4/view?usp=sharing>

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### **Girls Fit For Life-Feb. 12-28**

Calling all the ladies! Come join Ms. Tip and Ms. Grimsley afterschool, where fun and fitness collide. What can you expect? Positivity, laughter, a quick workout to get your blood pumping, lunch and snack ideas, ways to boost your confidence and deal with stress! Trying out for soccer this spring? This will be a great start to prepare you for the season! So grab your tennis shoes and workout clothes and get an Intramural Permission Slip from the Girls locker room! Fit Club will meet **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and runs from February 12-March 28.**

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### **3v3 Basketball Tournament-Feb. 19-28**

Attention all basketball players...We will be having a 3v3 basketball tournament on Tuesdays, **Wednesdays & Thursdays from February 19-28.** The 3v3 tournament is open to all 6, 7, & 8 graders, so get your team together and come out ready to ball! Can't find a team? No problem! Come anyway and we'll get you hooked up with one. You need an Intramural Permission Slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard and you must be academically eligible to participate. [Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

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### **RecXtra Connect Business Challenge-Feb. 21-May 2**

Attention students! RecXtra and Ms. Duarte are sponsoring a Connect Business Challenge on **Thursdays beginning February 21** which will end with a competition. See Ms. Chilnick in room 269 for registration form. Interested in an opportunity to design a business start-up? Love to engage in design thinking & entrepreneurship? The JA Connect Business Challenge Club will culminate in our students competing against other MCPS students by pitching their ideas in the 2019 Business Challenge. See Mrs. Chilnick or Mrs. Duarte.

[Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org) [Diana M Grimsley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Diana_M_Grimsley@mcpsmd.org)

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### **Men Organized to Raise Engagement (M.O.R.E.)-Feb. 27**

M.O.R.E. meets every other week—the next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 27** at RHMS right after school. For more information please contact: **Mr. Sullivan**

**Phillips** at [kaphung19@gmail.com](mailto:kaphung19@gmail.com) or **Mr. Raymond James** at [Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com](mailto:Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com)

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### **SGA Winter Dance on Thursday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** Time 3:00-4:20 pm Cost- \$5.00

**Permission slips were sent home on Thursday, February 14. Students must purchase their dance ticket in the morning before classes begin.** Permission slips must be returned along with the \$5.00 cost for a ticket by **Wednesday, Feb. 27.** Snacks and drinks will be sold at the dance and we will have a professional DJ. Activity buses are also available. See Mr. Conley with any questions. [Kevin J Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)

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### **ATHLETICS-Soccer Try-Out Information-Forms Due Mar. 4**

Attention all 7 & 8 graders...The Basketball season is over and spring is just around the

corner...you know what that means! Soccer tryouts will be here before you know it! If you are planning to try out, you must have the necessary paperwork turned in to Ms. Brouillard by **MARCH 4**. (Anyone without the proper paperwork turned in by **March 4** will NOT be able to participate!) Here are **3 things you need in order to try out**:

- 1) be academically eligible with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA for Quarter 2;
- 2) a CURRENT physical form signed and dated by the doctor;
- 3) and a signed parent permission slip. The physical and permission slip links are below, or can be found on the school website under "Activities." You can also pick up the forms from the Girls Locker Room. It's never too soon to get that paperwork in, so see Ms. Brouillard today! **Tryouts for all 8 graders will be on Tuesday, March 5, all 7 graders on Wednesday, March 6, and all 7 & 8 graders on Thursday, March 7.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gWDZBy8Cc88wsyGfYFQRtonsZyON51/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UACepUQj-EZviVPAHd8XMLZxIAikOON/view?usp=sharing>

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### **Dirt Tour is coming to Damascus-Thurs. Mar. 7**

Have a middle or high school student that loves to bike, wants to learn how or needs an inclusive group where they can grow physically, mentally and socially? Interested in coaching and being part of an amazing and supportive program? Come see what the [Maryland Interscholastic Cycling League](#) is all about. The League Directors and students athletes from 2018 will be at [All American Bicycle Center](#) in Damascus on **March 7**, at 6:00 pm. You don't want to miss this informative presentation and Q&A session. If you can't make it to the meeting but want to learn more, contact Morgan Arnone directly at [Morgan G Arnone@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Morgan_G_Arnone@mcpsmd.org). (Cluster point of contact for this activity, Health & Physical Education Teacher, Hallie Wells Middle School)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_i2h2hTPODKKKKgy2HsX902GQcOc\\_vC7/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_i2h2hTPODKKKKgy2HsX902GQcOc_vC7/view?usp=sharing)

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### **Invent the Future Challenge-Sat. Mar. 9**

Get the inspiration and mentor-ship you need to invent the future! KID Museum & Bullis are hosting an Innovation Exchange for teams participating in the Invent the Future Challenge on **Saturday, March 9 @ 10:30 am-12:00 pm** to help spark ideas and support Challenge work. All Invent the Future students are welcome. Find more information at the Kid Museum Event Webpage or reach out to Mr. Harris [craig.harris@stem247.org](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org). <https://kid-museum.org/event/innovation-exchange-off-site/>

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### **Yearbooks are on sale-Pre-Orders due Thurs. Apr. 28!**

Flyers and information have been distributed. There are errors on the flyer. Cash and check payments at school will be accepted until our inventory runs out. Each regular hard cover yearbook costs \$30. **Please consider paying online with a credit card.** Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> and the Yearbook ID Code is 9140519. **Special custom orders and online orders will close on April 28 not March 22.** Cash and check payments can be made to Rocky Hill MS and turned into the main office using the order envelope on the flyer. Cash and check payments will continue until we sell out. Contact the

yearbook coordinator, Lisabeth Belman ([Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)) with any questions or concerns.

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### **Wildcat Roar Newspaper**

Check out the latest edition of the Wildcat Roar-Rocky Hill's official school newspaper. Enjoy many exciting articles including an interview with Ms. Demosky-Tippett, Mr. Smith, a review of The Little Mermaid Jr. play, winter sports rosters, and the upcoming school dance. The Wildcat Roar is also accessible through our school's web page.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sgQhMvRYpeKtoJLWTMnG5Ijc6jNfDz1/view?usp=sharing>

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## **2. Reminders**

### **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, February 22, Friday, March 1 AND/OR Friday, March 8.**