

**THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019**  
**Week of 2/4/19**

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, Feb. 4-Periods 23456**

**Spelling Bee, 12:45-1:45 pm, Media Center**

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

**PTA Spirit Night at Panera, 6:00-9:00 pm, (next to Wegmans in Germantown)**

**Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, Cafeteria**

**Outdoor Ed Fingerprinting, 6:00-8:00 pm, Cafeteria**

**Tuesday, Feb. 5-Periods 71234**

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

**Basketball v. Kingsview MS, (make-up game from 1/29) 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)

**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](mailto:craig.harris@stem247.org)**

**Wednesday, Feb. 6-Periods 56712HR**

**Report cards and Yearbook order form distribution in Homeroom**

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

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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)

**Newspaper Club**, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Conley-Rm. 167) [Kevin\\_J\\_Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@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)

**Band ES/MS Cluster Concert at CHS, 7:00-9:00 pm** [Heidi\\_L\\_Schiller@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Heidi_L_Schiller@mcpsmd.org)

**Thursday, Feb. 7-Periods 34567**

**Drama-Little Mermaid, Jr.**, **3:00 pm – Pick-up Time TBD** **All Cast and Crew** (Mr. Heinemann-Cafeteria and Rm. 105) [Paul\\_W\\_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

**NJHS Meeting-all members**, 3:00-4:25 (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143) [Kalani\\_Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@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, Feb. 8- Periods 12345**

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

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

**Saturday, Feb. 9**

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

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**February Events**

**\*\*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. 8 at 7:00 pm and Feb. 9 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$9 for Adults and \$7 for students/seniors. Children 4 and under are free!**



**Yearbooks are on sale!** Flyers and information will be distributed with report cards on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Each regular hard cover yearbook costs \$30. **Please consider paying online with a credit card.** Go to [YBPAY@LIFETOUCH.COM](mailto:YBPAY@LIFETOUCH.COM) and the Yearbook ID Code is 9140519. Online orders will close on 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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### **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.

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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.

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### **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 8, 15 AND/OR Friday, February 22.**

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### **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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## 2. Reminders

### **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](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/creative-contest.html).