

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of 3/18/19

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**

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, Mar. 18-Periods 23456

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

Tuesday, Mar. 19-Periods 71234

Group Pictures for Yearbook in Cafeteria. Schedule will be posted in hallways.

Flag Football Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Lucas-Fields)

Brian_C_Lucas@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 Diana_M_Grimsley@mcpsmd.org

Invent the Future Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 164)

craig.harris@stem247.org

Model UN, 3:00-4:25 pm, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Fong-Rm 358)

Stephanie_L_Fong@mcpsmd.org

RecXtra Book Wars, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Gramatges-Media Center) Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org

RecXtra Wildcat Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Duarte-Rm. 364)

Nelia_R_Duarte@mcpsmd.org

Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm; Boys Coach-Mr. Stevenson/Girls Coach-Mr.

Conley Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org

Wednesday, Mar. 20-Periods 56712

MISA Testing Make-ups, Pds. 6 & 7 (Grade 8 only), 8:15-10:46 am (Periods 1 & 2)

'Concert Orchestra' Only at MCPS Festival, 12:00-3:30 pm, Gaithersburg HS

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

Flag Football Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Lucas-Fields)

[Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@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)

Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm; Boys Coach-Mr. Stevenson/Girls Coach-Mr.

Conley [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org) [Kevin J Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)

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)

Thursday, Mar. 21-Periods 34567

Flag Football Intramurals, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Lucas-Fields)

[Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@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)

NJHS Meeting-All members, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143)

[Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org)

RecXtra Connect 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)

Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm; Boys Coach-Mr. Stevenson/Girls Coach-Mr.

Conley [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org) [Kevin J Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)

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

Yearbook Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Rm376)

[Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

Friday, Mar. 22-Periods 12345

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

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

Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Safety

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) places the physical, social, and psychological well-being of our students as a priority. MCPS is increasing its focus on student pedestrian safety, which is related to physical activity.

Linked below are 2 resources for parents provided by MCPS:

1. Tips for Parents and Other Adults for Teaching Pedestrian Safety to Children: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ttr_pTGmxs97cX1VivOEq1VhRtjIQS2y/view?usp=sharing

2. YOLO: You Only Live Once: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_2S1NIHRtQnhlAF-5Cr9WKLWA79xjdWA/view?usp=sharing

Follow this link to the MCPS Safe Routes to School

website: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/saferoutes/>

Please use the following link to identify the safest route for walking to Rocky Hill MS: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/SRTS/Middle.html>.

As a reminder, the following procedures are in place at Rocky Hill MS to ensure student safety:

- Pedestrians are to use the designated crosswalk to walk to and from Rocky Hill before and after school.
- Students who ride their bicycles to school **should wear bike helmets** and are to walk their bicycle to the bicycle rack once they are on school grounds.
- Parents dropping students off at the car rider line should pull all the way around the circle to allow as many cars as possible to be in the circle. Cars should not pass other cars in the car pool line.
- The administrative team and security personnel supervise the bus arrival and departure and the carpool lines each day.

New RecXtra After-School Activities

●RecXtra Connect Business Challenge Club-March 7-May 2

Attention students! RecXtra and Mrs. Duarte are sponsoring a Connect Business Challenge Club which will end with a competition against other MCPS middle schools.

- 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. For questions, please contact Mrs. Chilnick or Mrs. Duarte. Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org Nelia_R_Duarte@mcpsmd.org

This is like **'SHARK TANK'** for middle school students! Come join the fun and excitement of working with others to create a business and a product! Click on the links for the Flyer and Registration form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jpdMd76Dtb5G6FLPp9NSYc3uDTnI5wkK/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/132hEuV8UwMiPSvOrIs1yOJr1nen68kNW/view?usp=sharing>

●RecXtra Wildcat Club, Tuesdays, March 12-May 7

Attention students! Want to get your homework done BEFORE YOU get home? Want to hang out with friends and make some new friends? Come to the NEW HANGOUT/HOMEWORK CLUB, the WILDCAT CLUB! Be a founding member of this awesome new club! Meetings will on TUESDAYS, starting on March 12! See Ms. Chilnick, Rm. 269 for the registration form and flyer or follow these links:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IeY1hXxFddUG9lVBD2t5fUbcmg8cT-VE/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WE0EawyUgL5zgfFozU_WzwojGeMVjt9n/view?usp=sharing

Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org Nelia_R_Duarte@mcpsmd.org

Flag Football Intramurals March 12-28

Flag Football intramurals are open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders who have turned in an Intramural permission slip and who are academically eligible. Students can pick up a permission slip from the Girls PE office at any time or download one from the school website. Contact Ms. Brouillard or Mr. Lucas with any questions. Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org

Cornhole/Horseshoes Intramural March 26-April 11

We will have a Corn hole/Horseshoes intramural on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays beginning March 26 through April 11th. This intramural will be open to all 6th,

7th, & 8th grade students who are interested in improving their cornhole game. Students need to have an Intramural permission slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard. Contact Ms. Brouillard or Mr. Lucas with any questions. [Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)
[Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org)

World Expo Thursday, March 28

At Rocky Hill, we are proud of our diversity and on Thursday, March 28th, 6:30-8:30 pm in the cafeteria, we will celebrate this by sharing with each other several aspects of our heritage and culture. Plan to attend and enjoy display tables exhibiting food and artifacts, ethnic/traditional performances and games from around the world. As community members, we build better relationships with each other as we share our cultural backgrounds and family traditions.

Men Organized to Raise Engagement (M.O.R.E.)-March 27

M.O.R.E. meets every other week—the next meeting is **Wednesday, March 27** at RHMS right after school. For more information please contact: **Mr. Sullivan Phillips** at kaphung19@gmail.com or **Mr. Raymond James** at Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com

Yearbooks are on sale-Pre-Orders due Thursday April 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.

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 jpmoore@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, March 22, 29 AND/OR Friday,
April 5**