

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019

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:

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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.

Emergency Weather Make-Up Schedule as of February 21

Recent inclement weather forced MCPS to close schools on four days. The 2018–2019 MCPS school calendar includes 182 instruction days, two above the minimum required in the state of Maryland. As a result of these closures, MCPS will need to use two designated make-up days to ensure that it meets the State-required number of days. The school year has been extended to June 14, 2019. In addition to June 14, students also will attend school on June 5 which was originally scheduled as a professional day. Any additional school closures for emergency weather will result in the need to use additional make-up days. MCPS will continue to closely monitor for severe weather and provide updates on any impact it may have to the school calendar. For more information on the MCPS school calendar, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

Monday, Mar. 4-Periods 12345

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

Tuesday, Mar. 5-Periods 67123

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

Soccer Tryouts-Grade 8 Only, 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)

Wednesday, Mar. 6-Periods 45671

Jazz Band, 7:00-8:00 am (Ms. Schiller Rm. 103) [Heidi L Schiller@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Heidi_L_Schiller@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, 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 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)

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Cancelled: Pre-Festival Concert, 7:00-8:30 pm at CHS

Thursday, Mar. 7-Periods 23456

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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)

Soccer Tryouts-Grade 7 and 8, 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, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Belman-Rm. 376) [Lisabeth S Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org)

Friday, Mar. 8-Periods 71234

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@mepsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@mepsmd.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

ATHLETICS_Soccer Try-Out Information-Forms Due tomorrow! Mar. 4
Attention all 7 & 8 graders... **You must have the necessary paperwork turned in to Ms. Brouillard by tomorrow - 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 (within last 2 years);
- 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 8th graders will be on Tuesday, March 5; tryouts for all 7th graders are on Wednesday, March 6, and tryouts for all 7th & 8th graders are on Thursday, March 7.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gWDZBy8Cc88wsytcGFYFQRtonsZyON51/view?usp=sharing>

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

RecXtra Connect Business Challenge-March 7-May 2

Attention students! RecXtra and Mrs. Duarte are sponsoring a Connect Business Challenge on **Thursdays beginning MARCH 7** 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.
- See Mrs. Chilnick or Mrs. Duarte.

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!

Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org

Nelia_R_Duarte@mcpsmd.org

Thomas Edison High School of Technology Open House Thursday, March 7, 5:00-8:00 pm

Thomas Edison High School of Technology will be hosting a "College & Career Readiness Open House" on Thursday, March 7 from 5pm to 8pm. Parents, students and staff are invited to drop in to see and hear about the **great 18 college and career readiness programs** in the new, state-of-the-art facility. Edison's technology education programs include rigorous and challenging curricula that connects content to real-life experiences, and engages students in a manner that requires them to analyze, interpret, and manipulate information. Learn about programs that provide opportunities for students to develop educational and professional connections within their community.

Follow this link for information and directions.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uMRY5MSjhBEn2P2IoY4zfEkPWadTCtu-/view?usp=sharing>

Invent the Future Challenge-Saturday, March 9

Get the inspiration and mentorship 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. <https://kid-museum.org/event/innovation-exchange-off-site/>

Grade 8 MISA Testing March 12 & 13

On March 12 and 13, all 8th graders will be taking the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) during the first two blocks of the school day. The MISA is an online assessment that measures student achievement in science.

The test will start at 8:15 am. Please make sure your child arrives on time to school.

Flag Football Intramurals March 12-28

Flag Football will begin Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays starting Tuesday, March 12th through March 28th. 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](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org) [Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org)

Men Organized to Raise Engagement (M.O.R.E.)-March 13

M.O.R.E. meets every other week—the next meeting is on **Wednesday, March 13** 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 jpmmoore@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, March 8, 15 AND/OR Friday, March 22.