

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of 4/15/19

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: This week there are no after-school activities and no activity buses and **the main office will close each day this week at 3:30 pm**. The phones are not answered after this time and all messages left will be picked up the following morning at 7:45 am.

Attendance

--To **report an absence for the day**, please leave a voice message on the new attendance phone line at 301-601-3195. Please include the full name and grade of your child.

--For questions about absence calls you may have received, please also call the attendance line (301-601-3195) and leave a message with your name, your child's name and your phone number.

--**Early Dismissal** - Parents wishing to pick up your children at any time for doctor appointments, etc., prior to the 3:00 pm dismissal - please send in a note with your child to be processed in the main office at the beginning of the day. RHMS has prepared a form for your convenience. (See link)

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/EarlyDismissalAbsenceForm.pdf>

--In the event that you have an **unexpected early dismissal**, please call **301-353-8282** at least **15 minutes** prior to your arrival to allow time for the office staff to call your child to the office.

Monday, Apr. 15-Periods 67123

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

Tuesday, Apr. 16 -Periods 45671+HR

Basketball Jamboree
Report cards distributed in HR, pm
No after-school activities. No after-school activity buses.
Have a restful and safe spring break: **(Wednesday, April 17-Monday, April 22).**

Wednesday, Apr. 17
NO SCHOOL-Spring Break (April 17-22)

Thursday, Apr. 18
NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

Friday, Apr. 19
NO SCHOOL-Spring Break
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Our Lost and Found is overflowing!
Parents, please have your child stop by between 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. to check the lost and found for missing coats and lunch boxes, etc. **All unclaimed items will be donated after April 16.**

RecXtra After-School Activity has openings
The following RecXtra club has openings:

- [Wildcat Club](#) meets on Tuesdays through May 7. Hangout and finish your homework before you get home!
- See Ms. Chilnick in room 269 for a registration form.
Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org

2nd Annual Earth Week

Next week will be our 2nd Annual Earth Week. Students will learn about keeping the Earth clean, and bring awareness to the human impacts on our environment. Students, please take pictures of how you protected our Earth when you are on Spring Break. Parents, do you know how to sew, knit, or is “arts-and-crafty” and would like to teach a small group of students? If so, please contact Ms. Smetanick. We encourage you to make one small change over break that will help our environment. Some ideas: Plant a tree, pick up trash, use less energy, preserve water, etc. Visit the MCPS SERT website for more ideas!

PTA Fall Scholastic Book Fair-April 23-29

The Spring Book Fair is coming and we need your help! **Set-up** for the book fair is on April 15 and will be open to students and their families beginning April 23. Please consider volunteering at the PTA Spring Scholastic Book Fair this April! Click on the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084faca96-2019>.

- Visit our Scholastic Book Fair page for more information: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/rockyhillsmmediacenter>.
- Students can now pay using eWallet-Learn more here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html>

Or shop online from April 18th-May 1st. Not sure how? Watch Scholastic's online tutorial:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/assetuploads/OFE_Tour_F15.mp4

Men Organized to Raise Engagement (M.O.R.E.)-next meeting is Wednesday, April 24

M.O.R.E. meets every other Wednesday. The next meeting is on April 24 right after school, in the cafeteria. For more information please contact: **Mr. Sullivan Phillips at kaphung19@gmail.com or Mr. Raymond James at Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com**

****Take your Child to Work-Thursday, April 25**

On Thursday, April 25, we will recognize/observe "Take Your Child to Work Day." Please discuss this opportunity with your child. If you will be taking your child to work with you, please complete the permission slip below and return it to the Rocky Hill main office to the attention of Ms. Lina Sloan by **Wednesday April 24th**. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rwv7LozkoIlgk16k463SFnZjsskC_po33/view?usp=sharing

Earth Day clean-up project sponsored by Montgomery Parks-Saturday, April 27

In honor of Earth Day, calling all students (parents, too) interested in cleaning up the environment! There will be a trash pick-up along the North Germantown Greenway Trail located adjacent to the Milestone community on Saturday, April 27 from 9am-12pm. This event is sponsored by Montgomery Parks. Gloves and equipment will be provided. SSL hours are

available! Come join us! See details and sign ups at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CADA82BA02-trash>

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Ghosh at cathy.ghosh@gmail.com.

Yearbooks are on sale-Pre-Orders due Thursday April 28!

Flyers and information have been distributed.

- There are errors on the flyer...**Special custom orders and online orders will close on April 28_(NOT March 22).** After April 28, you can only purchase a \$30 yearbook.
- Cash and check payments can be made to Rocky Hill MS and turned into the main office using the order envelope on the flyer.
- On-line credit card payments at RHMS will open May 1.
- **Cash, check and credit card 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.

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

Wildcat Art Gallery Returns April 29-May 3!

Save the Dates for the Wildcat Gallery filled with work by Rocky Hill students, April 29 to May 3. On Wednesday, May 1, from 6:00-8:00 pm, families are invited to enjoy an evening Gallery Reception. The Wildcat Gallery will feature Tech and Design, Digital Art, LCL, LCML, LCFM, and Studio Art displays.

Career Readiness Summer Camps (Middle School)

Registration is open for the 2019 Career Readiness Summer Camps for middle school students. Camps will take place at Gaithersburg High School from June 24-28, and Thomas Edison High School of Technology from July 8-12, 2019. More information is available at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/career-readiness/news/news.aspx?id=581452.

2. Reminders

As the weather gets warmer, we want to remind students about appropriate attire for school. According to the *MCPS Students' Rights and*

Responsibilities, “Students have a responsibility to be dressed and groomed for school in a manner that contributes to a school environment conducive to learning.” Please talk with your child about appropriate attire for school.

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, April 26, May 3 AND/OR Friday, May 10

MCPS Parent Academy Spring Schedule

Sign up for Parent Academy Workshops today! Childcare is provided, interpretation services are available. Visit the website, for workshop descriptions:

www.mcpsparentacademy.org or call 240-740-4620.

See the link below for the workshop

flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1foz8Z2UdCY7-mFqy1uyOLUxKsQggyIJ2/view?usp=sharing>