

**THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019**

**Week of 9/24/18**

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.**

**Afternoon Bus Change took effect Monday Sept. 17**

Students who ride the bus to the Boys and Girls club after school will now ride bus 2606 after school to the Boys and Girls club.

**Afternoon Car Riders**

Please be at RHMS in the car rider line to pick up your child at 3:00 pm when students are released. Please be on time – **we have had many parents arriving after 3:20 pm. Please be at RHMS at 3:00 pm.**

**Monday, Sept. 24 – Periods 71234**

No after-school activities

**Tuesday, Sept. 25 – Periods 56712**

Cross Country Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Coach-Mr. Stevenson-[Sean\\_T\\_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org))

Dodgeball Intramurals 3:00-4:25pm (Ms. Brouillard, Aux. Gym 2-

[Melanie\\_J\\_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org))

Drama – Little Mermaid Jr., 3:00-4:25 pm (Heinemann-Rm. 105-

[Paul\\_W\\_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org))

Softball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Boys- [Gerald\\_E\\_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org); Girls-

[Brian\\_C\\_Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org))

**Family Life Community Mtg., 6:30-7:30 pm, Rm. 140** ([Teresa\\_A\\_Demosky-](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org)

[Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tippett@mcpsmd.org))

**Wednesday, Sept. 26 – Periods 34567**

Chess Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 140-[charris@letusteachyou.org](mailto:charris@letusteachyou.org))  
Cross Country Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Coach-Mr. Stevenson-[Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org))  
Drama – Little Mermaid Jr., 3:00-4:25pm (Heinemann-Rm. 105-  
[Paul W Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org))  
Model UN, 3:00-4:25 pm (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 Lego Robotics, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143-[Kalani Smith@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kalani_Smith@mcpsmd.org))  
SGA, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Conley-Rm 167-[Kevin J Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org))  
Softball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Boys- [Gerald E DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org); Girls-  
[Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org))

**Thursday, Sept. 27 – Periods 12345**

Grade 7 Field Trip to Cedar Ridge Adventures, 8:30 am-2:45 pm (Trip #2-Oct.  
1) ([Stephanie L Fong@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stephanie_L_Fong@mcpsmd.org))  
Cross Country Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Coach-Mr. Stevenson-[Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org))  
Dodgeball Intramurals 3:00-4:25pm (Ms. Brouillard, Aux. Gym 2-  
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Drama – Little Mermaid Jr., 3:00-4:25 pm (Heinemann -Rm. 105-  
[Paul W Heinemann@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org))  
RecXtra Green Team, 3:00-4:25 pm (Ms. Evans-Rm 260-[Tara J Evans@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tara_J_Evans@mcpsmd.org))  
Softball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Boys- [Gerald E DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org); Girls-  
[Brian C Lucas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org))  
STEM Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm 150-[charris@letusteachyou.org](mailto:charris@letusteachyou.org))

**Friday, Sept. 28 – Periods 67123**

Grade 8 Field Trip to Adventure Park, 8:45 am-1:45 pm ([Lelah G Wilkerson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lelah_G_Wilkerson@mcpsmd.org))  
No after-school activities

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**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month**

Each year, in the United States, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose lineage is from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central or South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively.

The 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month theme is: “Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions.” Aissha Hernandez-Ramos, from the United States Department of Agriculture in San Juan, Puerto Rico submitted the winning theme. She stated, “Although Hispanics share so

much, we also have very unique characteristics, and these enhance us as a group. Our traditions will always be a part of who we are. As our history shapes our character, culture defines our beauty, and traditions will enhance our future. We remain alive because of this. We will keep talking to the world. We will let them know that we are here.” Latinos represent the largest student group in MCPS. Providing our non-Latino staff and student community with opportunities to increase their cultural awareness of our vast Latino community is necessary and greatly enriches our entire school community.

### **P.R.I.D.E Week at RHMS**

This year at Rocky Hill MS our theme is *Growing Stronger Together*, which reflects how we support our adolescent learners as they grow physically, emotionally, socially, and academically. Each month there will be one week during which students will participate in a variety of activities related to a specific theme. **During the week of September 24-28**, the theme is 'Wildcat P.R.I.D.E,' which stands for Prepared, Respectful, Involved, Disciplined, and Effective Effort. At Rocky Hill we believe these are important characteristics for students to develop to help them be successful in life. Each day this week, we will be focusing on one aspect of P.R.I.D.E. We encourage you to ask your child about P.R.I.D.E and the activities for this week.

### **P.R.I.D.E. Poster Contest**

In addition, we are having a P.R.I.D.E. week poster contest to recognize our Rocky Hill P.R.I.D.E. Students are invited to create an original poster to promote P.R.I.D.E. Posters should be submitted to the student's grade level counselor by Friday, September 28. A winner for each grade level will be selected by the grade level team and announced on Monday, October 1st on the morning show.

### **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. 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, or Bus 3.

**These stops are sometimes different from the regular bus stop.**

See link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QejbSY-e-STo46SJPf6YEysHFfy3OYtQ/view?usp=sharing>

Additionally, 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 4:25pm.

### **Chess Club**

Students interested in the Chess club should complete the registration link below. The chess club will be preparing for the Rocky Hill Chess Tournament scheduled for late January 2019. The tournament will be open to all scholastic players. For more information about the Chess club see the registration form or contact Mr. Craig Harris at [charris@letusteachyou.org](mailto:charris@letusteachyou.org).

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### **Intramurals**

Intramurals will begin in the next couple of weeks and are open to ALL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders

who are interested in participating in something active after school. All that's needed to participate is an Intramural Permission Slip (link below) which can be downloaded from the "Afterschool" page on the RHMS Website, or pick one up from the Girls PE office at any time. You can also use this

link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TYLuqtCD5WqpowO6aJqBfB3f03Mq34Fm/view?usp=sharing>

-- **Dodgeball Intramurals** will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays from September 20-October 4<sup>th</sup>.  
--**Archery Intramurals** will meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays the entire month of October.

--October 2-4 will be for **6th graders & beginner archery ONLY**.

--Starting October 9, the schedule will be as follows: Tuesdays – 6 grade, Wednesdays – 7 & 8 grade, & Thursdays – Open to all.

--**Tennis Intramurals** will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays beginning October 16 - November 1 .

See Ms. Brouillard if you need a permission slip or have questions.

[Melanie J Brouillard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

### **Leo Club**

Thank you to all the students who submitted an application. Students who have been accepted into the club will be receiving acceptance letters this week. Our first meeting is scheduled for Friday October 5, 2018 at **7:30am** in Room 258. Some of our autumn projects will include: Creating a Peace Poster, Construction of Blue Bird boxes and our annual Can Food Drive. For more information about the club visit the RHMS website, contact Mr. Stevenson in room 258 or by email at [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org).

### **Newspaper Club**

We are looking for students to join the Newspaper Club for this year. We produce 3 issues of the Wildcat Roar and cover a wide range of topics in each issue. Please stop by Room 167 to pick up an application. Contact Mr. Conley ([Kevin J Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)) with any questions.

### **RecXtra After-School Program**

RecXtra after-school activity permission slips may be picked up from Ms. Chilnick in Room 269. Please contact Ms. Chilnick for questions. [Deborah N Chilnick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_N_Chilnick@mcpsmd.org). Be sure to listen to morning announcements for upcoming activities that will be offered in the next few weeks.

### **UPDATE:**

--**RecXtra Science and Green team are full**. Please see Ms. Evans

([Tara J Evans@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tara_J_Evans@mcpsmd.org)) with any questions.

--**Lego Robotics is almost full**. There are a couple of spots left, please see Ms. Chilnick in room 269 for a registration form.

--**Book Wars** - please see Ms. Gramatges in the media center for a registration form.

--**Board Games** is up and running starting Wednesday, Sept. 26. There are still plenty of spots. See Ms. Chilnick for a registration form or **click on the link below** and turn in to Ms. Chilnick.

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## SGA

The Student Government Association is looking for more members for this upcoming year. Stop by Room 167 and pick up an application if you are interested in becoming a part of this organization. Contact Mr. Conley ([Kevin\\_J\\_Conley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_J_Conley@mcpsmd.org)) with any questions. The SGA sponsors the Spring Dance, Pennies for Patients, Candy grams, and food drives.

## STEM Club

Students interested in the STEM club should complete the registration link below. STEM club will be building Smart Cars and using microcontrollers as the computer brain. For more information about the STEM club see the registration form or contact Mr. Craig Harris at [charris@letusteachyou.org](mailto:charris@letusteachyou.org).  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dh62R4Jj6Ln0721GwCDQ\\_hWNW-YAqkJd/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dh62R4Jj6Ln0721GwCDQ_hWNW-YAqkJd/view?usp=sharing)

## Yearbook Club

Yearbook Club will meet for the first time on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:25 in Room 376 with Ms. Belman. Students in all grade levels are welcome! We will start working on the plans for an awesome 2018-2019 yearbook. If you have questions, please see Ms. Belman ([Lisabeth\\_S\\_Belman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lisabeth_S_Belman@mcpsmd.org))

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## 2. Reminders

### myMCPS Parent & Student Portal

Letters with directions on activating parent portal accounts were mailed to any parent who has not activated an account starting the week of July 23. Features include announcements, calendars, assignments, quick access, academic records and other resources. **The Emergency Card Updates in Parent Portal will be available through October 5th for parents to update.**

### Student Assignment Books (SAB)

All students received their assignment book the first day of school. If you haven't paid for your child's SAB, please submit the money ASAP. The \$6.00 can be paid in cash, check (payable to Rocky Hill MS) or OSP (Online School Payment). OSP is found on the RH homepage on the left side under Quick Links.

**6th Grade**- money can be given to any 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher or the Team Leader, Mrs. Quinn

**7th Grade** - money should be given to the Team Leader – Mrs. Fong

**8th Grade** - money should be given to the Team Leader – Mrs. Wilkerson

All money should be turned in no later than Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need financial assistance, please contact your grade level team leader.

### PE Uniform Update

The uniforms are in! We will be handing out uniforms that were previously ordered. We ordered extra uniforms as well. Credit card payments can be made online at the following link: [https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/about/Clothing\\_SizesandPricingandorderform201718.pdf](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/about/Clothing_SizesandPricingandorderform201718.pdf). If you would like to pay by cash or check (payable to

Rocky Hill MS), your child can bring that to Ms. Tippett, ([Teresa A Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Teresa_A_Demosky-Tippett@mcpsmd.org)), who will be taking orders. Thank you so much for your support of your Rocky Hill Physical Education program as all profits go right back to our students in the form of new equipment!

### **Media Center Volunteers Needed**

Mrs. Gramatges and Mrs. Heidary in the Media Center are in need of parent volunteers in the mornings from 7:45 to 8:10 am to help out with checking out books, handing out passes, checking contest answers and just being an adult presence in the Media Center. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! If interested, please contact [Laurie A Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org).

### **Sweet Treats & Small Prizes Needed**

The media center is in need of bite size candy (jolly ranchers, candy kisses, Nerds, Airheads, small chocolate treats, etc.-peanut/nut free) and small prizes (mini bubbles, fun erasers, individual stampers, small figurines, etc.) to hand out as incentives to support our instant prize activities. Please consider donating individually wrapped bite size candy or small toys (Oriental Trading: <http://www.orientaltrading.com/> will provide you with an idea of items we are looking for) to help us continue our activities throughout the year-the students love these reading based activities! Please contact [Laurie A Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org) with any questions. All items can be dropped off in the main office (labeled media center). Thank you for any and all assistance you can provide!

### **Craft Donations Requested**

Have old craft items your children have outgrown? Cleaning out your playroom and want to donate old craft sets your children have lost interest in? The media center is happy to take them off your hands! We are looking for fuse bead kits, loom kits, yarn, pompoms, & pipe cleaners, modeling clay, felt, beads and other craft items that we can use during our weekly Mystery Monday activities and at our maker space station. Please contact [Laurie A Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org) with any questions. All items can be dropped off in the main office (labeled media center). Thank you for any and all assistance you can provide!