

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2018-2019
Week of 10/1/2018

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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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.

****After School [Activity Bus Update](#) – See Below**

Monday, Oct. 1 – Periods 45671

Grade 7 Field Trip to Cedar Ridge, 8:15 am-2:30 pm (Group #2)
No after-school activities

Tuesday, Oct. 2 – Periods 23456

Grade 8 Meeting Re: Poolesville Magnet Program, 10:45-11:15 am, Media Center

Archery Intramural-6th Graders & Beginners Only, 3:00-4:25 pm (Leck-Main Gym-
John_P_Leck@mcpsmd.org)

Cross Country Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Coach-Mr. Stevenson-Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org)

Dodgeball Intramurals 3:00-4:25pm (Ms. Brouillard, Aux. Gym 2-
Melanie_J_Brouillard@mcpsmd.org)

Drama – Little Mermaid Jr., 3:00-4:25 pm (Heinemann -Rm. 105-
Paul_W_Heinemann@mcpsmd.org)

Softball Practice, 3:00-4:25 pm (Boys- Gerald_E_DelescavageJr@mcpsmd.org; Girls-
Brian_C_Lucas@mcpsmd.org)

Wednesday, Oct. 3 – Periods 71234

Postponed-New Date TBD-Grade 8 Meeting Re: Richard Montgomery IB Program

Archery Intramural-6th Graders & Beginners Only, 3:00-4:25 pm (Leck-Main Gym-
John_P_Leck@mcpsmd.org)

Chess Club, 3:00-4:25 pm (Mr. Harris-Rm. 140- charris@letusteachyou.org)

Cross Country v. Clemente MS @ RHMS (Coach-Mr. Stevenson-
[Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@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))

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

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))

Boys Softball v. Clemente MS (Boys Home/Girls Away) (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, Oct. 4 – Periods 56712

Archery Intramural-6th Graders & Beginners Only, 3:00-4:25 pm (Leck-Main Gym-
[John P Leck@mcpsmd.org](mailto:John_P_Leck@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

[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))

RecXtra Science Club, 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)

Friday, Oct. 5 – Periods 1234567

Leo Club, 7:30-8:00 am (Mr. Stevenson-Rm. 258- [Sean T Stevenson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Sean_T_Stevenson@mcpsmd.org))

Early dismissal for students at 12:30 pm-**Car Riders must be picked up by 12:30 pm**

No after-school activities

****After School Activity and Bus Information**

Activity bus UPDATE: *The stop at Observation Drive and Great Park Circle is now on Activity Bus 2. Please make sure that your child is aware of this change.*

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. (See link/attachment below). **These stops are sometimes different from the regular bus stop.**

Below is the link to the most updated Activity Bus Stop list:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18f7sTqouWETd4ZcyjEEseBuEZNmACpGh/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.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Open House, Monday, October 8 (8:15 am – 2:00 pm)_

- **WHEN**-- Come visit your child's classes on Monday, October 8!
- **TIME**-- Please stop by RHMS anytime between 8:15-2:00 pm. (We will welcome visitors to classes at 8:15 am-- so we can get students into their first classes before visitors arrive.)
- **SIGN IN**-- All open house visitors are required to sign in the main office for Open House before visiting any classes. Please bring your driver's license and follow normal sign-in procedures. We have a new visitor management system which requires you to scan your driver's license and have your photo taken the first time you visit the school.
- **SCHEDULE**-- This day is a **period 3 day**. To facilitate your visit, please ask your child to **write down their schedule** for you for **periods 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7**. (Teacher name and room number). Due to space issues we cannot accommodate all visitors in our cafeteria during lunchtime.

A few reminders for our Open House Day—it is a regular day of instruction so we want to keep our school day as normal as possible for our students.

- Please refrain from talking or using cell phones during instruction. Please do not take pictures in classrooms/hallways due to privacy concerns.
- Please note that Open House is for parents only, as we are unable to accommodate children who do not attend RHMS-- so instruction can continue without interruption during the day.
- Teachers will not be able to have individual conferences—we have parent teacher conferences in November or you can contact the teacher via email.

MORE - 50 Men on Deck

Want to show you care? Want to help your child and others start off to a great day? We're calling for 50 bold, influential adult males (i.e., dads, guardians, uncles, grandfathers) to come out to help us welcome students to a great day of learning. The event is on October 10, 2018. Please save the date, and most importantly sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4dadae2eaafb6-more> or contact Sulli at kaphung19@gmail.com.

Afterschool Items

- **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.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vjjFVBJz1YyUhJyLxfVkuboYq_tr5X-F/view?usp=sharing

- **Intramurals**

Intramurals will begin in the next couple of weeks and are open to ALL 6th, 7th, & 8th 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 4th.
- **Archery Intramurals** will meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays the entire month of October.
 - October 2-4 will be for **6 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.

- **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.

- **Lego Robotics UPDATE:** -There are **no more spots** left in Lego Robotics. Please see Ms. Chilnick about getting on the waiting list. Additionally, if you miss two in a row, you may be in jeopardy of losing your space to someone on the waiting list.
- **Book Wars:** Please see Ms. Gramatges in the media center for a registration form.
- **Board Games** is up and running. 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. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kxChkvvvdQn9t6CFU1as44PuryKlh6l_Y-/view?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ig7AX_3DuBop3iSbek3LSoCr5riMXWAH/view?usp=sharing

- **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. UPDATED LINK:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CBz6k1FFLvIxXEcWBiUH8Re6qX7OC1_n/view?usp=sharing

- **Yearbook Club**

Yearbook Club will meet for the first time on Thursday, October 11th from 3:00-4:25 pm 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)

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 this Friday, October 5th for parents to update.**

MCPS This Week

MCPS This Week and *Esta Semana en MCPS* (in Spanish) are brief updates on what is happening throughout the district. The shows are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed at the following URLs:

- English: youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkZwAghwrSytXwBjGKmoa5czmpixjd585
- Spanish: youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC2A7ADDEDf1F2A2E

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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!