

**\*THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES 2017-2018\***  
**Week of April 2, 2018**

Below are important reminders to help you stay involved and engaged with your student's upcoming events at Rocky Hill Middle School.

Follow us on –<https://twitter.com/RockyHillPRIN> (daily updates Monday-Friday!)

The RHMS main office hours are 7:45am until 3:45pm. Phones are not answered after this time and all messages left will be picked up the following morning at 7:45am.

To report an absence, please leave a message on the attendance line, 301-601-3195. Include your child's full name, grade and phone number.

Our weekly Sunday evening email has two sections:

1. RHMS Calendar/Events and Activities
2. RHMS Reminders

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**1. ROCKY HILL CALENDAR/EVENTS/INFORMATION:**

**After School Activity and Bus Information:**

After-school activities are scheduled on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-4:25pm. Please discuss which route your child should take (activity bus stops on our website) to get home and have them write it in their agenda book—Bus 1, Bus 2, Bus 3 or Bus 4. Please review the route they should walk—as activity buses do not use the same routes as the regular school bus. 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. Please be on time.

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**Monday, Apr. 2**

**NO SCHOOL – Spring Break**

**Tuesday, Apr. 3-Periods 56712**

- Archery Team Practice (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Leck-Gym)
- RecXtra Box-Fit (3:05-4:25pm) (Champion Boxing Club -Cafeteria)
- RecXtra DIY/Crafts Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Wiltshire-Rm. 258)
- RecXtra Green Team (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Evans)
- RecXtra STEM (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Singley-Rm. 178)
- Soccer Practice - Boys & Girls (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Shull/Mr. Conley)

**Wednesday, Apr. 4-Periods 34567**

- Archery Team Practice (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Leck-Gym)
- Chess Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Harris-Rm. 140)
- Model UN (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Fong-Rm. 358)
- M.O.R.E. Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Rm. 180)
- RecXtra Board Games Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Duarte Rm. 364)
- RecXtra Book Wars (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Gramatges-Media Center)
- RecXtra Lego Robotics (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143)
- RecXtra STEM (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Singley-Rm. 178)
- Soccer Game v. Clemente MS (Girls Home; Boys Away) (Mr. Shull/Mr. Conley)
- Street Hockey Intramural (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Brouillard -Aux. Gym)
- Wind Ensemble Rehearsal for Festival (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Schiller-Rm. 103)

**Thursday, Apr. 5-Periods 12345**

- Archery Team Practice (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Leck-Gym)
- NJHS (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Smith-Rm. 143)
- RecXtra Box-Fit (3:05-4:25pm) (Champion Boxing Club -Cafeteria) – **Final Session**
- RecXtra Girls Can Code Too (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Duarte-Rm. 364)
- RecXtra DIY and More Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Wiltshire-Rm. 258)
- RecXtra Science Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Evans-Rm. 260)
- Soccer Practice - Boys & Girls (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Shull/Mr. Conley)
- STEM Club (3:05-4:25pm) (Mr. Harris-Rm. 150)
- Yearbook (3:05-4:25pm) (Ms. Belman-Rm. 376)

**Friday, Apr. 6-Periods 67123**

- Book Wars Competition (RH hosting) (9:45am-2:00pm) (Ms. Gramatges-Media Center)
- Orchestra Festival at Damascus High School, 11:00am-2:00pm

**No After-School Activities-No After-School Activity Buses**

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**APRIL EVENTS & INFORMATION**

**Men Organized to Raise Engagement (M.O.R.E.)**

M.O.R.E. meets every other week—The next meeting is this Wednesday, April 4 at RHMS after school. For more information please contact: Sullivan Phillips at [kaphung19@gmail.com](mailto:kaphung19@gmail.com) OR Raymond James at [Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com](mailto:Raymondjamescompliance@gmail.com)

**Yearbooks are on sale!**

Flyers and information were distributed with report cards on February 8 and a flyer is on the RHMS website. Each regular hard cover yearbook costs \$30. Please consider paying online with a credit card. **Go to YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM** and the Yearbook ID Code is 9140518. **Online orders will close on April 9.** 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.

### **Bikes for the World**

Put your old bike to good use by donating it to Bikes for the World – ‘Changing the world, one bike at a time.’ Rocky Hill is collecting used bikes for “Bikes for the World” on Saturday, April 21 from 1-4pm in front of the school. For questions, please contact Tara Evans; [Tara J Evans@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tara_J_Evans@mcpsmd.org). Please see the attached flyer: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O6iSKTp8wk8gZbEH790ON7zrMJaeRqdtSolrtpE3IJ8/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Archery Team Update**

Congratulations to the Rocky Hill archery team. They took 3rd place in the Maryland State tournament this past weekend. They broke the school record with a score of 3117 points - only 15 points behind second place. Nick Fantle was our top male archer and Alyssa Bass our top female archer. Special congratulations to the following students for qualifying for this year’s National Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky: Nick Fantle, Alyssa Bass, Nandhini Jey, Christine Trong, and Claire Sengbusch. Claire also shot a qualifying score for the IBO 3D tournament in Kentucky.

### **Chess Championship**

Congratulations goes to Kiran Manoj of Rocky Hill for his 2nd place finish at the MD. Middle School Chess Championship. In this 5 round tournament, Kiran was one of the leaders going into round 4. He finished the tournament with 4 wins out of 5 games to take the second place trophy on tie breaks. His second place finish is the highest ever individual honor achieved by a Rocky Hill Student at the State Chess Championships.

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## **2. REMINDERS:**

### **PARCC Testing**

PARCC testing will be administered on May 1 - 10. More detailed information will be sent by email the first week of April.

### **The RHMS World Expo & Celebration is coming!**

#### ***Share your heritage and culture!***

We are looking for participants to share their culture at this year's World Expo & Celebration (aka International Night). At RHMS we are proud of our diversity. **On April 13th from 6:30-8:30pm** we will celebrate our diversity by sharing with each other several aspects of our heritage and culture. There will be ethnic/traditional performances, games from around the world and display tables exhibiting food and artifacts. We strongly encourage your child to participate in this fun-filled, learning event. **Students who participate by having a display**

**table, performing, or teaching an ethnic/traditional game will receive SSL hours.** In addition, as community members, we build better relationships with each other as we share our cultural backgrounds and family traditions. There will be a prize for the best display table (judged by audience).

**Registration deadline to share your culture at this event has been extended to Wednesday, April 4.** If your child is interested in participating please send their sign-up form to Christine Castle Vozzola at [castle.c26@gmail.com](mailto:castle.c26@gmail.com) I or turn it into the main office.

Below is the link for the participation form:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KI3NNy0JWt4pwehyfM0BCWI\\_FIHZ631f/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KI3NNy0JWt4pwehyfM0BCWI_FIHZ631f/view?usp=sharing)

### **The Book Fair is Coming in April!**

The book fair will be here before you know it! Please consider helping out at the April 13- April 20, 2018 Spring Book Fair! We'd love to see you there. If you are interested in volunteering, please use the link provided to select your dates/times. [Volunteer at the Book Fair!](#) (Works better in Chrome)

**No cash on hand the day of the Book Fair? No worries** – Scholastic Book Fairs ® is now offering an eWallet payment option. Simply set up an account and have funds immediately available for your child to shop the Book Fair. Safe and secure – it's easy shopping with eWallet. ([eWallet Flyer](#)) **eWallet set up can begin March 30th!**

Take some time to explore the book fair by accessing any of the links below:

- [Rocky Hill Middle School Book Fair Home Page](#) (eWallet link can be found here and **can be accessed starting March 30th!**)
- [Book Fair Flyer](#)
- [Book Fair Video Highlights](#)

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**RHMS PTA Updates are sent in a separate ConnectED message on Tuesdays, 9:30am.**