A message from ROCKY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE WEEKLY WILDCAT UPDATES -2014/2015

WILDCATS! (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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Rocky Hill Events/ Information:

Monday, Sept. 29, Period - 67123

- Morning Show-7:55am
- Leo’s Club Coat Drive

Tuesday, Sept. 30, Period - 45671

- Leo’s Club Coat Drive
- Archery Intramural –Beginners ONLY-2:45-4:15pm
- Cross Country Meet-vs. Baker MS-2:45-4:15pm
- Fantasy Football Club-2:45-4:15pm
- Field Hockey Intramurals-2:45-4:15pm
- Girls Softball vs. Baker-2:45-4:15pm

Wednesday, Oct. 1, Period-23456

- Leo’s Club Coat Drive
- Clarksburg HS- Opportunities (APPS)-1:00pm Media Center
- Archery Intramural –Beginners ONLY-2:45-4:15pm
- Field Hockey Intramurals-2:45-4:15pm
- Model UN –Room 358-2:45-4:15pm
- Niche Sports- P-8-2:45-4:15pm
- Great Smoky Mountain Trip-Parent Meeting- Rm. 360/ with Ms. Maisch (students are invited as well)

ThursdayOct. 2, Period - 71234

- Leo’s Club Coat Drive
- Poolesville High School Special Programs: 1:00pm Media Center
- Archery Intramural –Beginners ONLY-2:45-4:15pm
- STEM Club-Room 145-2:45-4:15pm
- Golf Club-P-10-2:45-4:15pm

Friday, Oct. 3, Period -56712

- Richard Montgomery HS- IB Program- 12:30pm Media Center
- Leo’s Club Coat Drive

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Rocky Hill MS- Open House- Slated for October 13, 2014
Save the date! Monday, Oct. 13, is open house. This is a great opportunity for parents to observe their children in the classroom, learn more about the school’s programs and meet school staff. Additional information will follow!!!!!!

ATTENDANCE SYSTEM:
We have a new period by period attendance system that MCPS is implementing in all middle schools this year. Please email: Kathleen_N_Stovicek@mcpsmd.org if you receive an attendance call and there is an error.

MAIN OFFICE HOURS:
Just a reminder that the main office for our school closes at 3:30 pm each day. The phones are not answered after this time and all messages left will be picked up the following morning at 7:30 am.

Parents of 8th Grade Students:
The week of September 29, 2014, during 8th grade lunch, 8th grade students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from high schools to learn about special programs offered at the schools.

10/1/14 Clarksburg High School Opportunities (APPS program)
10/2/14 Poolesville High School Special Programs
10/3/14 Richard Montgomery High School International Baccalaureate Programs

The schools will be having parent information nights in the next few months.

For more information, please visit http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/

To All Rocky Hill Parents/Guardians!!!!!!!  CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

CHICK-FIL-A - GERMANTOWN TOWN CENTER, ROUTE 118 & GERMANTOWN ROAD.

Come Join Us For An Evening Of Fun! Great Food and Fundraising for the Rocky Hill PTA!

INSIDE LOBBY ONLY! (NO DRIVE-THRU ORDERS)

Make sure you let the Cashier know you are from Rocky Hill!!!
Archery Intramurals: Attention all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders...

Have you ever shot a bow and arrow? Have you thought to yourself, “that’s something I’d like to try!”? Well, we’ve got just the activity for you!!

Archery Intramurals will begin next Tuesday, September 30th, and will meet each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until October 23rd. **The first week, September 30th-October 2nd, will be for 6th graders and **BEGINNERS **only!! Starting Tuesday, October 7th, it will be open to all shooters. If you are interested in participating you must have an intramural permission slip on file. If you have not turned in a permission slip yet this year, you can pick one up in the girls' locker room office from Ms. Brouillard. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Leck or Ms. Brouillard.**

SSL Information
SSL Opportunity - October 2014

The World of Montgomery Festival celebrates and displays the rich cultural heritages of Montgomery County. The festival will be held at Westfield Wheaton Plaza Mall parking lot (11160 Viers Mill Road, next to the metro) on Sunday, October 19th, 2014, from noon to 5:00pm.

Sponsored by Montgomery County, Fund for Montgomery and organized by KID Museum, the festival includes an international village, a global kitchen with chef demonstrations of traditional ethnic food, a craft market, a Parade of Cultures, two performance stages of traditional dance and music, connections through service, traditional arts and fun activities for the whole family.

We need volunteers to help with setting up the festival site, and clean-up, as well as help during the festival day with running activities. There are three volunteer shifts from 8:00am-1pm; 10am-3pm; 1:30pm-6:30pm. Volunteers are welcome to work more than one shift. We particularly need assistance for the morning shift for set-up and for break-down. To sign up to volunteer, go to this site [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BADAB2DABF49-world2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BADAB2DABF49-world2)

If students or parents have any questions regarding the opportunity, they may contact Diana Monkouski at the museum by phone at 301.897.5437 or via email at [diana@kid-museum.org](mailto:diana@kid-museum.org).

Maintaining Montgomery Park’s Trails - Upcoming Dates:
- September 20th: Seneca Creek Greenway Trail (Germantown)
- September 27th: National Public Lands Day, Little Bennett Regional Park (Clarksburg)
- October 4th: Seneca Creek Greenway Trail (Germantown)
- October 11th: Rock Creek Regional Park (Derwood)
- October 18th: Seneca Creek Greenway Trail (Germantown)
- October 25th: Community Service Day, Cabin John Trail (Cabin John)
November 8th: Rachel Carson Greenway Trail, NW Branch (Silver Spring)
November 22th: Cabin John Trail (Cabin John)

“My Favorite Teacher” Contest: The Gazette is happy to announce the return of our “My Favorite Teacher” contest and would like to invite Rocky Hill Middle School students to participate. Students are encouraged to submit a short essay about their favorite teacher now through Monday, October 6th to be entered to win an Amazon Kindle Fire HDX! (See attached flyer) Last year, the Gazette had hundreds of submissions and we would love to see nominations come from RHMS! (See Flyer Below)

Workforce Development & Continuing Education - YOUTH PROGRAMS

Register NOW for KIDS COLLEGE
Montgomery College Youth Programs offers after school and Saturday courses for students in grades 3 - 12 at the Rockville, Germantown, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses in its Kids College program. This program consists of enrichment and advancement courses that cover a wide range of new and exciting topics. Examples of topics include a course that supports students taking AP Chemistry, an engineering course that uses LEGOs, a pottery for kids, POM Squad, sewing, and so much more! Classes begin in October, so register now. For registration information access our website at http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthkidscollege.html, or contact YOUTH PROGRAMS at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

Asistencia en Español disponible. (Assistance available in Spanish)

6th grade Outdoor Education: Outdoor Education is 1 week away!! Teachers and students are very excited about this unique and special academic experience.

All permission slips and money were due Friday, September 26th. Please send these in with your child immediately!

All medication and forms for Outdoor Education were due, Friday, September 26th! All medication and forms must be brought to the school by a parent. All over the counter medicine must be new and unopened. Prescription medication must have a form completed by the doctor and the medicine must be in the prescription bottle. Please see the informational packet for more details. If you have any questions, please call the Health Room at 301-601-3188.

NEED HELP!!!!!!!!!! New Season of Homework Hotline Live!
Homework Hotline Live! (HHL) is kicking off a new fall season on Tuesday, Sept. 16, to help students in kindergarten through 12th grade by offering free homework help. Students can contact HHL teachers from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays on the phone or 4-9 p.m. online on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students
have several ways to reach HHL. They can ask questions by:

- Making a phone call to 301-279-3234
- Visiting the HHL website (AskHHL.org)
- Sending a text message to 724-427-5445
- Sending an email (question@AskHHL.org)
- Posting a message to Facebook (facebook.com/AskHHL)
- Sending a Tweet to @AskHHL
- Posting to Instagram (AskHHL)

HHL will answer text, email and Facebook homework questions from 4-9 p.m. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 4-6 p.m., questions will be answered “live” on TV. Questions submitted at other times will receive a text or email response.

Students and staff can watch Homework Hotline Live! on MCPS-TV (Comcast 34, Verizon 36, RCN 89) and at AskHHL.org. To keep up with the latest news, follow Homework Hotline Live on Twitter (@AskHHL), Facebook (facebook.com/AskHHL) and Instagram (AskHHL).

RX -Media Center Information: Did You Know that the fabulous, exciting and popular Rocky Hill Media Center is open after school every Thursday? Students who are interested in staying after school to complete homework, use the computers or take part in the media center games and activities may sign up in advance (in the Media Center) to stay. Students may ride the activity bus or arrange for pickup.

Edline is an excellent tool for monitoring your child’s progress. Among other things, it enables you to check your student’s grades regularly and obtain information about upcoming tests and projects in your child’s classes. If you have not activated your Edline account, or if you have questions about Edline, please contact Ms. Laurie Abita-Gramatges at Laurie_A_Abita-Gramatges@mcpsmd.org

PTA Reminders
Here are several ways you can help support the PTA:

FLES CLASSES
An exciting introduction to a new language and culture where students learn while having fun! The emphasis is on communication and students use their new language to play imaginative, interactive games and activities, sing, act out dialogues and practice speaking Spanish or French. Beginner level classes give 6th graders a valuable "jump start" prior to school day world language classes.

FLES will be offering Spanish and French offered on Wednesdays after school at Rocky Hill Middle for 24 weeks/$400. Classes will begin on October 15.

For more information about classes at Rocky Hill contact:
Urdouina Mbanaso murumbanaso4@gmail.com
Click on the link for flyer: http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/pta/FLESRegistrationFlyerRockyHill9814.pdf

**Yahoo Listserv Form** - The PTA would like to welcome you to Rocky Hill Middle School. In order to better inform you of Rocky Hill’s upcoming school and PTA events, programs and other communications, we invite you to join our Yahoo email group affecting only Rocky Hill Middle School. This listserv is private. It will not increase or decrease the amount of spam you currently receive. Please see form on PTA website.

**Withhold Directory Information for the Student/Staff Directory** - If you do not want your child’s name, address and phone number in the directory, please send in form to the Main Office. Forms are due September 19 - see form on PTA website

**Volunteers Needed for Main Office:**
Tuesdays- 8:00-10:00am - Beginning, September 25 2014
Then, every other week thereafter (twice a month). Please contact Karen Ward at wardkk@msn.com, if you are interested.

*Join the PTA* (Fill out membership form - $20 per person)
*For a great way to celebrate your student’s birthday, please fill out Birthday Banner form to see your student’s name on the Rocky Hill Sign on Rt. 355 ($15) (See Link) http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/rockyhillms/news/announcements/bday_announcementfy12.pdf

Thank you for supporting the Rocky Hill PTA!!!

**PTA MEMBERSHIP AND INFORMATION:**
http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockyhillms/pta/

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Thank you... Have a great Week! ... On Purpose!