

Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Shoutout to Ms.Schiller and the band for their EPICC Winter Concert on December 6th at CHS! The students treated the crowd to a musical treat with songs including, Louie Louie, Frosty the Snowman and Polar Express! Also, Ms. Wilson-Murray for sponsoring our newly created, EPICC Full STEAMS Ahead Program! Stay tuned for more information!

Announcements:

(The weekly calendar can be found on the right side of the RHMS website)

MON, DECEMBER 12

PD 2 Day: 2, A, 3, 4, 5, 6

NJHS Coat Drive

TUE, DECEMBER 13

PD 7 Day: 7, A, 1, 2, 3, 4

Activity Buses

NJHS Coat Drive

NJHS

Basketball Tryouts

Green Team

RecXtra Board Game Club

Cares Tutoring

WED, DECEMBER 14

PD 5 Day: 5, A, 6, 7, 1, 2

Activity Buses

NJHS Coat Drive

SGA

Cares Tutoring

No Place for Hate Meeting

THU, DECEMBER 15

PD 3 Day: 3, A, 4, 5, 6, 7

Activity Buses

NJHS Coat Drive

Fidos for Freedom Therapy Dog Visit (During Lunches)

**RecXtra Board Game Club
Cares Tutoring**

**FRI, DECEMBER 16
PD 1 Day: 1, A, 2, 3, 4, 5
NJHS Coat Drive**

ART HALLWAY BEAUTIFICATION AND ZEN DEN MURALS!!!

**BE A PART OF ROCKY HILL HISTORY AND HELP US BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME!
ANY AMOUNT OF A DONATION WILL HELP US WITH THE PAINT PURCHASE FOR OUR ART
HALLWAY MURAL, AND OUR ZEN DEN'S FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. OUR GOAL IS \$2000,
AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! A \$50 DONATION WILL GET YOUR FAMILY NAME ON A BRICK FOR
STUDENTS TO SEE FOR YEARS TO COME! CLICK THE LINK TO VIEW THE FLYER AND LINK TO OUR
WEBSITE FOR DONATIONS. ANYONE CAN DONATE! NO NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT, AS WE
HAVE MADE THE PAYMENT PROCESS AVAILABLE TO "GUESTS"! PLEASE HELP US BEAUTIFY OUR
SCHOOL FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF BY DONATING TO OUR MURAL FUNDRAISER! THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/DOCUMENT/D/1LR7Q7rCAU_vp8T_A-mKYnFMP9rEG4z_3LKAvMU_H4bY/EDIT?USP=SHARING](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LR7Q7rCAU_vp8T_A-mKYnFMP9rEG4z_3LKAvMU_H4bY/edit?usp=sharing)

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR SALE CONTINUES!!!

WE HAVE AWESOME ITEMS FOR SALE TO SHOW YOUR ROCKY HILL SCHOOL SPIRIT! THESE ARE THE SAME ITEMS THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO STAFF! GET YOURS TODAY! CLICK THE LINK BELOW, MAKE SURE TO CLICK "PICK UP" THEN "PICK UP FROM SCHOOL" TO GET FREE SHIPPING! SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT! ORDER CLOSES ON DECEMBER 21ST! ITEMS WILL ARRIVE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. DON'T MISS OUT! TERRI DEMOSKY-TIPPETT

[HTTPS://ROCKYHILLMIDDLE2022.ITEMORDER.COM/](https://rockyhillmiddle2022.itemorder.com/)

Cheerleading Intramurals

Cheerleading Intramurals: We will be having Cheerleading Intramurals starting after Winter Break for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders interested in learning cheers and performing at halftime during 2 of our basketball games this winter! There will be a mandatory interest meeting for students on Thursday, January 5th. Students must have an Intramural Permission slip turned in to Ms. Brouillard and be academically eligible Quarter 1 (2.0 GPA with no more than 1 E on their report card). Need a flyer or more information? Visit the Sports Page of the RHMS website for details. Got questions, or need a permission slip? See Ms. Brouillard or Ms. Hardie!

RHMS Coat Drive:

The NJHS is spearheading a Coat Drive for Rocky Hill MS. We will be running it from December 5 to December 16. Collection boxes are being placed in each grade level hallway. Any questions please contact Mr. Smith.

7th Grade News:

Seventh grade parents: Tis the season... to start prepping for Finance Park! If anyone is interested in chaperoning on one or all of the days (March 20-22), please let your student's World Studies teacher know. Here is an [overview of the responsibilities](#), and where to [sign up!](#) Thank you in advance for your help!

Vision and Hearing Screenings:

In accordance with Maryland State Law students in Montgomery County Public Schools are screened for possible vision and hearing problems. Trained hearing and vision screeners will be screening students new to MCPS, students in Grade 8, and students referred by teachers because of possible signs of hearing or vision problems. The screeners will be at Rocky Hill Middle School on December 19, 20, 21 and 22.

Children who do not see clearly or are unable to hear what their teacher and classmates are saying have a harder time learning at school.

You will receive a referral form, via US mail, to take to your child's doctor if your child fails the screening. If your child is already under care for a hearing or vision problem, or you do not wish your child to be screened at school because of conflicts with your religious beliefs, please notify the school nurse in writing.

If your child wears glasses or contacts they should wear them every day and bring them to the screening.

School based vision screenings may not detect every vision problem. To learn more about possible vision problems and symptoms or health conditions that may require additional evaluation go to Montgomery County Government's website at [this link](#):

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/PHS/SchoolHealth/HearingVision.html>

Contact Cheryl Kemp, MSN, RN School Community Health Nurse Rocky Hill MS 240-740-6672 if you have questions about your child's screening.

Volunteers are needed to assist during the screenings. If a parent/guardian is available and has completed the required MCPS course please call 240-740-6672. Time slots will be available for any or part of the days. Cheryl Kemp, MSN, RN School Community Health Nurse Rocky Hill MS 240-740-6672.

Volunteers for Vision and Hearing click on the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A9AB2CA1F9C34-volunteers>



[Volunteers Needed](#)

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

www.signupgenius.com

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De acuerdo con las Leyes del Estado de Maryland, los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery (MCPS), son examinados para identificar problemas de vista y de audición. Personas que han sido entrenadas estarán examinando la vista y la audición de los

estudiantes que han sido matriculados por primera vez en MCPS, incluyendo la de los estudiantes en grado (s) ocho, y aquellos estudiantes cuyos nombres han sido remitidos por sus maestros porque han demostrado señales de que posiblemente tengan problemas con la vista o de audición. Los estudiantes de serán examinados 19, 20, 21 y 22 de diciembre.

Los estudiantes que no puedan ver claramente o no puedan escuchar lo que sus maestros o compañeros están diciendo tienen mucha dificultad para aprender en la escuela.

Si el estudiante no pasa el examen de vista o de audición usted recibirá un formulario por correo con nuestra recomendación para que lleve al estudiante a su doctor.

Si el estudiante ya ha sido examinado y está bajo tratamiento por problemas de visión o audición, o si usted no desea que el estudiante sea examinado en la escuela por conflictos con sus creencias religiosas, por favor escríbale una carta a la enfermera de la escuela y hágaselo saber.

Si el estudiante usa anteojos o lentes de contacto, ellos deben usarlos todos los días y llevarlos puestos el día del examen.

Es posible que las evaluaciones escolares de vista y audición no detecten todos los problemas de la vista. Para averiguar más sobre los posibles problemas de vista y síntomas, o condiciones de salud que pueden requerir de exámenes adicionales visite el sitio de web del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Montgomery, en el siguiente enlace:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/PHS/SchoolHealth/HearingVision.html>

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Important Dates:

December 13th and December 19th - Students will participate in assessment practice for the ACCESS and MAP testing that will take place in January and February.

December 14th-PTSA Restaurant Night! Look for details in the PTSA section!

December 19, 2022 - Elementary School Principals Pre-Articulation Meeting, 8:00am - 8:45am RHMS Cafeteria

December 20, 2022 - Principal's SIP and Chat. Tuesday, December 20th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM via zoom. Stay tuned for the zoom link and agenda! During the meeting, I will review first marking period data and preview our SIP (School Improvement Plan).

December 23, 2022 - Non Instructional Day and beginning of winter break!

Reminders:

- Rocky Hill Middle School is an "Away All Day" personal mobile device school. Students may use their PMDs before school, during lunch and after school. We have also allowed students to use them during Wildcat Wellness Day and plan to continue this during the next scheduled day. Students who use their PMDs during times that are not allowed are subject to having them taken and a phone call made home. Overall, our students have been doing a great job with this responsibility. As you know, Personal Mobile Devices can be a big distraction from teaching and learning. We need your partnership and support in reminding your child at home.
- Please remind your child to charge their Chromebook each night and bring their charger with them to school each day. Also, it is the students responsibility to take care of their Chromebooks to prevent loss or damage. We thank you parents for your partnership!
- *Interested in becoming a Rocky Hill Parent Volunteer? Visit the [MCPS Volunteer Webpage](#) to learn more information about what is required to become a volunteer. There is also a step-by-step [Support Guide](#) to help parents through the process. We are excited to partner with parents in our community and together we can ensure every student has an EPICC experience at Rocky Hill. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.*

PTA:

[GO TO THE PTSA WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR MEETING DATES & INFO](#)

<https://sites.google.com/view/rhmspta/home>

[PTA WINTER SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR](#)

We are excited to announce our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on December 12 - 16th, from 7:30AM-3PM in our beautiful RHMS Media Center. For students, this is one of the most anticipated events of the school year.

The PTSA is looking for volunteers to help make this an epic book fair. You don't need to be a member to volunteer. Volunteering your time and talents helps our

students and every purchase benefits our school, so helping is twice as rewarding.
(First time volunteers please visit [MCPS Volunteers](#).)

>> If you're available to lend a hand at the book fair, please register on our sign up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054BACAE29A6FA7-ptawinter>

If you have any questions please reach out to our Book Fair Chairperson, [Diana Garcia](#) at RHMS.bookfairy@gmail.com.

- **'PLEASE REGISTER YOUR FAMILY & JOIN YOUR PTSA TODAY! Every Membership funds our basic operating costs and ensures we can continue to serve our Rocky Hill Community with PRIDE...**

<https://sites.google.com/view/rhmspta/home>

We're Raising Dough ALL DAY LONG! Mention Rocky Hill PTSA when you order by phone, or show this flyer image on your mobile device to have your order count toward our fundraiser.

Thanks for enjoying Pizza-Day with our community!

Manhattan Pizza, Clarksburg

December 14th 11:00am to 10:00pm

ENJOY GREAT FOOD
and *Raise some Dough*

Manhattan Pizza

20% of all food sales benefit
Rocky Hill MS PTSA

Date: December 14, 2022
Time: 11:00am 10:00pm
Location: Manhattan Pizza, Clarksburg

Don't forget to mention your organization or bring the event flyer and 20% of your total purchase will be donated to your organization.

No discounts or coupons may be used.
Applies to dine-in, delivery, or carry-out orders.

PLEASE JOIN our new OFFICIAL Private PTSA Facebook Group too! Get timely reminders for events, opportunities & sign-ups, communicate with our school PTSA community privately!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rhmsptsa>

We are looking forward to an EPICC year at Rocky Hill! Thank you for your support! We are Rocky Hill Middle School-Growing Stronger Together!

With Wildcat PRIDE!

***Darryl V. Johnson
Principal***

(English and Spanish copies of the Weekly Wildcat Update are attached to this message)