

Weekly Wildcat Updates-10.3.22 - 10.7.22

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Good evening, Rocky Hill MS Community!

This is Principal Johnson with your Weekly Wildcat Updates:

EPICC Celebrations:

Shoutout to the math department for a successful MAP-M (Measures of Academic Progress-Math) administration and students for giving their best effort. MAP data is used to help teachers understand students' academic strengths and areas they need support in order to help them grow.

The student Wildcat Zen Den is complete! Thank you to our amazing counseling team for taking the lead on this project. We can't wait for students to enjoy the benefits of this quiet space to engage in mindfulness and restorative activities.

Announcements:

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

MON, OCTOBER 3

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

TUE, OCTOBER 4

PD 1 Day: 1, A, 2, 3, 4, 5

Activity Buses

NJHS

Cross Country v Neelsville

Softball Girls v Neelsville

Boys Softball Practice

Dodgeball Intramurals

Archery Intramurals (6th Grade)

RecXtra Tennis Club

WED, OCTOBER 5**Non-Instructional (No school for students and teachers)****THU, OCTOBER 6****PD 6 Day: 6, A, 7, 1, 2, 3****Activity Buses****Fidos for Freedom Therapy Dog Visit (During Lunches)****Softball Boys v Neelsville****Girls Softball Practice****Cross Country Practice****Dodgeball Intramurals****RecXtra Dance Club****FRI, OCTOBER 7****Picture Day!****7 PD Day: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5**

October 3-8 is Mental Health Awareness Week. Mental Illness Awareness Week was established in the U.S. in 1990 in recognition of efforts by the National Alliance on Mental Illness to educate and increase awareness about mental illness. It takes place every year during the first full week of October.

Important Dates

October 7, 2022—Application for Regional/Countywide. High School Application Programs (ParentVUE and Google) Opens

October 10, 2022- Reimagined Wildcat Parent/Community Engagement aka Open House. Parents! Rocky Hill has reimagined the traditional open house and transformed it into the Wildcat Parent/Community Engagement Day! Stay tuned for specific information this week! Here's a sneak peak! We will have two sessions. The first session will be from 8:30am - 10:45am. This session will also include the opportunity to experience one of our new daily advisory lessons from 9:21 - 9:51am. The second session will be the same except there will not be an afternoon advisory lesson.

- **Administration Team Welcome and Presentation (8:30 - 9:15 and 1:00- 1:45)**

- Community/School Resources and Parent Academic Walkthroughs activity (P.A.W) (10:00-10:45 and 1:45 - 2:30)

November 4, 2022–Application Deadline for Regional/Countywide High School Programs

Holiday Giving Project 2021 Referral and Consent Form

The Holiday Giving Project has provided Thanksgiving and December holiday assistance to low-income households for over 30 years. A network of social workers, school counselors, and human service professionals refer families in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies serve Holiday Giving recipients, as donations are available. If you and your family are in need and would like to be referred for possible assistance for the holiday season, please complete this referral form to provide the required information. Resources are limited: please apply only if you and your family are truly in need. While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families in need as donations allow.

El Holiday Giving Project ha brindado asistencia para el Día de Acción de Gracias y las vacaciones de diciembre a hogares de bajos ingresos durante más de 30 años. Una red de trabajadores sociales, consejeros escolares y profesionales de servicios humanos remiten a las familias que necesitan asistencia. Las organizaciones locales sin fines de lucro, las organizaciones religiosas y las agencias públicas sirven a los destinatarios de Holiday Giving, ya que las donaciones están disponibles. Si usted y su familia lo necesitan y les gustaría ser referidos para una posible asistencia durante la temporada navideña, complete este formulario de referencia para proporcionar la información requerida. Los recursos son limitados: solicite solo si usted y su familia realmente lo necesitan. Si bien una remisión no es garantía de asistencia, el Proyecto ayuda a tantas familias necesitadas como lo permitan las donaciones.

Please click the link to complete a referral: (Haga clic en el enlace para completar una referencia)

[**Holiday Giving 2022 Referral Form**](#)

Deadline for Thanksgiving Holiday is Friday, October 21st. (La fecha límite para el Día de Acción de Gracias es el miércoles 21 de octubre.)

Deadline for December Holiday is Friday, November 11th. (La fecha límite para las vacaciones de diciembre es el miércoles 11 de noviembre.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Isha Gupta, Resource Counselor, at Isha_S_Gupta@mcpsmd.org or 240-740-6680. (Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, comuníquese con la Sra. Isha Gupta, Consejera de Recursos, en Isha_S_Gupta@mcpsmd.org o al 240-740-6680.)

Admission Process Information Overview for Regional/Countywide High School Application Programs:

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) offers a wide range of high school application programs for students entering Grades 9 through 12. These programs have a centralized admissions process, which begins with a common online application. The admission process opens in early October 2022.

- For students entering Grades 9–12 in 2023–2024, the regional/countywide high school application process admission, timeline, and program information is available at the Special Programs website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/

- MCPS has streamlined the Grade 8 high school application process by providing one common online application for all programs via Synergy. Grades 9–11 will apply electronically through a link provided on the website above.
- Program eligibility is based on the student's address and middle school for current Grade 8 students; and for current Grades 9–11 students, it is based on the home address only.

MCPS Regional/Countywide List of Programs by Home/Base High School

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNdicCl1xkElsRvmCF6Cqh97D_l7hoplCqUsgXZWoM/edit?usp=sharing

Parent/guardian/student flier

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_0vd_G2JgjHOdCUJNfdtwkw6EORqwmCzYNaxiEu4g/edit?usp=sharing

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!

PTA:

- **We need your support! Please consider donating your time, talent, resources to our amazing PTSA! Thank you to everyone who has signed up already! We all do what we can, and the simple step of joining today provides important funding for the incredible support we provide to our children and Rocky Hill MS.**

- **The PTSA needs your feedback. It just takes a few minutes...**

<https://forms.gle/qy5ohG2oBP8AkvNXA>

- **Check out our*NEW* PTSA Website**

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

- **Become a supporting member simply by joining online!**

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/rhmspta-membership?cart=044f0b0b-db20-466e-82a1-4efe9aa7df4e%21%2138096061&displayMode=GRID>

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!

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Principal

Attachments:

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