

# Rock View Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

**June 7** – Gr. 4 field trip St. Mary's City

**June 7** – Gr. 1 Market Day

**June 7** – Gr. 2 & 5 end of year celebration

**June 7** – Rock View Rocks, back field and black top, 5:30-8p

**June 11** – Gr. 4 end of year celebration

**June 11** – Gr. 5 promotion ceremony, Einstein HS, 6:30p

**June 11** – Kindergarten promotion, 2:15p in classrooms

**June 12** – Kindergarten in-house field trip, Squeals on Wheels

**June 12** – Gr. 3 end of year celebration

**June 13** – Pre-K & Kindergarten end of year celebration

**June 14** – Students last day, early dismissal – dismissal begins at 12:55p

**June 14** – Marking Period 4 ends

**June 24** – Report cards will be mailed home from central office

**Sept. 3** – First day of school for the 2019-20 school year

# THE ROADRUNNER

June 7, 2019

## Terrific Kindergarten Orientation!

On May 16 & 17, we hosted our annual Kindergarten Orientation – what a great event! Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers and kindergarten team for welcoming over 80 new Roadrunners over these two days!

### Even though Kindergarten Orientation is over...

Please let your neighbors know to come in and register for kindergarten if they have children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019!

### REMINDER - Planning for Next Year

It is not too late! It is important for us to have accurate information regarding your plans for the 2019-2020 school year. All students received a yellow sheet that asks you to share your plans to attend Rock View next year. There is an optional parent survey on the sheet. If you need another one of these sheets, please let your child's teacher know! Parent input is a key component to having a comprehensive understanding of each student's learning strengths and styles. Please consider sharing your thoughts through the parent survey. Even if you do not wish to complete the survey, please return the sheet with the information about your plans for next school year to your child's teacher– thank you!

### Staffing Updates

MCPS continues to move through the staffing season for next school year. Overall, our school will be growing a bit next year – a new homeroom for our Learning Center program and an additional homeroom for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have one less homeroom, while kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> grade are slated to remain at the same number of homerooms for next year.

We do have some staffing changes to share. Ms. Wise, Gr. 1 teacher, will be returning to Charles County Public Schools and Ms. Pridgeon, special education teacher, will be moving to the Autism program at Silver Spring International MS. We also have three retirements to celebrate – Ms. Galvagna, para educator, Ms. Nerlinger, ESOL teacher, and Ms. Raines, first grade teacher! We are so grateful for their years of service to our school

Wishing our  
Roadrunners a  
great summer!!



community! I know that you will join me in wishing the staff members who are leaving us all the best in their new positions and adventures!

We have been busy filling the vacancies and making our staffing plan for next year. We have hired Ms. Jocelyn Causey, special education teacher, to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Pridgeon's departure. We have also hired Ms. Michelle Olson and Ms. Rachel Lemberg to join our ESOL team. We have hired Ms. Megan Smith, recent graduate from the University of Maryland, and Ms. Kathy Gomez, veteran MCPS teacher, as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers. We are excited to work with these new staff members!

#### **Lost and Found**

We still have quite a collection of coats and other items in our Lost and Found. If your child has lost a personal item, please check the Lost and Found next time you are at school. All items that are left in the Lost and Found after the last day of school on June 14<sup>th</sup> will be donated.

#### **Reading & Writing and Math Summer Calendars**

Our Reading & Writing and Math Summer Calendars provide students with opportunities to engage in educational activities that will keep their skills sharp in language arts and mathematics. The grade level calendars will come home with your child on the last day of school. We will have additional copies in the office throughout the summer, and they will be posted on the school's website. While these calendars are not required, we encourage your child to participate. Students who meet the completion requirements for the Reading & Writing Summer Calendar and the Math Summer Calendar will be recognized when students return to school.

#### **Newest Roadrunner has arrived!**

I am pleased to share that Ms. Jenny Lapp, kindergarten Learning Center teacher, and her husband welcomed their first child, Charles Claude Lapp, into their family last month! Welcome Charlie to the Rock View family!

#### **Changes to the 2018–2019 School Calendar Due to Inclement Weather**

Inclement weather forced MCPS to close schools on four days this winter. The 2018–2019 MCPS school calendar includes 182 instruction days, 2 more than the minimum required in the state of Maryland. As a result of these closures, MCPS will need to use two designated make-up days to ensure that it meets the state-required number of school days. The school year will be extended to June 14, 2019; June 14 will be an early release day for all students.

#### **Postcards from...**

We hope you consider sending us post cards and notes from your summer adventures! We enjoy receiving updates on our students' summer fun. All correspondence that is received is posted on the large bulletin board near the Main Office for our visitors to enjoy. Our address is: 3901 Denfeld Ave Kensington, MD 20895. We'd love to hear from you!

#### **Be Well 365**

MCPS has launched a new initiative, *Be Well 365*, which will address the physical, social, and psychological well-being of our students. Students perform better academically when they are healthy in body, mind, and spirit. *Be Well 365* will work to ensure that students have the necessary skills to become positive members of the school and broader community; manage their emotions; build academic and social resilience; identify and access support for themselves or a friend; peacefully resolve conflict; and make positive decisions. The district has launched a webpage with more information on each component of this initiative. You can view this webpage at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/bewell365](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/bewell365). You'll be hearing much more about *Be Well 365* as we get closer to the start of the 2019–2020 school year.

#### **Participate in the Drive for Supplies Campaign**

Encourage your child(ren) to clean out their lockers, book bags, desks, and closets and donate usable school supplies to families in need through the annual Drive for Supplies campaign. Drive for Supplies also is an opportunity to educate students about recycling. The collected supplies are donated to MCPS schools and to local and international nonprofit groups. Contact the Student Leadership Office at 240-740-4692 for more information.

**Thank you for another great year! We wish all of our students and families who are not returning to Rock View all the best in their new adventures. Please know that you are always welcome (and encouraged!) to come back to visit – once a Roadrunner, always a Roadrunner! If your child is returning to Rock View next year, we look forward to continuing to work with you and your child in the year ahead!**