

# Rock View Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 23-Jan. 1** – Winter Break

**Jan. 2** – students return from break

**Jan. 7** – PTA meeting, 7p

**Jan. 9** – Kindergarten field trip to Imagination Stage

**Jan. 17** – PTA BINGO Night, 6-8p

**Jan. 20** – Holiday, schools & offices closed

**Jan. 23** – Winter Concert, 7p at Einstein HS

**Jan. 24** – Marking Period 2 ends & early release day. Dismissal begins at 12:55p

**Jan. 27** – Professional Day, no school for students

**Jan. 30** – Family Reading Night, 6-7:30p

**Feb. 4** – PTA meeting, 7p in the Media Center

**Feb. 4** – Marking Period 2 report cards go home

**Feb. 7** – Multicultural Night, 6:30p

# THE ROADRUNNER

December 17, 2019

*The Rock View staff wish you and your family  
Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year!*

### Family Reading Night is Coming!

We hope that you can join us for Family Reading Night will take place on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>! Pizza will be served for students in the All-Purpose Room from 6 – 6:30 pm, followed by the reading fun from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. More information about Reading Night is coming soon!

### Oh the Weather Outside Is...

It is time to share information about inclement weather and the school schedule. If inclement weather is in the forecast, please remember to be on the lookout for information about school closings if there is threat of inclement weather. If a TWO HOUR DELAY is announced, our students should arrive to school no earlier than 10:40 a.m. If a TWO AND A HALF HOUR EARLY RELEASE is announced, our students will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m. If your child goes to Kids After Hours, please check with them to learn about their policy regarding inclement weather.

Also, if the temperature is 32 degrees or warmer, with the wind chill factored, our students will be outside for outdoor recess. Please make sure that your children come to school with warm winter outer wear so they are comfortable outside. If the temperature is under 32 degrees, the students will remain inside for indoor recess.

### Speaking of Winter Coats

If your child seems to have misplaced an item or two of clothing or other personal items, they are probably in our growing Lost and Found. We have a large collection of jackets, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, lunchboxes, and even shoes! Please label your child's items with his/her name – this really helps the chances of reuniting lost items in a timely manner. The Lost and Found items are on racks in the gym foyer area. If your child is missing items, please ask them to check out the Lost and Found!

### Family Field Trip!

We had a wonderful turnout for our first Family Field Trip to the Natural History Museum in Washington DC! We had over 150 students and their family members attend the trip and enjoy a potluck lunch together. Be on the lookout for information about our next Family Field Trip in the spring!

### Mark Your Calendars!

Winter Concert is scheduled for Jan. 23, 2019 at 7 pm at Einstein High School. We hope you can join us for an evening of music that will feature our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as our 5<sup>th</sup> chorus! Performers should arrive at 6:30 p.m.

### Late Arrivals

As the weather has gotten colder, we have noticed an increase in the number of students who are tardy in the morning. Please remember that your child must be in his/her classroom at 9:00a to be counted as present and on time. Students who are not in their classroom by 9a and arrive later are marked as tardy and the time is noted. Parents of students who are chronically tardy will receive attendance letters to notify them of the number of tardies and the importance of arriving to school on time.

### Cold and Flu Season is Here!

Cold and flu season is upon us! Thank you to our school health nurse, Ms. Virginia Custer, for sharing information about keeping our Roadrunners healthy at this month's PTA meeting. In case you didn't make it to the meeting, please see the attached information pages to this newsletter! Please remember to let your child's teacher and Ms. Alvarado know that your child will be out – thank you!

### Winter Weather: Stay Informed

Winter weather is coming soon. MCPS offers numerous ways for parents to learn about school closures, delayed openings, and early dismissals due to inclement weather. Please make sure emergency contact information on file at your child's school is up to date. Visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/sources.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/sources.aspx) for more information on how to receive MCPS emergency information.

- AlertMCPS: [Subscribe to AlertMCPS](#) Receive text messages or emails from MCPS during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Parents can also sign up to receive alerts specific to their child's school.
- MCPS homepage: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org)
- MCPS cable channels: Comcast 34, Verizon 36 or RCN 89
- Recorded information: 301-279-3673  
Ask MCPS: 240-740-3000
- Staff takes calls from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, in English and Spanish.
- Twitter: [twitter.com/mcps](https://twitter.com/mcps)  
Local radio and TV stations

### Districtwide Boundary Analysis Meetings

Several meetings will be held around the county in December and January for members of the community to participate in conversations about the Districtwide Boundary Analysis. The MCPS Districtwide Boundary Analysis is an initiative designed to provide a comprehensive assessment of Montgomery County Public Schools' boundaries by analyzing factors such as: School facility utilization and capacity, Student demographics, School assignment, and Travel patterns. This initiative will result in an analytical assessment and a summary of the community engagement process. It will not make recommendations on potential boundary revisions. To learn more and RSVP visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/boundary-analysis/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/boundary-analysis/).

The meetings will follow the same program. The meeting will feature brief presentations that share basic information about the issues to be discussed during the boundary analysis and, after each presentation, there will be an opportunity to provide feedback during facilitated table discussions. Each participant will also be given an opportunity to share written comments and questions, which will be collected and tallied. The meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, MD
- Saturday, January 11, 2020, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring, MD
- Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown, MD

### Maryland Report Card

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has released the results of the 2019 Accountability System, the Maryland Report Card for every school in the state of Maryland. The report card for Montgomery County Public Schools can be found at [reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/ReportCards/ReportCardSchool/1/E/1/15/XXXX](http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/ReportCards/ReportCardSchool/1/E/1/15/XXXX).

The Maryland Report Card is designed to evaluate school success in several ways, measuring state test results in English Language Arts and math; postsecondary readiness; progress of English learners in achieving English language proficiency; graduation rate;

and students with access to and earning credit for a well-rounded curriculum. While the Maryland Report Card does provide important information about our schools, it provides a limited view of the progress of our more than 165,000 students.

To better understand how our schools are serving all of our students, MCPS has developed an Equity Accountability Model that provides a more detailed and focused report of school success. The Equity Accountability Model uses multiple and frequent measures of students' progress to determine if a school is meeting the needs of all students, with a special emphasis on reducing and eliminating disparities in student achievement. Learn more at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/evidence-of-learning-framework/equity-accountability-model.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/evidence-of-learning-framework/equity-accountability-model.aspx).

#### **Board of Education Seeking Comment on Policies**

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking comment on policies—Policy BOA, *Legal Services*, and Policy IGS, *Educational Technology*. Visit this [webpage](#) to read the draft policies and to offer comment. Comments on Policy BOA and Policy IGS are due by Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Draft Policy BOA, *Legal Services*, reaffirms the right of the Board of Education to retain attorneys for advice and representation in legal matters and sets forth a comprehensive plan for the efficient and effective management of legal services.

Draft Policy IGS, *Educational Technology*, reaffirms the Board's commitment to equitable access and opportunity for all students and staff to use technology to communicate, collaborate, create and innovate safely and responsibly in support of teaching and learning.

