

# Rock View Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 1** – Read-A-Thon begins!

**Oct. 1** – PTA meeting, 7 pm in All Purpose Room

**Oct. 4** – Early Release for students, dismissal begins at 12:55 pm

**Oct. 9** – No school for students and teachers

**Oct. 14** – Open House – come visit your child's classroom! (see section for more info)

**Oct. 14** – PTA New Family Welcome, 8:45-10a in the Staff Lounge

**Oct. 18**– Last day of Read-A-Thon

**Oct. 21-25** – Fall Book Fair!

**Oct. 21-31** – Kids helping Kids Food Drive (more information to come)

**Oct. 23** – Family Night at the Book Fair, 5:30-8p

**Oct. 31** – Fall Festival Parade & class parties, 2:15-3:15p

**Nov. 8** – end of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period & early release day, dismissal begins at 12:55p

**Nov. 8** – Individual fall portrait make up day

# THE ROADRUNNER

October 1, 2019

We are excited to have the 2019-2020 school year underway and enjoy having the students back in the building! I want to extend a very special welcome to all of our new families and kindergarten students. We wish everyone a terrific year!

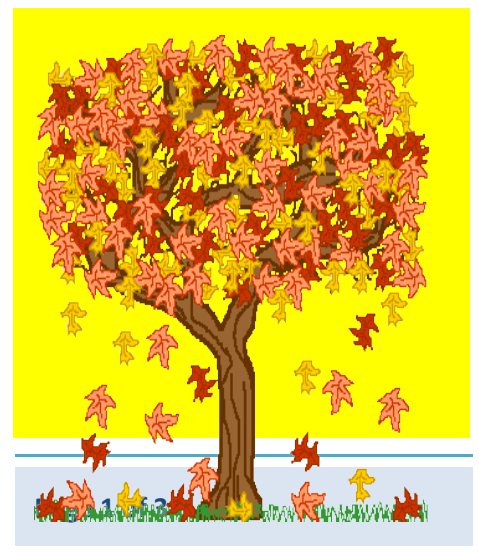
### Back to School Nights Are In The Books!

We had great participation during our Back to School Nights! Parents heard important information about their child's class, curriculum, and other school related information. Our partnership with our families is a critical part of our work – Back to School Nights are an important aspect of our work together. Thank you for your support!

### Safety and School Reminders!

Here are some important safety and school reminders:

- Many of our students enjoy snack at designated times during the school day. If you are donating a snack for the class to share, please make sure the snack is nut and nuts-products free and store bought. Also, if your child brings a snack from home, we ask for your help in reminding him/her that individual snacks are not to be shared with other students.
- Please support our student patrols and crossing guards. They are trained to assist with the safety of our students and other members of our community.
- There is a sidewalk around the parking lot near Connecticut Avenue to provide a safe pedestrian route. After pedestrians cross Connecticut Avenue during arrival, patrols will direct them to use the sidewalk around the parking lot. During dismissal, pedestrians will be directed to leave our campus via the sidewalk. This pedestrian route significantly decreases the number of students and adults who need to use the crosswalks on the Denfeld Ave. side of our building. Please support our safety efforts by using this pedestrian route!
- Follow information on all posted signs.



Ms. Kris Alexander, Principal   Ms. Joan Stump, Assistant Principal

- To support a safe flow of traffic for cars and busses, **students should not be dropped off or picked up in the bus loop during arrival and dismissal** (please refer to hours posted on the signs located at the bus loop entrance).
- If you need to leave your vehicle during arrival and dismissal, and you are unable to find a parking space in the parking loop, please park on Denfeld Ave. or in the neighborhood.
- When dropping off your child in the car loop during arrival, please have your child exit from the passenger side of the car. Patrols will assist you by opening and closing your car door.
- If you need to cross Denfeld Ave. on foot, please use the crosswalk located at the intersection of Connecticut Ave. and Denfeld Ave. Our patrols will remind pedestrians of this important point.

### PTA Read-A-Thon Fundraiser is Coming!

Thank you to the PTA Read-A-Thon committee for all of their hard work to plan for this year's Read-A-Thon. This year's Read-A-Thon will run from October 1 through October 18. This fundraiser is our PTA's primary fundraising event - funds raised during our annual Read-A-Thon event provides funding for many of the PTA activities throughout the year. Our Read-A-Thon is always tremendously successful, and we hope your child will participate this year. Prizes will be awarded to students for their participation, in addition to funds raised. Please review the materials your child will bring home soon for a complete description of the program!

### George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy Saturday School has begun!

We hope you consider having your child join many other Rock View students attend the Saturday School program through the George B. Thomas Learning Academy. Our Roadrunners always have a strong showing for Saturday School! This is a low cost, highly effective program to support student achievement. Saturday School is at 12 sites throughout Montgomery County, including Einstein and Wheaton High Schools from 8:30-11a, with breakfast served from 8-8:30a. Saturday School's whole school year registration fee is \$40 for students who are eligible for free or reduced meals /\$85 for students who are not eligible for free or reduced meals. A payment plan option to be paid over several sessions is also available. A waiver request form is also available for families who may need further assistance. Parents can register their child every Saturday morning at a site or register online at [www.saturdayschool.org](http://www.saturdayschool.org).

### Open House

We will host our annual Open House on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents and families are welcome to visit the school during the day to observe instruction. It is a great way for parents to see what happens in the classroom. We ask that you plan your visit for some time between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. If you would like to visit in the afternoon, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time. We hope you can join us!

To welcome our new to Rock View families, our PTA is hosting a New Family Welcome event from 8:45-10a in the Staff Lounge. We hope you can stop by to meet other new Rock View families and some members of our PTA leadership!



## Teaching and Learning at Rock View

Here are some terrific examples of teaching and learning that have been observed since school has begun:

- What was a challenge a character faced & how did they respond?
- Establishing classroom rules and expectations
- Sportsmanship, turn taking, and encouragement among students during PE & recess
- Writing word wall words
- Learning about local and state government structures
- What direct quotes from the text support my inferences?

### We Need Your Forms!

Your child brought home many forms (Emergency Release, Parent Privacy Form, Dismissal Information, Free/Reduced Meals, etc...) that need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Most of the forms are available on our school website. Thank you for your quick attention!

### Arrival Reminder!

Please remember that students are to be dropped off in the morning **after 8:40 a.m.** We do not have staff on duty to supervise students before 8:40 – thank you!

## **Student Rights and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct**

In order to ensure a safe, productive, and positive learning environment, MCPS publishes two documents that help students, parents/guardians, and staff understand school rules and regulations; the expectations for student conduct; and the possible consequences for violating the rules. *A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities* is an overview of the rights and responsibilities students enjoy in MCPS and a summary of the laws and regulations that affect students.

The *MCPS Code of Conduct* provides an overview of discipline procedures and protocols and the range of consequences students could face for violating various policies, regulations, and rules. The guide also discusses the MCPS philosophy toward discipline. All families received copies of these documents and are encouraged to review them with their child(ren). The documents are available online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/rights/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/rights/).

### **Fall Festival**

We will have our annual Fall Festival Parade at 2:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> with classroom parties immediately following the parade. Students may change into their Halloween costumes before the parade, but should come dressed in regular clothes for the school day. Parents are welcome to attend to view the parade and to participate in the classroom parties. Please remember that fake weapons, even if it is a part of a costume, are not allowed at school. All costumes should be appropriate for elementary-aged children (not excessively scary or gory) and must include shoes (no slippers). If you are donating food items for the classroom parties, please remember that all items must be store-bought and free of nuts or nuts-products. If you do not want your child to participate in the Fall Festival activities, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible. Look for more information about the parade route and the Festival soon!

### **Rock View's Own Free, Little Library!**

Our staff's Reading Committee is sponsoring Rock View's Free, Little Library again this year! Students are welcome to take a book from the case near the Main Office to read! They can keep the book, return it for a new one, and/or bring books to donate to the library. This great resource is made possible through generous donations from Rock View families, community members, our PTA, and staff. If you would like to donate gently used book for the Free, Little Library, feel free to drop them off in the Main Office!

### **Stay Informed with MCPS QuickNotes**

MCPS *QuickNotes* is a bimonthly newsletter that provides MCPS families with important news and information about MCPS programs and activities, plus emergency information. MCPS *QuickNotes* is offered in seven languages: English, Spanish, French, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Amharic. Visit [news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/](http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/) to read the latest edition.