

# Wildcat Roar

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## **Meet New Teachers of Rocky Hill**

Ms. Lynette Edwards

### ***Can you tell me a little about your background in education?***

At an early age I knew I wanted to become a teacher. I embarked on achieving that goal by attending Winston-Salem State University as it was known to produce some of the best educators. Six months after graduating from Winston-Salem State University, I began my teaching career in DC Public School as a Special Education teacher in a Noncategorical Pre K Classroom. I held that position for four years until I began teaching for Prince George's County Public Schools as a Special Educator in the CRI (Community Reference Instruction) classroom for four years. After this tenure, I became a stay at home mom for a few years and in 2011, I came back to education part time holding positions as a Substitute Teacher and a Reading Interventionist. In 2018, I earned a M.Ed in K-12 Special Education from Regent University and I have been here at Rocky Hill since November 2020.



### ***How long have you been teaching?***

This is my 14th year teaching and my second year at RHMS. I have taught at the elementary and middle school levels.

### ***What is your favorite thing about teaching?***

Building relationships with students

### ***Is there an important person or role model in your life?***

I can't narrow this down to one person as everyone in my life has made some impact on my life.

### ***Any advice for students at Rocky Hill?***

My advice would be to Be yourself and find what makes you happy.

### ***Would you like to share anything about your family?***

I have been married for 19 ½ years and have 3 children, Dinah, Dorian and Logan. They all attended Rocky Hill and are now students at Clarksburg High.

***How do you think that Covid 19 has affected you as a teacher?***

Covid 19 reminded me to be more mindful that not all students have the resources to be successful at home. Due to the community that we live in, oftentimes we don't realize that all students don't have access to the same resources.

***In your opinion, what was the most suitable option for you? Would you prefer online teaching, or would you prefer in-person teaching?***

I prefer in-person teaching.

**Mr. Jeremy Stubbs**

Interview by Amogh Bandekar

Mr. Stubbs is a graduate of the prestigious Morehouse College. Mr. Stubbs used to work at College Gardens elementary school as a paraeducator. This is his first time full time teaching. The reason he became a teacher is the creative aspect. Creating strategies, creating a lesson plan, and giving input in the curriculum. The 2 courses he teaches are Spanish and Lights, Camera, Literacy.. He also enjoys helping to “mold young individuals and to help them grow as individuals.” Though many people influenced him, he would have to say his cousin C.J. has been a big role model to me. “He has inspired me with his athletic and academic pursuits, his spiritual journey, as well as being a role model son, brother, cousin, husband, and father”. Before I ended the interview, I asked him if he had any final notes and dedications. He said, “And to my family, I'm blessed to have them. Throughout the good times and the challenging times, there are important things that I have learned that I carry with me every day. ” Mr. Stubbs continued, “I understand that we are in a difficult and trying time, but I would encourage everyone to stay safe, kind, and respectful to each other. To keep our heads up and come on the other side of this difficult situation, better and stronger than we were before.”



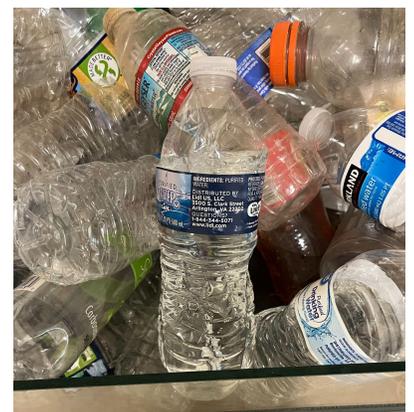
**Earth Day Newspaper Interview**

By: Olivia Lee

Earth day is coming up soon on April 22, 2022. The importance of Earth day is not known to a lot of people. Knowing the importance of earth day is very important and I'm here to tell you what we can do on Earth day as students. I was able to interview the wonderful science teacher, Ms. Smetanick, in order to inform RHMS students about Earth day.

**Q: What can students do in order to celebrate Earth day?**

A: In order for students to celebrate Earth day, students can pick up litter. “Plogging” is a way to exercise and to take care of the environment. People can go for walks with a bag and pick up litter along the way. Saving energy by turning off lights, unplugging unused appliances, and not wasting water by turning off the faucet when



brushing your teeth. When there is unfinished water you can pour it into a pet bowl or plant, another useful way to use unused water for the environment. Students can also plant a tree which can help the environment in many ways. One easy way to help our environment is to stop using plastic. Stop using bottled water, use reusable water bottles. Stop using plastic straws, forks and spoons, use reusable straws, forks and spoons.

**Q: How can students help clean our environment?**

A: Plogging is a way to stop the litter, mostly lightweight plastic, to stop the litter from traveling down the streams, bays and to the oceans.

“Everytime you see litter on the ground, if it’s not picked up it will end up somewhere else, it will not go away. It does not just disappear.” - Ms.Smetanick.

In the environment “there is no such thing as away. You don’t throw things away, it goes somewhere else, either landfill, ocean or it is burned.”

**Q:. How is the earth changing?**

A: There has been great environmental improvement during the last 50 years. However there has also been a decline in environmental improvement. Solving environmental problems has been solved before and we can solve them now. Solutions start with self-awareness. We need to start asking ourselves, “What can we do to help our earth?”

*“We are the only organisms on the earth where the earth cannot reuse our waste.”*  
- Ms. Smetanick

**Q:. What's a fun fact about our earth?**

A: Some of the fun facts that Ms.Smetanick had shared with us were very concerning. I believe that people should read this and rethink our actions and try to fix it.

1. There are more plastic particles in the ocean than there are stars in the milky way galaxy. Microplastic in the ocean and land has made it into the food chains, which means that humans are consuming plastic.

2. It has been theorized that the average American consumes equivalent to a credit card size of plastic every day.



3. Plastic does not recycle well. Usually plastic is recycled one time into less plastic that cannot be recycled. People should use aluminum cans instead of plastic cans and recycle them. Another alternative is reusing forks and knives, instead of plastic. Use reusable bags instead of plastic bags, use reusable water bottles instead of bottled waters. Don't overwhelm yourself with everything, choose one thing. Trying to change everything at once can be overwhelming. So instead of trying to change everything at once try to change one thing by one thing.



Water bottles in front of 6th grade science room (majority of the bottles are not empty)

## Town Hall

By: Olivia Lee

How do you want Rocky Hill to be portrayed to other people? That was one of the questions asked during the town hall meeting. Would you want your school to be portrayed as an unwelcoming place? Or would you like your school to be portrayed as a welcoming place? I'm sure every student would want our school to be a safe, friendly and welcoming place for everyone. However, some of the students' actions do not seem to help create that kind of environment.

### 1. No violence

Students should not be fighting each other, ever, in school. Fighting is never a justification for anything. If something makes you angry, you should never take it out on someone else. The lessons that students learn in Wildcat Wellness should be helping us to be more calm. If someone or something makes you mad you should be trying to calm down, not trying to release it onto someone else. I feel as if students don't take fighting as a big problem because they are in school. If you were to fight outside of school you would be punished more



severely than if you fought at school. I think it's important to prevent fighting now before things get even worse.

## 2. No recording

Students should not be trying to encourage other people to fight. Neither should they be recording the fights. Recording fights and posting them on different social media can bring down our school reputation. Instead of trying to record the fights we should be trying to stop the fight by calling staff. Recording fights just makes everything much worse.



## 3. Learning to Understand

I believe that all students should be trying to understand each other despite the differences. I think the great thing about our school is that we're all different and unique. We all come from different cultures and traditions. Instead of disrespecting our differences people should be able to respect each other's culture. There are a lot of racist slurs, racisms etc happening in our school which should be fixed.



In order to make a safe and welcoming place for students I believe that we should be following those rules of no violence, no recording and not disrespecting other people for their differences. Let's try to help our school be a better place!

***RHMS Dance is on Tuesday, April 26th! Make sure to return your permission slip and \$5.***



## Boys Soccer

Coach Sean Stevenson



### 8th Grade

Christain Cuyun - right back  
Jamie Galvez, Jr. - center back  
Chris Garay-Morinigo  
Yoltzin Moran - midfielder  
Alejandro Baldomar - midfielder  
Jude Wehbe - goalie  
Nathan Yidnokachow - center back  
Daniel Monterrusa - midfielder  
Arnav Dhungana - right back

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Tavian Deldago - left wing  
Benjamin Feig - right wind  
Christopher Franco Claros  
Emmanuel Israel - midfield  
Juan Saldana - right wing  
Julian Salvador - goalie  
Damian Salvador - left back  
Michael Corado - right back  
Xavier Corpeno - right wing

## Girls Soccer

Coach Kevin Conley



Alvarez, Mia 7

Burch, Jada 7

Cole, Victoria 7

Jamil, Aroush 7

King, Ciera 7

Lugo, Layiah 7

Turner, Destiny 7

Aquino, Areacne 8

Aragon Martinez, Leticia 8

Espinoza, Jerlindsey 8

Galvez, Sofia 8

Kande, Fatou 8

Orellana, Nathalye 8

Sevilla, Emely 8

Vargas, Samanta 8

Wall, Sophia 8

The RHMS Girls Team has a roster of 16. Captains for this season are Sophia Galvez and Emely Sevilla. Our Goalkeepers will be Aroush Jamil and Fatou Kande. We are looking forward to a fun season!

## Winter Olympics Overview

The Olympics show the sheer strength and physique of humanity. Sadly, we cannot watch the Olympics live at the stadium because of Covid 19 safety reasons but the solution is we can see it from the comfort of our homes, on our televisions.

Olympic facts: Started on Feb. 4, and goes to Feb. 20

China has hosted summer olympics and winter olympics.

Olympics originated in Greece

Activities:

Ski Jumping.

Alpine Skiing.

Ice Hockey.

Speed Skating.

Biathlon.

Freestyle Skiing.

Luge.

Nordic Combined.



Gold medal (olympics) is coated with 6+ grams of gold. Core is silver.

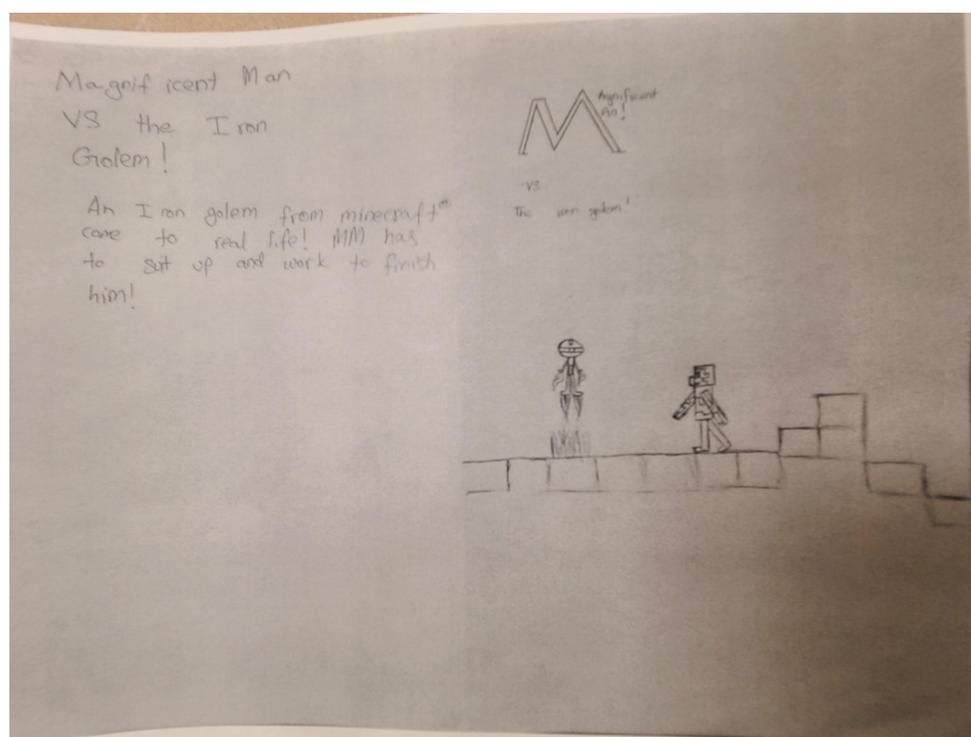
Silver is made from silver.

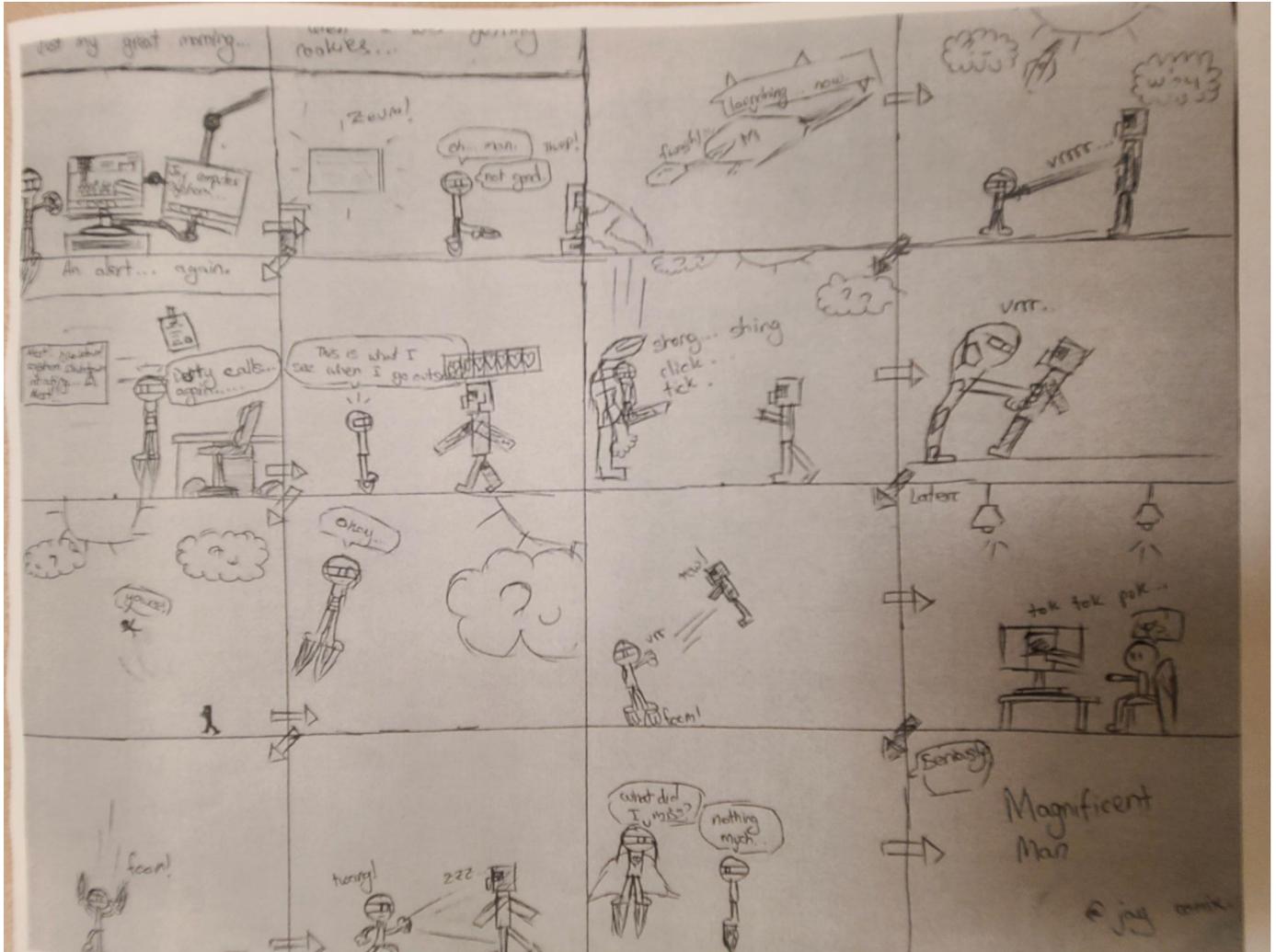
Bronze is made from 0.95 copper, and 0.05 zinc.

## Magnificent Man Comics

By: Jayaditya Buddan Ramesh

In this edition Magnificent Man has to battle the Iron Golem from Minecraft.





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