



The ECHO



Rock Creek Valley Elementary Parent Teacher Association Newsletter

October 2018

Hello, October!

The leaves are falling, pumpkins are on doorsteps and cooler temperatures are on their way...autumn is in full swing at RCV! And with the new season comes plenty of fun activities and events for the entire community! Here are some items to add to your calendar:

Tuesday, October 23 (5:00-9:00PM): Chipotle Restaurant Fundraiser

Come out to Chipotle, grab dinner and hang out with friends and teachers after school!

Wednesday, November 7 (7:00-8:00PM): PTA Meeting

Get the latest school updates from Mr. Burns and Ms. Carr and see demos of the MCPS Parent Portal and our new online directory (coming soon!). Meetings are open to everyone, and FREE childcare will be provided by BAR-T for potty-trained children aged 3 years to 12 years old. We are also happy to arrange translation services for PTA meetings! Please email your request to rcvptapresident@gmail.com at least 48 hours in advance to allow time to coordinate this service.

November 9 through November 15: Scholastic Book Fair

Encourage your child's love of reading and support our school at the same time!

Thursday, November 15 (6:00-8:00 PM) Multicultural Night

Show off your family's cultural traditions or international pride through food, dance, dress, posters, souvenirs, or anything else that proudly showcases your cultural heritage, or just come to enjoy the event!

Friday, November 16: Deadline for Reflections Art Contest

Calling all kids! Make artwork showing what you imagine when you hear the words "Heroes Around Me". See page 2 for details!

We hope you'll have a chance to enjoy some of these events!

Sincerely,
Your RCV PTA



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Missed the PTA meeting? Simply go to rcvpta.com to read meeting minutes, and check out the latest information on school events, after school activities, and more.

GIANT A+ REWARDS

Help raise \$\$\$ for RCV by making sure your Giant grocery rewards card is linked to RCV!

Visit www.giantfood.com click on SIGN IN or click REGISTER to create your online account. Once you are logged in, click MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, REWARDS & SAVINGS, then select a school for A+ Rewards.

You can search for our school by city & state, or directly enter RCV's School ID: **00741**

Encourage family members and friends to support RCV too!



NEWS AND NOTES



Buy Nothing, Sell Nothing Fundraiser

Once again, RCV will be hosting a Buy Nothing, Sell Nothing fundraiser that will open at the end of October. Instead of engaging in fundraising that only shares a percentage of the proceeds, this is a direct-donation process that ensures 100% of your contribution will go towards the kids, staff, and their programs. The best part? If we raise enough money, all the kids will be invited to attend an in-school popcorn party! We will be sharing more information about the fundraiser soon, so be on the lookout.



50th Annual PTA Reflections (Arts Contest)

Encourage your kids to express their creativity by participating in the 50th Annual PTA Reflections program! PTA Reflections welcomes students of all grades and all abilities to explore their inner artist. Students reflect on the theme (**Heroes Around Me**) in school or at home and are welcome to submit entries in one or all of six arts disciplines, including:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Every student is recognized for their participation and achievement in the arts with the opportunity for state and national awards and recognition.

Submission Deadline: Friday, November 16th



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

5 Things You Didn't Know About...Mrs. Sharyn Bergman, RCV's New Guidance Counselor

1. She has more than 30 years experience working for MCPS, most recently as a staff development teacher at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.
2. She has a dog named Ringo. He's named after one of The Beatles!
3. She has two children, ages 16 and 10. Her 10-year-old is adopted and she is very proud of completing her family through adoption.
4. She and her family are plant-based, meaning they eat only vegetables, whole grains, nuts, seeds, legumes and fruits—and no animal products.
5. Her favorite thing to eat is a garlicky kale salad.

Join us at the **December 4th** PTA Meeting to meet Mrs. Bergman in person and learn about the many ways she's helping our kids!

MCCPTA DELEGATE'S REPORT

Did you know that MCPS recently partnered with Sheppard Pratt Health System to open a new school designed specifically for teenagers recovering from any type of substance use?

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The Recovery and Academic Program (RAP) helps students continue completing MCPS coursework in a safe and supportive environment during the day while learning the necessary skills needed to maintain sobriety in the afternoons and evenings. It is free of charge to Montgomery County youth and accepts referrals from MCPS, juvenile drug court, and other non-profit agencies. To learn more, search the MCPS website for keyword "RAP".

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Please join us in thanking:

- **Michelle Levit** for coordinating this year's awesome selection of RCV Spirit Wear!
- **Crystal Hillard** and all the volunteers who made the Ice Cream Social possible!
- **Vivian Byrd, Kara Fisher, and Emily Wood** for performing the annual PTA financial review!
- **Elaine Parks** for coordinating our PTA Reflections program!
- **Juan Lizama** for offering to translate our PTA flyers into Spanish!

And gratitude goes out to **all** of the parents who purchased items from the staff Wish Wall at Back to School Night!! No doubt it will make a big impact on the classrooms!

WE NEED HELP!

To be able to run the many events that the PTA puts on each year, we need some help from parents like you! If you would be interested in helping organize any of the events below, please contact Rachel Schiffenbauer (rcvptapresident@gmail.com) for additional details:

- **Spelling Bee (4th/5th Grades)**
- **Cultural Arts Assemblies**
- **Science Fair**
- **Spring Book Fair**

Thank you!!