



# Rock Springs Middle School Monthly Newsletter

September 2017

## September 2017 Important Dates

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Popcorn  
Fundraiser Turn in Date

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> No School (Labor  
Day)

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports

Week of Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>  
We are collecting Box Tops.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal Day  
(8:15-11:45)

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Last School Day  
before Fall Break

School Website:  
<http://rsm.rcschools.net/>

School Twitter:  
@RSMKNIGHTS

Dear Members of the Rock Springs Community,

The school year is off to a great start and we are excited to embark on another great school year. Every month, we will provide the community with a State of the School Address produced by our video production team which will be uploaded to our school website. This will provide a quick synopsis of the month ahead. We will also provide a more detailed newsletter that will outline our schools progress, successes and important dates to remember.

**Parent Partnerships:** We view parents as an integral part of the education process and value your input and suggestions. As the relationship between school and parents grows, so does student achievement. We have an open door policy at our school, please stop in our offices anytime to make a suggestion for improvement or just to say hello.

**R and E Time:** R and E stands for Remediation and Enrichment. We have built into our daily master schedule a 30 minute R and E time for our students and teachers. During this time, we are providing remediation for students who have not yet mastered the standards taught. Also we are providing enrichment opportunities to extend the learning of those students who have mastered the standards.

**Student of the Week:** We have started a new initiative at Rock Springs Middle to award a student of the week to both a male and a female student every Friday morning. Each student will be given a coupon to Chick Fil A of Smyrna for being named Student of the Week. We are trying to instill into our students Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. When teachers or administration recognizes a student for demonstrating one or more of these traits the student will be nominated for this award.

**Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> will include inflatables, music, carnival-type games, other activities, and lots of food. The cost for the carnival is \$20. Included with the \$20 is a wristband which will allow you to do most of the activities. Both wristbands and tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the Fall Festival. Your child may want to bring additional money to buy extra tickets for the carnival. Tickets are needed for food and booths. Our cafeteria will provide lunch at the normal price. Everyone will be able to attend and there will be some activities that do not require tickets.

**Pop Corn Fundraiser:** It is time for our annual Popcorn Fund Raiser where we will be selling a variety of popcorn! This year's fund raiser began in August with turn in dates scheduled for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. We encourage our students to participate in this fundraiser so we can continue to purchase new instructional materials for our classrooms. Last year we were able to purchase a grade level set of calculators, laptops (for student usage) and a new computer lab. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraisers.



## Athletic Home Games

Football: (Football home games are played at Smyrna High School)

- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> vs. Rocky Fork (Homecoming)
- Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> vs. Oakland

Girls Soccer:

- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Whitworth-Buchanan
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> vs. Rockvale
- Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> vs. Oakland

Volleyball:

- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>: vs. Oakland and Smyrna
- Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> vs. Whitworth Buchanan and Rocky Fork
- MS Tournament @ Rock Springs Middle starting Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

**Meet the Faculty:** Below is a list of our teachers by subject area. Our teachers do so much for our students throughout the year and this just gives us an opportunity to highlight them. We encourage parents to help us spread kindness through our building by sending our teachers emails of support and encouragement throughout the year.

Science		Math		English		Social Studies		SPED		Electives	
Smith	Tracey	Davis	Laura	Caldwell	Ashley	Marcum	Rhonda	Pope	Melinda	Grady	Deborah
Clark	Hayley	Sweet	Nathan	Jackson	Sunni	Kovach	Matt	Neu	Kristin	Taylor	Deanna
Straughter	Jasmine	Wankel	Julie	Hollis	Mackensie	Gray	Chris	Comer	Kimberly	Stirbens	Nicole
Hunt	Tamela	Pierce	Allana	Barton	Diane	Stephenson	Keith	Elrod	LeAnn	Moore	Eric
Dickerson	Rebekkah	Robertson	Trudy	Thompson	Judith	Richmond	Beverly	Pannell	Marlene	Trotter	Ryan
Morris	Nathan	McCallister	Alicia	Hunt	Deborah	Weber	Brittany	Niemietz	Hannah	Pyka	Lorna
Shaver	Richard	Gregg	Lucrecia	Bogle	Elizabeth	Sanford	Tina	Gunter	Brittany	Hensley	Caroline
Elliot	James	Johnson	Lacey	Walters	April	Stem	Dustin			Strayer	Jennifer
		Hunsicker	Regina	James	Priscilla					Chestnutt	Emmanuel
		Mickulin	Ami	Baber	Autumn					Carter	Emily
				Buck	Jessica					McIntyre	Stephanie
				Theisen	Brian					Harper	Beth
				Dugger	John					Hampton	Kendall
				Randolph	Jordan					Donalson	Dusty
				Davis	Brian					Robinson	Amanda
				Culver	Hope					Nance	Melissa
				Minter	Karen					McClanahan	Kristy
				Martin	Brenda					Campbell	Debra

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## Sign Up Genius:

Volunteers for Fall Festival:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49ada628a5fa7-rsms12>

Concession Stand Donations for Fall Festival:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49ada628a5fa7-rsms13>

It is a pleasure to be a part of the greatest faculty, staff and student body in the State of Tennessee and it is our vision at Rock Springs Middle School to prepare our students to be successful at the middle school level and to equip our students with the necessary tools for success in high school.