

October 20, 2017

- Friday, October 20th - Join Mr. & Mrs. Borden for an old fashioned cider press experience at 3:00pm in the school yard.
- Friday, October 20th - RJH Middle School Dance 7:00-9:00pm, grades 6-8 only. RJH Halloween Festival will be held from 6:00-7:00pm. All are welcome. Activities to include a Haunted Walk, Bonfire, Candy Corn Raffle and More. A \$5 donation will give you entrance to the Festival.
- Monday, October 23rd - Thursday, October 26th - Artist in Residence - Sticks and Stones, Trashcan Lid Productions.
- Wednesday, October 25th - Grades K-2 walking field trip to the library from 1:30-2:30pm.
- Thursday, October 26th - The final Sticks and Stones student performance will be held in the Commons Building at 5:30pm. **Students need to arrive at the Commons at 5:00pm.** Parents: please feel free to bring and invite your neighbors!
- Monday, October 30th - Grades 3-6 Field Trip to The Browne Center 9:00am-(approximately) 2:15pm.
- Monday, October 30th - PTO Halloween Party at 1:30pm.
- Tuesday, October 31st - Step-up Day for Grade Six students at Rye Junior High. Students will leave from their assigned bus stop in the morning and then return to MHT by bus at 12:30pm. *The Open House with Principal Soucy for any parents interested in sending their kids to Rye in the future will take place on November 8th, 6:00pm-7:00pm at Rye Junior High.* When these dates and times are established for Portsmouth Middle School, we will be sure to share them as well!
  - We are still looking for a volunteer(s) who would be willing to follow the bus in the morning and again in the afternoon in order to ensure student safety. If you are able to oblige this request, please contact Sam.
- Saturday, November 4th - PTO Ski Tuning Fundraiser Drop Off 9:00am-11:00am.
- Sunday, November 12th - Seacoast Half Marathon Grade 6 Water Stop from 7:00am-12:00pm.



**IMPORTANT:** Local New Castle residents David and Nancy Borden will be visiting MHT today after school with their cider pressing machine. Please join them for this experience! Due to the fact that this event is happening after school ends, each student is required to have an adult in attendance. It is important to remember that the process of pressing apples most often also draws bee's. **For anyone that is allergic to bee's PLEASE** ensure that you have the proper protocols in place should there be an issue. The well being of our students and visitors is always of the utmost importance!

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking forward to next week's artist in residence visit with *Trashcan Lid Productions*. We are looking for three more adult volunteers to help the crew load in all the production accessories into the Commons Building in this Sunday, October 21st at 2:00pm. We are told it should only take approximately 20-30 minutes of your time. Please email the front office if you are able to help with this effort on Sunday afternoon; this will entail about four adults helping to carry equipment for the activity. If you are willing to help, please contact Sam/Helena.

**Halloween Fest at RJH** - Friday, October 20th from 6:00-7:00pm. All are welcome to explore the Haunted Walk through Wedgewood (on RJH grounds) with a Pirate theme! Students in each of the RJH homerooms created the spooky experience. In addition to the walk there will be baked goods, pumpkin decorating, and a bonfire with s'mores to enjoy. The \$5.00 donation will get you tickets to participate in all of the events and will go a long way to support the Regatta being held in the spring. Following the Halloween Fest, students in grades 6-8 are invited to stay for the first dance of the year from 7:00-9:00pm. Entrance fee to the dance is an additional \$5.00.

**Basketball Sign-Ups for Grade 6** - Any Grade 6 student wanting to play basketball this upcoming season will need to visit the Rye Junior High website and fill out the appropriate form found at <http://rjhsports.weebly.com/forms.html>. All students need a medical form and a code of conduct form.

**Sticks and Stones Performance** - The culminating *Sticks and Stones* extravaganza will be held Thursday, October 26th in the Commons Building at 5:30pm. **Students will need to be dressed and at the venue by 5:00pm.**

**Step-Up Day in Rye** - **Grade Six students** will be participating in a shadow day at Rye Junior High School on Tuesday, October 31st. Students will ride the bus to RJH in the morning from their designated New Castle Junior High bus stop locations; if you are unsure of where your child's bus stop is, please contact Sam Fuller. After students have lunch at the RJH, they will return by bus to MHT at about 12:30pm. Principal Latchaw is looking for a parent to volunteer to chaperone by following the bus to and from RJH in order to ensure the safety of the students!

**A friendly reminder regarding Halloween:** With Halloween right around the corner, please make sure candy *and* the related confections **stay at home**; when a student has candy and the related confections while in school, even at lunch or snack, it causes quite the distraction! As for halloween costumes, remember that any toy guns, knives, spears, bo staffs, swords, nunchucks, scythes, katanas etc. aren't allowed in school.

#### **A Message From Superintendent Petralia:**

**When:** Wednesday, October 25th

**Where:** The Rye Junior High Cafeteria

**Time:** 6:00 pm -7:30 pm

**What:** School Use Feasibility Committee Public Input Session

**Description:** The School Use Feasibility Committee was formed per Article 3 of the 2017 Rye District School Ballot which calls for a "Committee to study the long-term enrollment projections and consider how to best

use school district properties.” The resulting Committee has spent the last six months working diligently and would like your feedback to various school use scenarios. This is an important meeting for residents and students’ parents as it is the first step in determining the future use of school buildings and school configurations. We encourage one parent or guardian in each family to attend and weigh in on this matter. Please note that this Committee is an advisory committee rather than a decision-making committee. Its purpose is to submit a report to The Town by December 1, 2017 for further consideration by The Town and School Board. Please direct any questions to co-chairpersons Peggy Balboni at [pbalboni@comcast.net](mailto:pbalboni@comcast.net) or Paula Tsetsilas at [ptsetsilas@sau50.org](mailto:ptsetsilas@sau50.org).

Thank you.

Below. is a sampling of some of the nutritious and fulfilling choices available for students at snack time!



*Enjoy your weekend ~*

