

October 6, 2017

- Sunday, October 8th - Great Island 5K and Fun Run - 10:00am at the Commons.
- Monday, October 9th - NO SCHOOL.
- Wednesday, October 11th - Grades 1,2 Walking Field Trip to New Castle Library - 1:30pm-2:30pm.
- Monday, October 16-18th - Grade 6 to Merrowvista Environmental Camp.
- Monday, October 16th - Grades K,1,2 Field Trip to Applecrest from 9:00am-12:00pm.
- Thursday, October 19th - MHT Soccer vs St. Pat's **at MHT.**
- Friday, October 20th - RJH Middle School Dance 7:00-9:00pm, grades 6-8.
- Monday, October 23rd - Thursday, October 26th - Artist in Residence - Sticks and Stones, Trashcan Lid Productions. Evening Performance time TBD.
- Monday, October 30th - Grades 3-6 Field Trip to The Browne Center 9:00am-2:30pm.
- Monday, October 30th - PTO Halloween Party at 1:30pm.



Students, staff and parents enjoyed a wonderful day at Zacharias Farm yesterday afternoon! The corn maze is always a great way to ring in the autumn season.

**Food Services** - We have some exciting changes taking place with our mid morning snack program. Our food service manager Melissa has been working with the Wellness Committee members to expand the offering for snack while keeping the price at \$.50.

Moving forward into November, the lunch menu will no longer list the daily snack offering. Melissa will be offering a fruit and protein **in addition to** the daily snack (at no additional charge). Students will be allowed to sign up to for snack during homeroom. At 10:15 (snack time), students will head to the lunchroom to choose on their own snack - one of each fruit, protein and carbohydrate offered for that day. The general bank of snack choices will be as follows:

*Fruits, veggies, pretzels, applesauce, yogurt, cheese, crackers, seeds, sunbutter, rice cakes, beans (hummus, roasted dip or raw), fig newtons, popcorn, smoothies, parfait, and hard boiled eggs.*

The daily snack offering will be at the discretion of Melissa. We will begin transitioning to this new process over the coming weeks. The snacks listed on the October menu will remain the same, however in addition Melissa will now include the option for students to take a fruit and protein if they so desire. Please be aware if your child is hungry during the school day they always have the option to request a piece of fruit. If this seems confusing, please feel free to call the office and we can explain the new process. Our goal is to ensure that all students feel appropriately fed during their school day.

**Homework Club** - We have a very important Homework Club request to parents. On several occasions over the last couple weeks, our homework club facilitator Courtney Jones has arrived and students that have previously signed up for HWC have not attended. PLEASE if you sign your student up for the full week of homework club (or even a single day), and your child instead heads to another activity, YOU MUST contact Courtney Jones directly to inform her your child will not be in attendance. We value Ms. Jones time and she is

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a great addition to our community. We do not want her to make the trip to MHT for HWC if no one is going to attend on the day they previously signed up for. We appreciate your understanding going forward.

**A Message From Rye Junior High - RJH Halloween Festival:** October 20th, 6:00-7:00 (BEFORE THE DANCE): Student Council Halloween Festival at RJH to benefit the Regatta. Come join RJH students on our 2nd HAUNTED WALK through Wedgewood. Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 and can be used for the bake sale, Pumpkin Painting, Doughnut eating, Haunted Walk and more. 6th grade students are invited to stay for the dance. Admission is \$5.00 and is from 7:00 - 9:00/

**Artist in Residence** - On Monday, October 23rd-Thursday, October 26th, students will participate in our artist in residence program with **Trashcan Lid Productions**. The *Sticks and Stones ~ Words Matter* workshops proactively promote positive social/emotional interactions. This is an “imaginative program that uses performance art, music and language to tackle the problem of bullying.” The four day visit will end with a culminating performance by students in an original *Sticks and Stones* multi-media extravaganza highlighting what students learned during the workshops. The performance will take place in the Commons building on Thursday, October 26th during the evening at a time to be determined. During the week students and teachers will be bused to the Commons to participate in the workshops. Please be aware of your child’s classroom schedule (listed below), so that any potential appointments/dismissal conflicts can be avoided . It is important students attend the workshops each day to get the most out of this incredibly fun experience.

**MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY**

**Grade 5 & 6 - 9:00am -10:25am**

**Grade 3 & 4 - 10:40am-12:00pm**

**Grades K, 1 & 2 1:00pm-1:45pm**

*~ Have an enjoyable long weekend!*

