



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

September 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half Day of School, Professional Development for staff, dismissal @ 11:25 am</b>
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Eagle Dash
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Re-take Day
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Mtg. 7:30 pm
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Family Festival – West Middle School

School Hours:  
8:10 am – 3:13 pm

Attendance Line:  
248-726-4410

Main Office:  
248-726-4400

SAC: 248-726-4408

## UH Robotics Team – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

University Hills Elementary is proud to announce the start of our very own FIRST Lego League Robotics team! This wonderful opportunity will allow team members to research real-world problems and are challenged to develop a solution. They will be designing, building, and programming a robot using LEGO MINDSTORM, then will compete on a table-top playing field. Space is extremely limited to 10 slots set by FIRST Lego League rules. Team members will be selected through a lottery system and by meeting team standards. There is a cost of \$30 per team member. Applications are due to Miss Guthard by Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. E-mails will be sent to all applicants with final decisions by Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The application is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions, please e-mail [kguthard@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:kguthard@rochester.k12.mi.us).

## Online Emergency Card (Registration)

Please remember to log on to your ParentVUE account to review and update your child’s emergency card as soon as possible. Attached you will find a letter from Debi Fragomeni, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, outlining this new system. If you have any questions, or need help, please visit our district website at [www.rochester.k12.mi.us](http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us) and click on the ParentVUE tab.

<https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/pages/141519/parentvue>

## **Medical Actions Plans**

**If your child requires a Medical Action Plan and or medication during the school day, please visit the main district website to complete the necessary forms. All Medical Action Plans and medications may be turned into the office. Medical Action Plan forms can be found on the district website at:**

<https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/pages/6274/health>

## SCHOOL TELEPHONE USE AND STUDENT CELL PHONES

We ask that you help your children develop the responsibility to bring their books, lunch, or money to school in order to limit the need for phone calls. The school phone is available for student use on an emergency basis. All classroom teachers have a voicemail phone number, and you may leave a message for them at any time, or call the office. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

If it is necessary, cell phones may be brought to school, however they must be turned off upon arrival, remain in the child’s backpack and then may be turned back on after school is dismissed or after students get off the bus. Wrist phones may be worn in school and used as a watch only. Phone functions may not be turned on during the school day, on the bus or at School Age Care. Failure to follow this procedure will result in the phone and/or wrist phone being taken from the child. Students may then pick up the phone in the office at the end of the school day. A second failure to follow the cell phone procedure will result in that child’s phone no longer being allowed in school. Parents must then pick up the phone in the office.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!



## ALL 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are Invited to Join The RCS Elementary District Choir

Location: Baldwin Elementary School

Time: 6:30 to 7:45

### Rehearsal dates

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (all Tuesdays)

November 12 (Monday), 19 (Monday), 27 (Tuesday)

December 3 (Monday)

There will be a parent meeting at our first rehearsal, October 2nd at 6:30 for about 20 minutes.

### Performances:

–Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. at the Oakland University basketball game,

–Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Adams High School Winter Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. (arrival time for students TBA).

–Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Rochester High for the Rochester Winter Choir Concert 7 p.m. (arrival time for students TBA)

Directors are Mrs. Fischer, music teacher at Baldwin, and Mrs. Priest, music teacher at Brewster. Accompanist is Mr. Thomas, graduate of Adams and MSU. Please contact Mrs. Fischer, [mfischer@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:mfischer@rochester.k12.mi.us) with any questions.

**Cost: \$80– Students must pre-register for the group. Registration runs from now to September 27<sup>th</sup>.** To register, go to Enrichment on the Rochester Community Schools website, open the brochure and go to page 28 or call 248-726-3165. We are course number 1647-01F18. There is also a \$10 materials fee, payable to “Mary Ann Fischer” at first class, which includes a district choir t-shirt.

\*Student performers for the OU game do not need a ticket. Tickets for family and friends are available at a discount of \$7 for general admission bleacher seats. We will have order forms for tickets at our first rehearsal.

### Attendance Reminders

If your child is going to be absent, late or picked up for an early dismissal, please call the attendance line by **8:30 am** and leave a message.

Attendance Phone Line:  
**248-726-4410**

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Back to School, September, 2018

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## CHINESE NEWS

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

My name is Ling Zhong (钟翎). I will be teaching your child Mandarin Chinese for the 2018/19 school year. I graduated from Nanjing Normal University and majored in Primary Education. I received my bachelor degree in 2017. I am now working on teaching Chinese and studying for my master degree at MSU. I have had a lot of experience working with children and I really love working with them. They make me feel energetic and passionate about what I am teaching. I believe we will have a fun time learning about the Chinese language and the culture experience.

China has a long history and a profound cultural background. The gorgeous Chinese language has existed for thousands years and is still very popular today. I hope students can not only learn some Chinese words and sentences in my lessons but also get to know about Chinese history, culture, customs and people.

I look forward to getting to know your child and helping to develop a passion for language study and Chinese culture.

Sincerely yours,

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### Important Announcement

We are excited to announce our partnership with Mandy and Pandy. Through a generous grant we are able to offer our students class sets of the Mandy and Pandy storybooks (a series of 6 books) to help students understand not only the Mandarin language but many nuances of Chinese culture for free.

Additionally, all Chinese teachers will be incorporating a digital toolbox on their classroom IFPs to provide engaging and interactive lessons to their students.

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### THE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

- China will soon be the world's leading economy
- Half of global business by 2030 will occur between America and China
- Students who learn a foreign language benefit from:
  - Higher test scores
  - Better and more advanced reading skills
  - Greater confidence
  - Greater professional and educational opportunities
  - Skills for a global economy ~ Competitive Advantage!



## PTA INFORMATION

Hello U Hills families! The kids are back in school and we need your help to make this another fun and successful year! Please consider joining the PTA so you can know more about what's happening at school and become better connected to other parents and teachers. We would love to see you volunteering with us. Fill out the membership form attached to this newsletter and committee interest survey and return it with your payment to school with your child. Thanks for your support!! Questions or interested in chairing a committee? Contact Carrie Quitmeyer for more information: [cquitmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:cquitmeyer@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Valets

We are in need of volunteers to help keep our morning drop off safe for our children. Volunteers work outside from 7:55 am to 8:10 am and help with following things:

- Open car doors
- Help with backpacks
- Make sure children get safely to and from the crossing guard in the parking lot

Please sign up using the link below if you would like to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4fa4a629a3fa7-university1>

## UHills Spirit Wear

UHills spirit wear is available again! We have new logos and apparel options for the 2018-2019 school year. Spiritwear ships directly to your home for free if ordered between 8/31-9/17. Flyers have been sent home or visit:

[www.universityhillsspiritwear.com](http://www.universityhillsspiritwear.com)

## **Bagel day is back for 2018-2019**



- Bagel sales will be every Thursday. The students will have a choice between plain, cheese, and chocolate chip. There will be a fourth flavor that will rotate this year. There is a list of bagel dates and flavors.
- To insure all students get their bagel flavor choice, all bagels will be ordered ahead of time. A bagel order form will be sent home every week. Any student ordering a bagel will need to return the form and \$1.00 by Wednesday morning. The bagels will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday morning.
- Students can order bagels weekly or to avoid sending in money weekly, bagels can be pre-ordered.
- Students with a pre-order account will have the opportunity to make a bagel flavor selection each week. Plain will be the default flavor if a selection is not made.

### **Pre-order Bagel Forms Due September 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### **PRE-ORDER FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!**

Full Year : September 27<sup>th</sup>-June 6<sup>th</sup> = 32 bagel days for \$32/child

**Yes! I'd like to reserve a bagel for every Thursday for the whole year.**

Student(s)	_____	_____	_____	Full
	Last Name	First Name	Teacher	\$32
	_____	_____	_____	Full
	First Name	Teacher		\$32
	_____	_____	_____	Full
	First Name	Teacher		\$32

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to University Hills PTA. Bagel pre-order questions? Contact Meghan Farr at [bestcookiesbyfarr@gmail.com](mailto:bestcookiesbyfarr@gmail.com) or Gigi Buchanan at [gigibuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:gigibuchanan@gmail.com)

Yes! I'd like to help sort and deliver bagels on Thursday mornings.

I can help:

\_\_\_\_\_ every Thursday      \_\_\_\_\_ every other Thursday  
\_\_\_\_\_ once a month      \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally



**And life is  
what we make  
it, always has  
been, always  
will be.**

**Grandma Moses**



