



WEEKLY UPDATE
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Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

We are happily off and running with the school year this week. The rooms are a buzzing with activity and all the joy of returning friends and new ones. Soon you will receive Tomorrow's Child magazine in your parent mailbox in the foyer. This magazine is an excellent resource for you. You are also a member of the Montessori Family Alliance and can register yourself online to many other resources as well. The magazine is written by the Montessori Foundation and we are members of their sister organization the International Montessori Council. In this issue, you will find many helpful articles - some very timely! One is about the transition for families and children on the first day of school! Also there are articles about what is a Montessori Adolescent program and what just a taste of what that may look like. We are exploring the possibility of starting our own Adolescent Program at RPMS with a launch in two years. Enjoy the magazine!

Apparel - New Colors Available!

We are once again offering an RPMS Clothing order. In addition to what was offered in the Spring, we are adding some fun colors to the gray and green, like pinks, blues, reds and yellow (colors offered vary by style and size).

Please use the following link to view school clothing:

<https://www.companycasuals.com/rockprairie/start.jsp>



Please note that clicking on each category will open more options, and clicking on each product will give more details about that item.

Ordering is easy:

- Add product to your shopping cart.
- Enter the quantity under the correct SIZE and COLOR options.
- Click on "Update Cart".
- Once you are finished with your selections, please hit SUBMIT SHOPPING CART.
- You will receive a confirmation email shortly.

No money is exchanged through the webstore. At checkout, you will have the opportunity to choose (1) please invoice me, or (2) pay by check, which will need to be delivered to the school office. Payments must be made before clothing can be taken home.

DEADLINE for this ordering period is Sunday, OCTOBER 15. Orders then take 3-4 weeks to come in. If you have any questions while on the website, please hit EMAIL at the top of the webpage and submit your question.



Scrip Change

Festival Foods cards rebate is now 3%. Soon, due to Scrip offering Festival Cards directly instead of us going through the store, we can get special amount cards in the week they are ordered. We will still have the standard \$50 and \$100 cards in stock.

EVENTS

Finding Events

Besides our weekly update, events are also posted on our [online Parent Google Calendar](#).

STEM after school classes begin - September 12

Toddler House Parent Orientation - September 14, 6:30 pm

Montessori Beginnings starts - September 19

Culver's Scoopie Night - September 26, 4:00-8:00 pm

Picture Days - October 11 (TH/Elem) and 12 (CH), 8:30-11:30 am *More info coming soon!*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Family Volunteer Hours

RPMS families are asked to contribute 10 volunteer hours before the end of April 2018. Parent meetings, parent education events, and conferences are included in these hours; double attendance means double the hours! Always refer to the Weekly Update for volunteer opportunities. Families can log their volunteer hours in the binder found in the school foyer, or online at: <http://bit.ly/Vol1718>. *Any unfulfilled hours will be invoiced at \$10/hour after April.*

Selling Scrip Cards at School

We are in need of volunteers to sell Scrip cards on school days, during the busy times of day. This helps us stay in compliance with the IRS in having the majority of the program run by volunteers. Tasks include taking orders for inventory/non-inventory stock, taking money, and distributing in-stock cards. Help is always right across the hall in the front office!

To sign up for shifts in September, please go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip1

To sign up for shifts in October, please go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip2

Culvers Scoopie Night

We have four Scoopie Night fundraisers for the year, with our first taking place on **Tuesday, September 26**, from 4 to 8 pm. We are looking for adult servers for **one-hour shifts**. And of course, your kids are welcome to help! This is a fun way to get your volunteer hours in and get some pics for the memory books! Even if you can't volunteer, swing by for dinner or a dessert, and part of the proceeds go back to RPMS. Yum!

For Tuesday, September 26 event:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers10



Would you like to sign up for a Culvers Scoopie night, but can't make it to the September 26 event? The next three are also posted and ready for volunteers to sign up:

For Monday, Nov. 13 event:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers11

For Wednesday, Jan. 24 event:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers12

For Tuesday, April 24 event:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers13

Back to School...Holiday?

We've all see the memes online of parents' joyous reactions to the start of school. The little sister in this Youtube video outshines them all with her version of why Back to School is her favorite holiday. Catch the twist at the end! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_Swf5rKnZQ