



WEEKLY UPDATE
9.21.17

Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

Developing a Community of Learners

This is the time when the children are getting their sense of routine and order in their classroom environments. They are adjusting to each other and the adults in the room, getting used to the parameters of the environment and testing some boundaries. This is all very good as the classroom community needs to function as a whole eventually and the process has begun.

One main aspect of that development is the introduction of Grace and Courtesy Lessons. These are ground rules and aspects of how a community of children can operate within understood guidelines. So how to talk in an inside voice, where you can run and not, what materials can you use, how to eat snack, wash dishes and set the table for the next person, how to interrupt and talk to each other, etc. are all woven in daily and throughout the year. It is this time of year where the faculty is putting in an enormous amount to work towards these goals where the consistency will pay off in the next month or so. Observing the rooms is showing an emerging community and a functioning system of children and adults interacting and becoming. There is comfort for the child knowing consistent expectations.



Bonfire Bash

The time is set for our annual Bonfire Bash: **Saturday, October 21, 2-6 pm**. We'll have tractor rides, food, games, the bonfire and even a magician! In order to pull off this event we need some help, either by helping with one-hour volunteer shifts or by donating items to earn volunteer hours. To view the list and sign up, please go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-bonfire6

First Scoopie Fundraiser

It will be Rock Prairie Montessori Night at the Janesville Culvers on Milton Avenue this Tuesday, September 26, from 4 to 8 pm. Stop by anytime during that time period for dinner or even a special treat and a portion of the profits comes back to RPMS! We have \$10 and \$25 Culvers Scrip inventory on hand if you want to be ready for the big night.

No School on October 2

There will be no school on Monday, October 2 in order for our staff to participate in inservice activities.

Tardy Procedures

In order to ensure we have accounted for all of our students in both the classroom and the office, please stop by the office to sign in your child if you arrive past 8:30 am. This helps serve as a double check for us in case of any emergency situations.

Want some Montessori Materials?



It's "For Small Hands" Montessori Catalog Order time! This catalog offers parents a wide selection of child-sized, age-appropriate Montessori materials that will support your child's development at home. Many families enjoy purchasing these materials as gifts for their child and teachers. Orders also earn Rock Prairie Montessori School 10-15% credit toward classroom materials. Catalogs with order forms and instructions have been placed in parent mailboxes this week. **In order to get the order submitted in time for materials to come in before the holidays and for families to take advantage of free shipping, we ask that orders (with payment) are returned to the front office no later than October 18 (no exceptions).**

Apparel Orders due October 15

Please use the following link to view/order school clothing: <https://www.companycasuals.com/rockprairie/start.jsp>

Picture Day

This fall's picture days are the mornings of **Wednesday, October 11** (Sunflower Toddler, Geranium Toddler and Elementary) and **Thursday, October 12** (all Children's House classrooms). **Please Note:** If your child does not normally attend on the day his/her class is scheduled for Picture Day, please plan to bring your child for their teacher's designated time slot to get their individual/classroom photos taken.

EVENTS

Finding Events

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

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

Coats for Kids Winterwear Donation Drive - September 22-October 16 (bin will be in the vestibule)

No School - Staff Inservice Day

Picture Days - October 11 (TH/Elem) and October 12 (CH), 8:30-11:30 am

Catalog Orders Due - October 18

Bonfire Bash - October 21, 2-6 pm

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! **Don't worry if you can't commit to every single time for your time slot that month. Whatever you can make would be great!**

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 ahead for adult servers for our next three events, with **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!



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