



## WEEKLY UPDATE – 10.5.17

### Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

Parenting is a challenging task, one that can bring great joy and aggravation as well. A perfect child and family do not exist so please stop looking. It is important to just be the best you can be, flaws and all! One way to navigate parenting is to get support when needed. It is also vital to prepare for what may lie ahead developmentally as well. Your Montessori Lead Teachers are all experts in child development and have a wealth of information to share. You can ask your child's teacher at any time for resources or opinion. Also, we have through the Montessori Foundation access to their new parenting online class and books that you may be interested in. The links are the following: <http://montessorifoundation.thinkific.com/courses/the-parenting-puzzle>. <https://www.incaf.com/store>. We are all in this journey together! At RPMS, we believe in helping the whole child and the whole family.

### Speed Limit Safety



We all need to be mindful of safe, cautious driving on Rotamer Rd and the Parking Lot. We have been in discussions with local officials for a change to the speed limit and other options for Rotamer Rd. A traffic study will need to happen which brings up the question as to the funding of that study. In the meantime, you may see more of a police presence. So to clarify, if you pass Harmony School when the light is flashing, you need to go 15 mph until you encounter the next speed sign, when you can speed up. It is not helpful to go 15 mph when the light is not flashing - do the posted speed limit and use good judgement for pedestrian safety. The speed limit is

35 mph on parts of Rotamer, and then it increases to 45. Please use caution and patience when entering and exiting our parking lot.

### RSVP for Bonfire Bash

On Saturday, October 21, from 2:00-6:00 pm, RPMS will be hosting our annual Bonfire Bash. This is a fun event with activities for all ages, food and fellowship. Our event will be free to everyone attending. However, we need to know how many will be coming in order to plan for our pumpkin donations and food quantities.

**Menu: Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggies, pasta salad, chips, and s'mores**

**Beverages: Lemonade, Ice water**

NOTE: For families that do not eat meat, a grill will be available if you would like to bring and grill your own meat alternative (e.g., vegan hot dog or burgers). Gluten-free s'mores will also be available.

**Please RSVP no later than Monday, October 16 to:**

**[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-bonfire7](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-bonfire7)**



## Library Note



The Rock Prairie Montessori library has brand new autumn-themed works that are ready for students of all ages and their families to enjoy! Please take a moment to stop by the library to check out a book with Miss Jen, enjoy an autumn work or art project, and remember to restore the environment for the next visitors to enjoy. If you are unsure of where a book should be placed, simply add that book to the "Reshelf Books" basket.

## Access Montessori Articles Online

Please take advantage of the wide variety of articles, podcasts and archived webinars at Montessori.org, with the school membership. The Montessori Family Alliance has much to offer. To sign up, first go to <http://www.montessori.org/member-signup>.

Follow these 6 steps (following picture illustrates steps):

- A. = Click on individual membership
- B. = Select MFA/TC Individual Online-Only Subscriber (We also receive printed copies of Tomorrow's Child a year – This is just for your digital access)
- C. = Enter our School's membership code in the coupon code box = **T8B85P**
- D. = Click Apply Code button
- E. = Enter the anti-spam text
- F. = Click to confirm that you agree to the terms and conditions of use

Then click on submit. You will get an email titled "Welcome to the Montessori Family Alliance and Tomorrow's Child Members' Area. It will give you the last instructions to setup your password and log in.

The screenshot shows the 'MEMBER SIGN UP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS' page for MFA/TC (Montessori Family Alliance/Tomorrow's Child Magazine) and IMC (International Montessori Council). The page includes a navigation bar, a login/sign up section, and a form with various fields and membership options. Red arrows and letters A-F point to specific elements on the page:

- A:** Points to the 'Individual' radio button under 'Membership Type'.
- B:** Points to the 'MFA/TC Individual Online-Only Subscriber' membership option.
- C:** Points to the 'Coupon Code (optional)' input field containing 'T8B85P'.
- D:** Points to the 'APPLY' button next to the coupon code field.
- E:** Points to the 'Anti-Spam' input field containing '8979'.
- F:** Points to the checkbox for 'I agree to the terms and conditions of use'.

Membership Type:  School  Individual

Your Name: \*

School Name:

Email: \*

Phone: \*

Fax:

Website:

Facebook Page:

Address: \*

City: \*

Country/Region: \*

State/Province: \*

Zip/Postal Code: \*

Optional: Upload a Picture:  (.jpg, .jpeg, .gif, or .png)

Select one or more memberships: \*

- DMC Individual Members **60.00**  
Join the International Montessori Council as an individual member. Membership is open to Montessori educators, Montessori school administrators, board members or trustees, and to Friends of Montessori - Worldwide.
- MFA/TC Individual Magazine+Online Subscriber - In USA **30.00**  
Individual membership in the Montessori family alliance with full access to the digital content and media in the membership area and an individual print subscription Tomorrow's Child magazine shipped to an address within the United States of America.
- MFA/TC Individual Online-Only Subscriber **20.00**  
Individual membership in the Montessori Family Alliance with full access to the digital content and media in the membership area, including digital access to Tomorrow's Child magazine - Worldwide.

Coupon Code (optional):

Your Sub: 20.00  
Discount: 0.00  
Your Total: **20.00**

Anti-Spam: \*

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## Primary Clothes Fundraiser

Earn money for our school when you buy essential kids clothes! Shop Primary with our school's unique link: [www.primary.com/school/rock](http://www.primary.com/school/rock) and 10%-15% of that sale goes directly back to our school. Plus new customers get 20% off first order with code: ROCK + you receive an additional discount if you buy 3 or more of one item. If you have any questions, contact Melissa at [mbadger@rockprairiemontessori.com](mailto:mbadger@rockprairiemontessori.com).



### Like us on Facebook

Have you liked us on Facebook yet? Check out various news, pictures and updates as they happen! You can see/like/comment on our official school page at: <https://www.facebook.com/RPMSOfficialPage/>.

## 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](#).

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

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

**Toilet Training Meeting** - October 12, 6:30 pm

**Apparel Orders Due** - October 15 (<https://www.companycasuals.com/rockprairie/start.jsp>)

**Catalog Orders Due** - October 18

**Bonfire Bash** - October 21, 2-6 pm

**Elementary Word Parade** - October 31

***All Montessori Compass photos will be deleted on June 1, 2018 to plan for the next school-year. Throughout the school year please download any photos you would like to keep.***

## 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.*

## 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-bonfire6)



*(Note: We have added slots to donate **chip variety bags**. Also, for slots that call for extra help during event, this could be refilling food, supervising a craft, or monitoring a game such as bean bag toss, sucker pull, sack races, etc.)*

## 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 October, please go to:**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip2)

**To sign up for shifts in November, please go to:**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip3](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip3)

## Culvers Scoopie Night

We have four Scoopie Night fundraisers for the year, and we are looking ahead for adult servers to help at these 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers11)

**For Wednesday, Jan. 24 event:**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers12](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers12)

**For Tuesday, April 24 event:**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers13](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-culvers13)

