



## WEEKLY UPDATE – 10.12.17

### Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

Parent Teacher conferences are an important time to connect and work as a team for the benefit of your child. **We are doing conferences differently this year.** We are using a full day for conferences (November 1) and a few evenings. (Nov. 1st is a no school day.) I know the teachers would really appreciate your attention to this schedule difference and participation in the designated hours. We really advocate for working together in partnership to support you and your child. To help support you all during the daytime of Nov. 1st, we will have additional staff available so you can bring your children with during your scheduled daytime conference. So, for Toddler Families, you can bring your toddler with in the classroom and there will be an additional toddler assistant available in the class should your child wish to work in the room etc., while you all are conferencing. For Children's House and Elementary, we will have additional staff available in the gym and library to be with your child while you conference. We will only have this support in for you on Nov. 1st.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences appointment slots have been posted on SignupGenius. This is a great time to celebrate your child and discuss their progress with their teacher. **Kindergarten student parents are asked to sign up only for the kindergarten conference time; your child's morning progress report will be included at that time.** Please also note that conferences are being done during the **entire day** of Wednesday, November 1 (no school day) and the **evenings** of November 7-9 (depending on class). Due to our scheduling change this year, these are the only times offered for formal conferences this Fall.



[Click here](#) to sign up for Ms. Stacy's Conferences

[Click here](#) to sign up for Ms. Tracey's Conferences

[Click here](#) to sign up for Ms. Ellen's Conferences (non-Kindergarten students)

[Click here](#) to sign up for Ms. Mary's Conferences (non-Kindergarten students)

[Click here](#) to sign up for Ms. Monica's Conferences (non-Kindergarten students)

[Click here](#) to sign up for a **Kindergarten Conference**

[Click here](#) to sign up for an Elementary **GRADES 1-3 Conference**

[Click here](#) to sign up for an Elementary **GRADES 4-6 Conference**

Remember to log this time for volunteer hours!

## Food for Conferences

We are looking for parent volunteers to bring in food for our teachers on the November 1 Conference Day. Please sign up for the items you would like to bring, and bring to the kitchen no later than 11 a.m. of November 1 (can be brought the day before as well). Please contact Melissa (mbadger@rockprairiemontessori.com) with any questions. Donations are eligible for an hour of volunteer service.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-conferences2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-conferences2)

## Annual Giving 2017

Our elementary program is growing, which is amazing to see! This means we need to focus on growing our inventory of appropriate works for the older age levels. We are asking the help of our community. If you are able to help, please consider making a donation to this cause. Checks can be made out to Rock Prairie Montessori School and dropped off in the office (or office door drop box before/after office hours). Please put in the memo line of the check "Annual Giving".



## Child Development Screenings

The School District of Milton is offering their fall community "Child Development Days" for 3 and 4 year olds on Oct. 30th, 2017. They are encouraging families, childcare providers and/ or physicians who have concerns about a child age 3 or 4 to recommend screening or bring the child to screening. Child Development Days will be conducted at West Elementary 825 W. Madison Ave. Your child will participate in a variety of activities with district staff in a play-based setting where his/her speech and language, preschool readiness, fine motor, gross motor, self-help and social skills will be observed. While your child participates in the screening, district staff as well as resources will be available to you. Please call 608-868-9221 to make an appointment. *(The other school districts offer this service as well - contact their Student Services department to find a screening near you.)*

# EVENTS

## Finding Events

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

**Coats for Kids Winterwear Donation Drive** – Sept. 22-October 16 (bin in the lobby)

**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

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

**STEM Session 2 begins** - October 24

**Elementary Word Parade** - October 31

**No School / Conferences Day** - November 1

***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)

## Selling Scrip Cards at School

We need 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)

