



## WEEKLY UPDATE – 10.26.17

### Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

A big thank you for such a wonderful community effort for our Bonfire Bash! Thank you, Ms. Melissa for organizing our day and connecting all the many dots to make this event the truly special time that it is. Thank you to the Kienbaums from Countryside Pumpkins, Mr. Rich, Colleen Beyer and the amazing Magic Morgan and Company Magic Show, and all the many parents staff and grandparents who donated their time with the setup, donating food, manning the tables and activities, the over the top cleanup crew, all cooks and cheerleaders! This event is so wonderful and it is all because of you!

### No School Friday

Tomorrow is a no school day. Enjoy the jump start on the weekend!



### New Staff Feature

Brittany Andrews is in her first year at Rock Prairie Montessori as an Assistant Teacher in the Toddler House. She has two children here, Maddux and Hendricks, who she loves to spend time with, along with husband, Derek, and their dog Cubbie (named for the Chicago Cubs!). She also enjoys hiking, exploring parks and coaching gymnastics at Rising Stars Studio in Beloit.

### Elementary Word Parade

Our 1st Annual Word Parade debuts at our school at 8:45 am on October 31. Elementary students have chosen a word to dress up as and are working hard on their costumes. They will parade around the school grounds (weather permitting) dressed as their words, and through the hallways to show our Children's House and Toddler House friends their creations. This is not an opportunity to wear a Halloween costume, but an opportunity to create learning. We look forward to the start of what we hope is a new tradition for Rock Prairie Montessori School!



## Survey

The first part of our school's accreditation self-study is to clarify our identity, mission, vision and core values through our mission and vision statements. To ensure our statements truly reflect our entire community, we ask that the RPMS community (including families, board members and staff) complete this survey to tell us what resonates with you.

The survey closes October 28.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDYX9B5>

## 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!

## EVENTS

### Finding Events

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

**No School** - October 27

**Elementary Word Parade** - October 31

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

**Daylight Saving Time Ends** - November 5 (set clocks back one hour)

**Culvers Scoopie Night** - November 13, 4:00-8:00 pm

**Parent Education Night "Positive Discipline"** - November 16, 6:30-8:00 pm

**No School / Thanksgiving Break** - November 22-24

***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 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)



## Birthdays - November

November 1 - Kris Klobucar