



WEEKLY UPDATE – 11.9.17

Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

“Montessori is an education for independence, preparing not just for school, but for life.”

I love the quote to the left as it states our intention in everything we do with your children - we work towards a goal to better prepare your child for life. That is why we encourage toddlers to pour their own water from a pitcher to a cup just their size so they can be successful. They put their own coats on and manipulate materials with logic and wonder. In Children's House, we help children understand that there is one of a material but not more. So, there are teachable moments that you learn such as: taking turns, planning what you are going to do and when, and dealing with disappointment. Also, there are wonderful opportunities for

leadership and being a role model such as with our kindergartners. And in Elementary, being intrinsically motivated by actually having the chance to work on subjects you are really interested in, and comprehending you still have to understand and practice what is hard, is a life lesson in practice. Those students work as a community - compromising, seeking to understand, recognizing one's feelings and needs and advocating for them. They often are self-reliant and forming their own work ethic.

All of these practices prepare one for the real world. How many adults that you may know are lacking in these qualities?! 21st century skillsets require these attributes. What you learn when you are young, you learn for life. It is that important.

Scholastic Orders are In!

For those that ordered books during our last Scholastic round, your books are in. They are wrapped in brown paper with your name on them, in the lobby, at the base of the parent mailboxes. Thanks for your orders!



New Staff Feature

Kelly Ludeman started here at Rock Prairie last year as a substitute. She now works as an assistant to Ms. Tracey in Sunflower Toddler House. She is married to her husband Ben and have 2 kids: Brock and Sophia. Both attend elementary here at Rock Prairie, Brock is currently in 4th grade and Sophia is in 1st. In her free time, she enjoys recreational snowmobiling/4-wheeling (depending on the season) and bicycling. She also has a love of thrift shopping.

Winter 50/50 Raffle for 2018-19 Tuition

RPMS is hosting a 50/50 raffle for tuition dollars. Winner takes away 50% of money raised through ticket sales to be applied to 2018-2019 school-year tuition. The more tickets sold the larger the winnings! Drawing will take place during the Winter Gathering on December 15, 2017. Tickets will be available for purchase in the school office from 7:30 am-3:30 pm when school is in session starting November 6. \$25 each or Five for \$100. (Can't make it during office hours? No problem! You can drop off a check in the office door drop box with a note giving your name and how many tickets you want to purchase. We will then give the ticket stubs back to you to keep. You can also buy raffle tickets before the winter program on Dec. 15!)



Terms: The amount received will be equal to 50% of ticket sales and applied to the winning party's enrolled program costs (including program changes) during the 2018-2019 school year. This raffle excludes Drop-in Care, Before Care and After Care Program costs, application fees, late fees, Scrip and Family Service Hour fees. Monies can be applied to more than one enrolling student from the same family. Monies can only be applied to tuition for the 2018-2019 school year. Any unused monies will not be distributed in cash to winning party or carried over to the next or following school years. Raffle tickets can be purchased by cash, check or charge.

Parent Education Night

Setting Limits and Supporting Children

All are welcome to join us for a parent education night on **Thursday, November 16, 6:30-8:00 pm**. The session focuses on guidance techniques and suggestions to help parents navigate challenging behaviors with kindness, firmness, and respect. We will explore approaches for children from two to twelve moving from positive guidance techniques to collaborative problem-solving. This event is worth 1.5 hours of volunteer time; volunteer hours can be logged in the binder in the vestibule or online at: <http://bit.ly/Vol1718>.

EVENTS

Finding Events

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

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.*

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

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

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip4

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

For Wednesday, Jan. 24 event:

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

For Tuesday, April 24 event:

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

