

WEEKLY UPDATE – 11.16.17

Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

It is with great gratitude that I wish you all a safe and meaningful Thanksgiving. We are very fortunate to have this supportive community at RPMS. The staff, faculty and families work together to provide a wonderful learning community for the children. All the best to you and yours!

Thanksgiving Break Next Week

There will be no school November 22-24 for Thanksgiving Break.

Winter Gathering

We will have our annual Winter Gathering on Friday, December 15 before winter break. This is a chance to hear your children sing some melodies that celebrate the coming season. After the morning performance, children will be released to their parents as there is no school that afternoon. More information coming soon! Meanwhile, **we are looking for volunteers to bring desserts for the event.** To sign up, please go online to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-winter3



November Scholastic Orders Due Friday

If you'd like to get in an order for November yet, order forms with payment are due this Friday.

Before Care Drop-Off

As a reminder, before care begins at 7:20 am. Our before care teachers will be ready to greet your child at the door of the before care rooms at that time.

Curriculum Area Highlight

Practical Life Work in Elementary Making Wooden Tables and Benches

From the recent Elementary Newsletter: The Upper Elementary class helped build a bench last week for our classroom. Students have been very busy studying area and perimeter, and angles in class for preparation of the project. Each student created a paper model of a table, to help understand our woodworking project. Students wanted an outdoor workspace, and after our discussion we decided to create furniture for us to use outside. This project is happening in multiple steps, so far we have created

one bench. In total, we hope to create 4 benches and 2 tables which will be outside the room. Each student had a chance to sand, drill, measure and mark the wood to create the bench. Thank you to our builder volunteer, Mr. Ken, for his expertise and help in planning. Thank you to Klobucar Construction for generously donating the lumber used in construction!

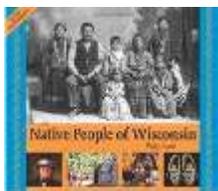


"My experience with the benches and tables was fun," said Eva, a student reflecting on the experience. "I worked with Jacob, Thomas, Cooper, Jack, Cyrus, Brock and Ms.Sadie's dad Mr.Ken. What we first did was we made the benches. They needed a lot of drilling and a lot of sanding. We made four benches and 2 tables. To make benches we needed wood, drills, sanding tools, and a saw. I did some drilling and a lot of sanding. When we finished the first bench we signed the bottom. Then the other benches were made. That was on Monday and Friday. Then a few weeks later we made the tables. For the tables we also did a lot of drilling and screwing. All together it was 4 days and it took 2 days to make the tables. I think it was a lot of fun."

Fellow student Cyrus also discovered lessons learned during the fun project. "I learned that we needed to work together a lot. We needed to wear safety goggles at all times. When we worked in the hallway I did a lot of drilling and sanding too. It was a lot of fun, it took 4 days to get everything done."

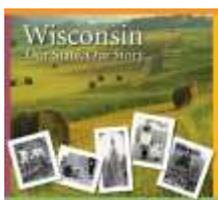
Annual Giving

This year we are raising funds for Upper Elementary materials. Please see Ms. Amber in the front office if you are interested in making a donation towards the purchase of materials. A sample of things that they are looking to buy from their wish list:



Native People of Wisconsin \$11.91

Native People of Wisconsin, the fifth text in the New Badger History series for upper elementary and middle school students, focuses on the Indian Nations in the state: the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, Ojibwe, Oneida, Mohican Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band, and the Brothertown Indians.



Wisconsin Our State, Our Story \$49.95

Big historical questions designed to develop critical thinking skills, along with keywords and timelines, appear at the start of each chapter. Chapters have multiple topics, each within its own full-color two-page layout.



Invention Cards \$35.00

The Invention Card Set is a 3-part card set that covers 25 inventions that have changed the course of history. This can be used with or without the Time Line. Designed in a "Who Am I" format, students match Inventions with descriptions.

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".

Parent Education Night

Setting Limits and Supporting Children

All are welcome to join us for a parent education **TONIGHT, 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>.

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 AFTER the Winter Gathering on December 15, 2017, to give extra time to purchase tickets that day.** 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.

EVENTS

Finding Events

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

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.*



Volunteer needed to Make Handprints

We are in need of a volunteer to go into classrooms to make handprint tiles of our new students in Toddler and Children's House. Materials and directions are provided, and we are flexible on which morning you would like to come in. All you need to bring is a warm smile to help the little ones feel comfortable with painting their hands and placing them on the tiles. Contact Melissa if interested: mbadger@rockprairiemontessori.com.

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 Wednesday, Jan. 24 event:

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

For Tuesday, April 24 event:

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

