



## WEEKLY UPDATE – 11.16.17



### Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

Tis the season for celebrating traditions, family and hope. This time of year, the children learn about different cultures and faiths around the world. Becoming a global citizen is vital to understanding a changing future and world. Our Montessori curriculum is constructed to entice and promote a sense of inquiry and wonder. We wish you all a Happy Hanukkah, a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

### Scrip Reminder

Scrip cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers! Please note that all non-inventory orders must be in by 9:00 am on this coming Monday, December 11 in order to be in by the time of our Winter Gathering. If orders are being done online, payment must be done by Prestopay or with check/cash paid in the office before orders can be made.

### Using Caution in the Parking Lot

With all the bustle of the season, we ask everyone to please remember to slow down in the parking lot. We have many little ones that are hard to see, and want everyone to get here and home as safely as possible. Thank you for your help in keeping RPMS safe!

### Winter Gathering - Videotaping

The Winter Gathering is right around the corner! Videogenics, a local Janesville company, will be taping the Dec. 15 event in the gym and will make the DVDs available to sell after the break. In addition, they will set up a screen so those in the back will be better able to enjoy the performance. As a reminder, the event will begin at **9 am in the gym**, and there will be no classes in the afternoon. We also will sell 50/50 tickets that whole morning (see info below), and draw after the gathering in order to make sure everyone has a chance to participate. We hope you can enjoy this celebration of the season with us!



### Scholastic Resumes in January

There will not be a Scholastic Book order in December. Orders will resume in January.

## 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:



### Pythagoras Board \$32.95

The Pythagoras Board teaches the multiplication tables and helps a child master the multiplication from 1 to 100.



### Colored bead box \$35.00

This nine-compartment wooden box contains 20 bead bars (1-9) in each color. These beads are used with the decimal checker board.



### The Great River Chart \$20.00

A working chart of the story for "The Nation of the Great River."

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".

## 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, and all through the morning on December 15. \$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.)



## EVENTS

### Finding Events

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

**Kidz Cafe** - December 13, 8:00-8:30 am, Commons/Elementary Room (everything \$1)

**Winter Gathering / Half Day of School** - December 15, **9:00 am**, no classes in the afternoon

**Winter Break** - December 18-January 1

**School Resumes** - January 2

**STEM Session 3 Begins** - January 9, 3:30-4:30 pm



*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 December, please go to:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip4](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip4)

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

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip5](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip5)

### 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](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)

