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WEEKLY UPDATE – 1.18.18

Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

Enjoying winter is a vital part of childhood. We are blessed to have the outdoor environment to be able to play and sled. Young skin can easily be damaged by the cold however, so we are mindful to follow best practices and will not be outside if the windchill is 10 degrees or lower with the windchill for Children's House, and 5 degrees or lower with the windchill for Elementary. Toddler House generally will wait until it is warmer and easier for the children to get about outside. If it is going to be cold, we might as well enjoy the snow! Here are a couple of pictures of our outside play today:



TAX STATEMENTS ONLINE

As a reminder, families can access their tax statements directly from their TADS account. **To print your tax statement for 2017, please log in to your TADS account, and you'll find the tax statement report option under the Billing tab.** Not all of the transactions on your statement will qualify as tax deductible. To ensure proper reporting, please review this with your tax professional. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Melissa (mbadger@rockpraiemontessori.com).

Learn How Elementary Works!

Elementary Presentation Night Learn about the Lower and Upper Elementary program directly from our student presenters! Come witness first-hand the extraordinary talent of our Elementary children and breadth of our Elementary curriculum. This event will take place on **Thursday, February 1, 6-7:30 pm**, and, like all our parent education events, is eligible for volunteer hours!

This event is for adults and Elementary students only. However childcare (6-7:30 pm) for Toddler House and Children's House students will be available on a first-registered, first served basis. Please sign up for childcare by Tuesday, January 30 by filling out the form listed online:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da8ae2ba2f94-childcare2>.



New In-stock Scrip: CVS

We now have in our inventory CVS cards, with a 6% rebate. Cards come in \$25 or \$100 denominations.

Bids 4 Kids - Looking for Donations

The 15th annual Bids 4 Kids Silent Auction and Dinner, is set for Saturday, April 7, starting at 6 pm at The Armory in downtown Janesville. This year's theme is Wild West - so start looking for those cowboy boots and hats! If you have anything you would like to donate for a basket, package or business sponsorship, please stop by the school office or contact Melissa at mbadger@rockprairiemontessori.com. We will also have the wine pull at the event where guests pay \$10 for a random bottle of wine. Therefore, we are also looking for donations of bottles of wine. Remember that donations count for volunteer hours! (approx. \$10 = 1 volunteer hour). We are also planning for activities and entertainment. If you have an idea you'd like to share, please contact Melissa.



There is still time to sign up for card making!



Our Reading Specialist and Kindergarten Assistant, Michelle Vechinsky, will be holding a card-making event, here at the school on **Friday, January 26, from 5:45-8:00 pm**. This relaxed workshop will provide the opportunity for guests to make 10 Valentine cards (5 designs, 2 of each design); envelopes will also be included. All materials will be provided, along with guidance and support from Michelle - all this and snacks for only \$25 per person (billed via TADS). Beginning crafters are welcome! The event is limited to 12 participants, so please RSVP as soon as possible (can RSVP by stopping by the office or emailing Melissa Badger - mbadger@rockprairiemontessori.com). *(In case that the school is closed due to weather that day, the "snow date" will be January 30.)*

EVENTS

Finding Events

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

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 15

Culvers Scoopie Night - January 24, 4-8 pm

Valentine's Day Card Making Workshop - January 26, 5:45-8 pm (\$25, rsvp to mbadger@rockprairiemontessori.com or stop by office. Samples on vestibule table.)

Elementary Presentation Night - February 1, 6-7:30 pm

RPMS Night at Panera - February 8, 4-8 pm

(show flyer to get part of your meal donated to RPMS)

No School - Staff Inservice Day - February 9

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 January, please go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8AE2BA2F94-scrip5

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

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da8ae2ba2f94-scrip6

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

