



WEEKLY UPDATE – 2.1.18

Head of School Message - Ms. Martha

Our popular tradition: Creating a Culture of Observation has started again this year. We are encouraging all of our families to sign up and observe in your child's class for a 20-minute slot. The objective is for you to observe and become more familiar with our Montessori environments. Grandparents and other very important people are invited as well to observe and consider also observing in another level that you may not be as familiar to see what may come next in your child's Montessori education. Observation is key to our best practice as educators and can open up all kinds of discoveries for you as well. An observation in Elementary is a requirement for enrolling families to that program.



Tonight: Elementary Presentation Night. The Elementary students will take on the role of educators and guests will be the students for an impressive and enjoyable night of sharing their knowledge with you. The event starts at 6:00 pm. Adults will gather in the gym briefly and then we will be free to visit the students doing their lessons. You do not have to be an Elementary parent to attend. In fact we generally have adults whose children are in younger levels attend to see what it is all about. Child care is available with the sign up link below.



Panera Fundraising Night

Flyers were placed in parent mailboxes last week for our Panera fundraiser. Bring the flyer to the cashier when placing your order and they'll donate a portion of the proceeds from the purchase to the school. The event will take place on Thursday, February 8, from 4 to 8 pm. Lost your flyer? No problem! Extra flyers are available on the table next to the parent mailboxes.

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. **Parents of Kindergarten students who have Ms. Ellen or Ms. Monica are asked to sign up only for the kindergarten conference time; your child's morning progress report will be included at that time. Parent of students who have Ms. Mary in the morning (including her kindergarten students) should use the regular sign up for Ms. Mary's conferences.** Please also note that conferences are being done during the **entire day** of Wednesday, February 28 (no school day) and the **evenings** of February 27, March 1 or March 7-8 (depending on class).



[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. Monica's Conferences (non-Kindergarten students)

[Click here](#) to sign up for Ms. Mary's Conferences (including Kindergarteners who have Ms. Mary in the morning)

[Click here](#) to sign up for a **Kindergarten Conference** (Kindergarteners who have Ms. Ellen or Ms. Monica in the morning)

[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!

2018-19 Enrollment Has Begun!

TADS has been set up to begin accepting enrollment for next year. The importance of early enrollment is crucial in enabling the school to plan for the upcoming school year. A link has been emailed to you this morning from TADS - please use that link to re-enroll. We have entered the grade we recommend your child attend for next year and you will also be able to view next year's tuition rates. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, email us, or stop in.



Referral Bonus

Know someone that is curious about Rock Prairie Montessori School? We want to remind our families that we offer a \$250 bonus for referrals. The bonus will be paid after the new student been enrolled for a full school year.

New Scrip Retailers

The following retailers are available through shopwithscrip.com (or add in on the non-inventory scrip form in the office):

Ubereats \$10 increments, from \$20 - \$100, with a 3% rebate

Autozone \$10 increments, from \$10 - \$500, with a 7% rebate!



Bids 4 Kids - Looking for Donations

Not sure what to donate? We are looking for:

- Bottles of Wine (for wine pull)
- Items to help pull baskets together such as sporting equipment, home improvement and decor, art, beauty items, memorabilia, kids' fun, wellness, experiences, etc.
- Baskets (to put items in)
- Sponsorships

If you have a business you'd like to ask for donations, we have on the table in the vestibule: B4K Letter of Request, Donation form and Sponsorship form (which lists levels of sponsorship). Remember that donations count for volunteer hours! (approx. \$10 = 1 volunteer hour).

The event will be 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! **Tickets bought in advance (in the school office are \$10 each; admission at the door will be \$15.**



EVENTS

Finding Events

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

February 1 - Re-enrollment begins! *(a link will be sent to you via an email from TADS)*

Elementary Presentation Night - February 1, 6-7:30 pm (childcare for Toddler House and Children's House available for \$10 and signup for care by [clicking here](#))

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

March 26-April 2 - Spring Break (school resumes April 3)

Bids 4 Kids "Wild Wild West" - Saturday, April 7, 6-10 pm *(Tickets on sale soon!)*

Spring Pictures - April 11 (Toddler, Elementary and Siblings) and April 12 (Children's House)

SAVE THE DATE! - April 25, 6 pm: Dr. Paul Epstein Presentation/Discussion on Middle School and Montessori education. Child care will be available.

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 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 Tuesday, April 24 event:

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

