

# Ridgemoor Park Montessori



## CHECK IT OUT!

- Sports
- Introducing...Pete!
- PTA News
- Trunk or Treat!
- Other Updates

## PRINCIPAL NOTES

Julie Reyers

October brings several opportunities to connect with community at RPM.

Our most well-attended event of the year, Trunk-or-Treat, is sure to be fun for the whole family!

Fall conferences are also here. If you have not already signed up to meet with your student's teacher, please do so. We look forward to meeting our 100% participation goal.

I'd love to see you at Java with Julie!



Peace, Love, & Montessori!



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/15 - Conferences (by appt.)
- 10/17 - Conferences (by appt.)
- 10/21 - NO SCHOOL (Records Day)
- 10/23 - Conferences (by appt.)
- 10/25 - Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00 pm
- 10/29 - Java with Julie 6:15-7:15 pm
- 10/31 - Half Day AM only

# Introducing...

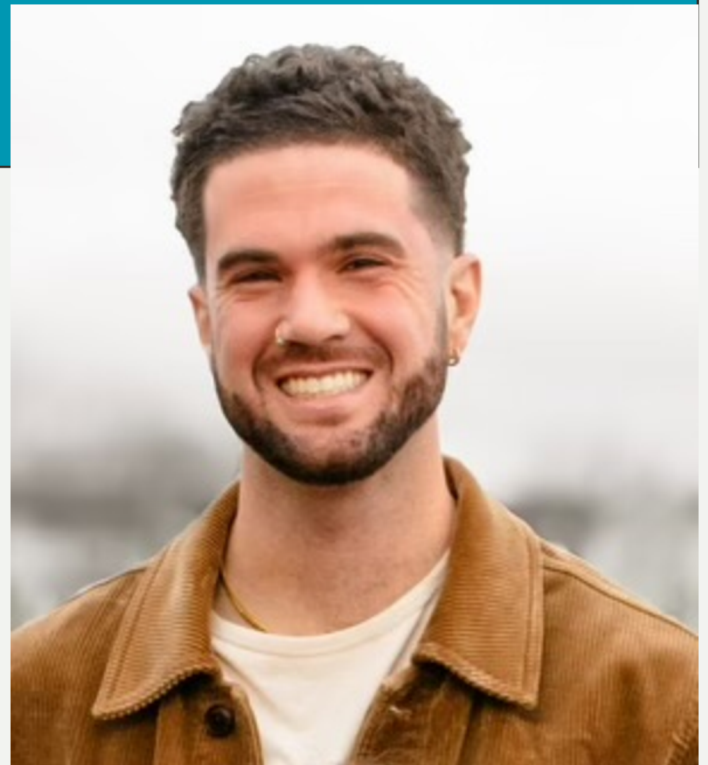
Welcome our new Strengths Based Interventionist, Pete Barrows

I am a storyteller who believes in actions that make our lives and world more meaningfully livable. And the story I claim intellectually, professionally, personally is one of lived interdisciplinarity, synthesis, serendipity, and making meaning of meandering. I have multiple degrees rooted in interdisciplinary studies having connected an eclectic collection of credits while majoring in everything-everywhere-all-at-once, including American Culture Studies, Social Innovation, education, communications, critical theory, etc. My professional life in many ways is paralleled: I have held roles in a diversity of settings as a teacher, tutor, counselor, coach, writer, reporter, etc. Whatever I get up to, I believe in creativity, collectivity, community, collaboration, and connection as a praxis in building a more human and holistically healthy culture.

I dig touching grass and staying in motion, going for walks, runs, playing disc golf, shooting baskets at the park. Like most everything I write, I too remain in a perpetual draft state: I read, theorize, splurge YouTube essays, chop it up with whoever I can about their about pet topics and what sparks them. I love to learn and connect! While I never know quite where I might find myself next, for this reason – and many others unspoken – I'm grateful to have found my way to Ridegmoor Park Montessori, and look forward to connecting to as many of you reading this I can.

In solidarity!

Pete



# Keeping Up-to-Date

## 2024-25 RPM STAFF

Children's House - Sharon Honicutt

EC Paras - Paige Dillon & Sarah Padlo

E1 Team - Brenda Good, Jacqueline Bingaman & Emily Teeple

E2 Team - Thea VanGoor, Rita Paniccia & Lorin Sorenson

Instructional Para - Margaret Petersen

Literacy Para - Layla Kren

Music - Thomas Frye

Art - Chris Fiore

PE - Lance Gransow

Nurse - Melissa Anglin

Health Aide - Quaonna Draper

Nutrition - Joan Pelak

Nutrition Aide - Dian Alexander

Recess Aide - Kyla Reyers

Custodian - Marcellus Putnam

Speech - Jessica Hoogstrate

OT - Holly Cielinski

Resource - Mike Marr

Social Work - Noemi Weekley

PN Facilitator - Dr. Terina Harvey

PN SRS - Susan Lee

PN Strengths Based Interventionist - Pete Barrow

PN Chief Community Builder - Sydney Balsitis

Head Secretary - Katie Mollhagen

Principal - Julie Reyers

# RPM

# PTA

## About Us

The main role of the PTA is to build strong relationships amongst parents and school staff in support of our scholars. As an official 501c3 non-profit we are self-funded. PTA sponsored fundraisers and events help support school programs, building improvements, educational opportunities, and our RPM community.



## Feed our Candy Monster!

If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy or treats for Trunk or Treat you can place donations in our Candy Monster (located in the breezeway of the school entrance) starting on **Monday, Oct. 7th.**



iPhone



Android

Questions? Email us  
[info@rpmpta.org](mailto:info@rpmpta.org)

## SUBSCRIBE

TO OUR CALENDAR TO LEARN MORE



# RPM PTA TRUNK OR TREAT



Ridgemoor Park Montessori  
2555 Inverness Rd SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546



25 October 2024  
06:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for a night of games,  
sweets and spooktacular treats.  
Bring a treat bag and dress for  
the weather.



**VOLUNTEER**



# Check it Out!

JOIN THE GRPS MIDDLE SCHOOL

# SWIM TEAM

**GIRLS**  
**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**SIGN UP NOW!**  
**SEASON STARTS**  
**OCT. 22**



## WHY JOIN?

- BE PART OF THE TEAM & HAVE FUN SWIMMING
- LEARN TO SWIM OR IMPROVE YOUR SWIMMING
- GET A GREAT OFF-SEASON WORKOUT FOR OTHER SPORTS

**Practices are Mon-Thu 5:30-7:00 PM at City**

**Join Google Classroom with Code `bofd3ce`**

[Classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com)

# COACH SHANNON'S SEPARATION CAMP!

Join us for an exciting basketball clinic!

*This clinic is designed for players of all skill levels, ages K-8th grade. Learn from experienced coaches and improve your game!*

- Dribbling, shooting, passing, defense
- Fun games & competitions
- Teamwork & sportsmanship
- Personalized instruction

## YOUTH BASKETBALL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

### Ottawa Hills High School Gym

10:00-11:00 am:	K-2nd grade scholars
11:15 am-12:45 pm:	3rd-5th grade scholars
1:00-2:30 pm:	6th-8th grade scholars

**Cost: \$10/participant**

(Payment accepted day of clinic)

**USE THE QR CODE TO  
REGISTER TODAY!**



Contact Coach Shannon for more information: [ShannonD@aros.org](mailto:ShannonD@aros.org)

# Montessori *Volunteers Do That!*

## Events

- Ice Cream Social
- Curriculum Night
- Trunk or Treat
- Movie Nights
- Game Nights
- Field Day
- Field Trips
- Reading Month
- End of the Year Parties

**Volunteers make the magic happen at events for our scholars!**

## Fundraisers

**School volunteers and RPM PTA members raise money for our school through Pie Sale, PTA Popcorn Days, and corporate donations.**

These funds are used to host events and school-wide activities, grant teacher requests, maintain the pollinator garden, and assist with field trip funding.

## Clothing Closet & Winter Gear

### Winter Gear

This year's Winter Gear Swap and Share boasted over 70 coats and pairs of snow pants, and dozens of pairs of boots, gloves, and other accessories!

### Clothing Closet

Volunteers organize and maintain clothing donations of all sizes to be used as back-ups on messy days or made into care packages to be sent home with scholars in case of need.

## Teacher and Staff Support

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Practical Life Works
- Reading Buddies
- Stock the Staff Lounge
- Conference Meals
- Classroom Helpers
- Chaperone Field Trips
- Material Prep
- Lead Clubs and Sports

## Ready to Join In?

*What*

*When?*

*How?*

<i>What</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>How?</i>
Register with GRPS for volunteer clearance.	Today!	<a href="https://grps.org/volunteer">Grps.org/volunteer</a>
Fill out the RPM Volunteer Interests and Availability Survey	ASAP!	<a href="https://bit.ly/VolunteerAtRPM">Bit.ly/VolunteerAtRPM</a>
Pick up your volunteer badge and <b>JOIN THE FUN!</b>	Whenever you can!	Do <b>WHATEVER</b> you do best, <b>WHENEVER</b> works best for you!



# Photos

