Ridgemoor Park Montessori

PRINCIPAL NOTES
Julie Reyers

CHECK IT OUT!

- Winter Music Program
- Java with Julie
- Celebrations!
- Welcome Theresa Dawson

Hello, again

The year's first PTA Movie Night was well attended. It was wonderful to see so many new families participating in the Swap and Share. There are still many items available if your student is in need of some winter gear. I want to take a moment to thank Ms. Sydney for organizing the food drive this year. With your generous donations she has been able to put together baskets of food for several families. We are grateful to have such a thoughtful community. Our student advisory council members helped and are very satisfied with their efforts. I wish you all a tremendous Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy!

"We call the child's mind the absorbent mind. It is a mind endowed with special psychic powers, which we lose later, because whatever we adults want to acquire we have to acquire with effort and fatigue."



-Maria Montessori, 1946 London Lectures

IMPORTANT DATES

11/26 - Java with Julie 6:15-7:15

11/27 - No School-Thanksgiving Break

11/28 - No School- Thanksgiving Break

11/29 - No School- Thanksgiving Break

12/5 - School Tour for prospective families

12/12 - Winter Music program

12/18 - Half Day - No PM Children's House

12/19 - Half Day - No PM Children's House

12/20 - Half Day - No PM Children's House

12/23/24 -1/3/25 - No School- Winter Break

Save the Nate

SAVE THE DATE - WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM

Who - K-6th students perform - ALL ARE WELCOME!

What - Winter Music Program

Where - Ottawa Hills High School Auditorium

Why - 'Tis the Season

When - Thursday, December 12th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Musical Selections:

K - "I Have A Little Dreidel" & "I Have A Little Snowman"

El - "If It Snows" & "Chestnut"

E2 - "Up On The Housetop" & "The Little Drummer Boy" Look for a flier from Mr. Thomas coming soon.











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

Clothing Closet

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!

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

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

Ready to Join In?

What

When?

How?

Register with GRPS for volunteer clearance.	Today!	Grps.org/volunteer
Fill out the RPM Volunteer Interests and Availability Survey	ASAP!	Bit.ly/VolunteerAtRPM
Pick up your volunteer badge and JOIN THE FUN!	Whenever you can!	Do WHATEVER you do best, WHENEVER works best for you!

Celebration!

Way to go, Advisory Council and Ms. Sydney!

The RPM community gathered an amazing amount of food for our food drive. Thank you to all who made such generous donations.

We are all grateful to the advisory counsel students and Ms. Sydney. The items collected will go to families in need as well as the establishment of a school-based pantry here at RPM. Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Celebration!

Give Ms. Thea a high five!

The E2 project, "Glowforge for Robotics" was recently funded through DonorsChoose.

We are all grateful to Thea and excited for the E2 community to utilize and learn more about 3D laser printing capabilities in the classroom!



Keeping Up-to-Nate

2024-25 RPM STAFF

Children's House - Sharon Honicutt

EC Paras - Paige Dillon & Sarah Padlo

El Team - Brenda Good, Jacqueline Bingaman & Emily Teeple

E2 Team - Thea VanGoor, Rita Paniccia & Lorin Sorenson

Instructional Para - Margaret Petersen (Ester Moyers - Sub)

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 - Theresa Dawson

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



