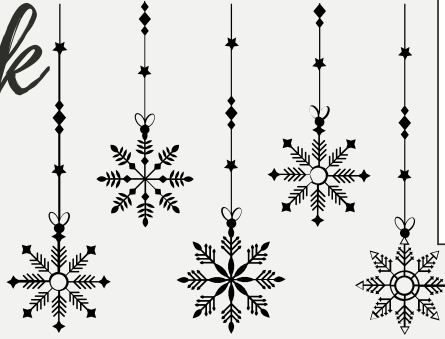


Ridgemoor Park Montessori



CHECK IT OUT!

- Winter Music Program
- Celebrate Spanish Club
- Ridgemoor Robotics

PRINCIPAL NOTES

Julie Reyers

Hello, again

We have been having a great time playing in the snow. Students worked together to build giant snowballs, snow thrones, and a snow fort. If only it could have lasted longer! The snow has come and gone too quickly, but with some luck we will have more in time for our break. We are looking forward to our Winter Concert this Thursday at OHHS. Please arrive by 5:45 at the auditorium.

The last ten school days of 2024 will fly by, so I'm happy to take a moment now to wish you a festive Winter Break and a Happy New Year! Enjoy!

“The mathematical mind is a mind which is especially interested in mathematics. Instead of finding mathematics idiotic and absurd, it finds them interesting and absorbing. It is a fact that most of the children in our Montessori Schools do achieve great enthusiasm in doing mathematics. It is the preparation of their minds which enables them to derive this pleasure.”

-Maria Montessori, 1946 London Lectures



IMPORTANT DATES

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 Date

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"

E1 - "If It Snows" & "Chestnut"

E2 - "Up On The Housetop" & "The Little Drummer Boy"

Look for a flier from Mr. Thomas coming soon.



FESTIVE
VIBES



Montessori Volunteers Do That!

Events

- Ice Cream Social
- Movie Nights
- Field Trips
- Curriculum Night
- Game Nights
- Reading Month
- Trunk or Treat
- Field Day
- 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
- Stock the Staff Lounge
- Chaperone Field Trips
- Practical Life Works
- Conference Meals
- Material Prep
- Reading Buddies
- Classroom Helpers
- Lead Clubs and Sports

Ready to Join In?

What

When?

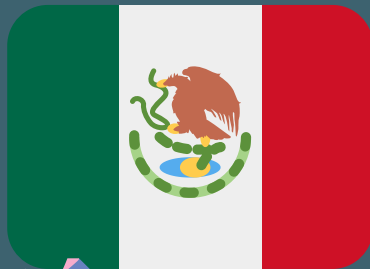
How?

<i>What</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>How?</i>
Register with GRPS for volunteer clearance.	Today!	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!

Spanish Club is off to a Successful Start
Spanish Club with Ms. Lorin has become a very popular Friday afternoon choice for E2 students. Two parents taught about the Dominican Republic and Mexico. Students learned about the history of poinsettias in Mexico and even tried tamales.

¡Muchas
GRACIAS!



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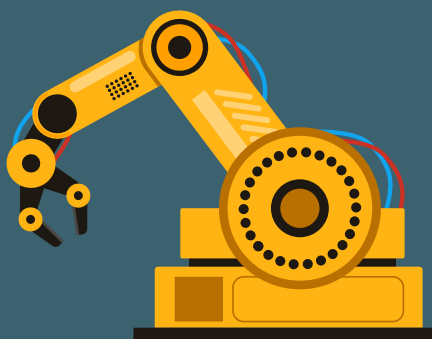
Celebration!

Robotics Competition -

Our robotics team recently competed in their first FIRST LEGO League tournament on Saturday. The team stayed positive and persevered when their programming didn't go how it was supposed to. When things did go well, they celebrated their successes together. I am proud of their fantastic accomplishment for their debut year. The team showed incredible teamwork, creativity, and perseverance, laying a solid foundation for future success. We're so proud of their hard work and can't wait to see what they achieve next!

The Lego Spike Prime robots were purchased through two individual grants. One from the Grand Rapids Education Foundation, and the other through Michigan First LEGO League. The Ridgemoor Park PTA has also supported this endeavor by purchasing a robotics table and t-shirts for our competition. We are grateful to everyone for their support.

Ms. Thea VanGoor



Celebration!

Robotics Competition



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 (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 Barrows

PN Chief Community Builder - Sydney Balsitis

Head Secretary - Katie Mollhagen

Principal - Julie Reyers