

# Ridgemoor Park Montessori

CHECK IT OUT!

## PRINCIPAL NOTES

Julie Reyers

Hello,  
This month has provided many creative opportunities for learning. Our community enjoyed an inspiring visit from Doc Sawyer's Jazz Ensemble. We learned about the instruments Jazz musicians use for this genre: trumpet, saxophone, double bass, keyboard, and drums. Next month we will host a Folk Trio, and in April we will attend a musical event at St. Cecilia's.

Ms. Sydney, Chief Community Builder, and the RPM Student Advisory Council led a community meeting about Black History Month. Students are adding contributions to a GIANT timeline in honor of Black History Month.

Peace - Julie

**"We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity."**

— Maria Montessori

To Educate the Human Potential

## IMPORTANT DATES

2/19 - Pie Sale Kickoff

2/20 - PTA Game Night 5:30-7:30

2/24-2/25 - NO SCHOOL - MIDWINTER BREAK

3/3 - READING Month Kick-Off- Dress as your favorite character

3/10- Pie order forms due

3/11, 3/13 & 3/19 - Conferences by appointment

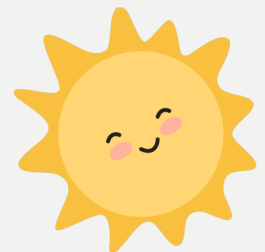
3/17 - NO SCHOOL

3/21- Pie Prep

3/22- Pie Making and Pickup

3/23- Pie Cleanup

3/31-4/3- RPM Spirit Week



SPRING BREAK 4/4-4/13




RPM PTA  
**GAME NIGHT**  
 THURSDAY **FEB 20**  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
 BRING A BOARD GAME TO PLAY WITH FRIENDS  
 OR POKEMON CARDS TO TRADE  
 Concessions available to purchase

 Ridgemoor Park Montessori  
 2555 Inverness Rd SE  
 Grand Rapids, MI49546

Hope to see you there!

## RPM BASKETBALL CLUB SIGN UP



**Who:** Boys & Girls in E1 & E2

**When:** E2 on Thursdays (starting 2-27)  
 E1 on Tuesdays (starting 3-4)

**Time:** 4-5PM

**Coaches:** Quaonna Draper, Pete Barrow, Joshua Veurink

Parents/Guardians please fill out the form below

Parent/Guardian	Email	Phone	Student(s)	Grade

Check student backpack for Bball forms!

# Family & Community Engagement



GRPS Parent University presents...

## MEDIA LITERACY & WELLNESS WORKSHOP SERIES WITH WGVU

The WGVU Education Team is hosting a series of workshops for GRPS caregivers you do not want to miss. Each workshop will focus on topics to support families with media wellness and positive technology habits.

All workshops will be held at GRPS University from 9:30 am- 11:00 am.

**Workshop #1: February 19th**

**Workshop #2: March 19th**

**Workshop #3: April 23rd**

For registration or more information, click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



### Topics we will explore:

- How to evaluate and choose media for your scholar.
- How much screen time is too much?
- Ways to nurture your scholar's healthy development and learning while using technology.
- When is a good time to get a first phone?
- Online safety: resources and tools for parents to stay in the know.
- What can parents do to keep their scholar safe while online?
- How to create a Family Technology Plan.

# Family & Community Engagement



## 2025 ONE BOOK, ONE CITY FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

This year's One Book, One City selection is *Playing the Cards You're Dealt* written by Varian Johnson. This story follows the journey of ten-year-old Anthony Joplin, as he navigates family expectations and friendships, while preparing for a Spades tournament.



TUESDAY  
MARCH 4 2025



5:30 PM -  
6:30 PM



GRPS UNIVERSITY  
1400 FULLER AVE NE  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49505

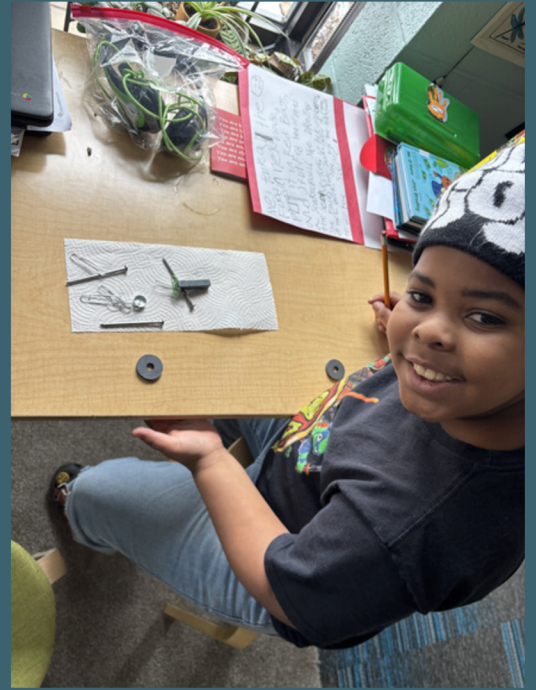
### THIS EVENT WILL OFFER GRPS 5TH-GRADE SCHOLARS AND THEIR FAMILIES OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Take home resources
- Participate in activities that promote reading, math, and social-emotional learning skills
- Play card games
- Access community resources
- Enjoy dinner together

REGISTER TODAY



# Photos



## E2 EXPLORERS



# Photos



DOC SAWYER'S JAZZ  
ENSEMBLE

# 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?*

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 JOIN THE FUN!	Whenever you can!	Do <b>WHATEVER</b> you do best, <b>WHENEVER</b> works best for you!

# 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 -  
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