

Ridgemoor Park Montessori

PRINCIPAL NOTES

Written by Ms. Julie Reyers

I'd like to thank all the caregivers who came out for our Fall Family meeting last week. It was a productive event and I look forward to further discussion at the first "Java with Julie" opportunity later this month.

The month of October is off to a great start with the start of our Chief Community Builder, Sydney Balsitis. She is looking forward to getting to know the RPM Family.

Our Fall MAP achievement scores have improved from last year, and teachers are using data to impact their small group instruction. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you at conferences, so please watch for their emails for sign-ups.

Peace, Love, & Montessori!

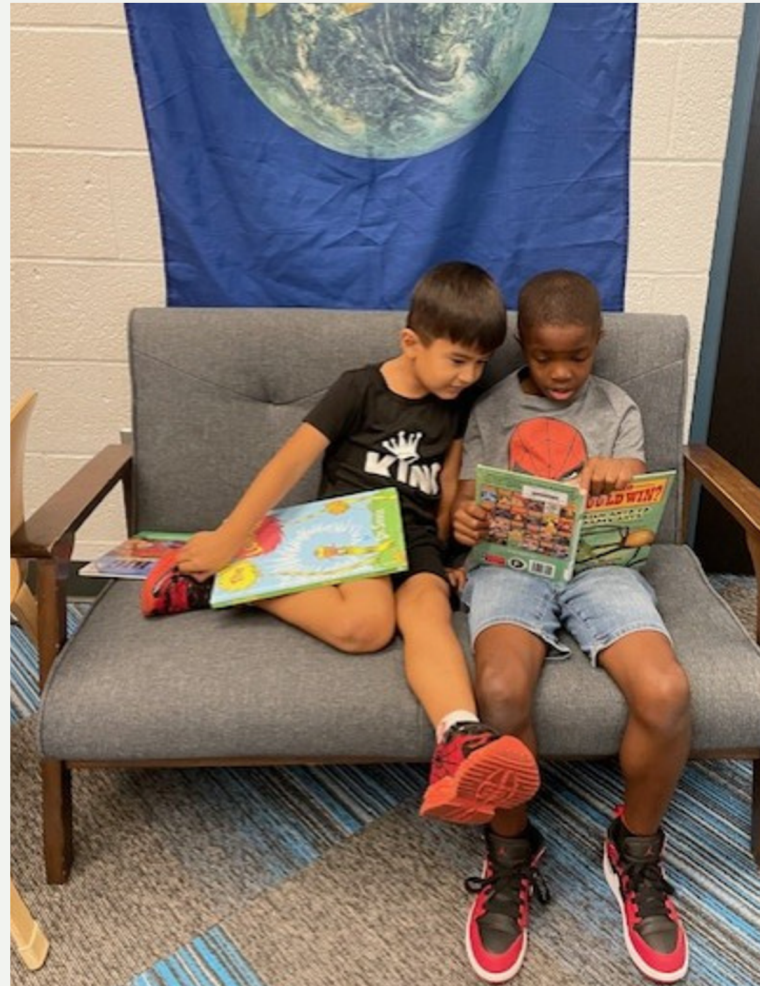


"A child who has become master of his acts through long and repeated exercises, and who has been encouraged by the pleasant and interesting activities in which he has been engaged, is a child filled with health and joy and remarkable for his calmness and discipline."

—Maria Montessori

CHECK IT OUT!

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



IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/2 - Count Day
- 10/3 - RPM Tour 10:00 am (Prospective Parents)
- 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 Chief Community Builder, Sydney Balsitis!

Sydney has expertise in the area of administrative education managing compliance and community partnerships on a national level. She has experience leading small groups, mentoring, and working with vulnerable communities.

When not at the school, Sydney enjoys spending time with her family and their three dogs. They enjoy spending summers at the beach and camping together. If you cannot find her reading, gardening, or being active, she can likely be found taking on a new hobby or a DIY house project.

We are so happy to have her join the RPM team!



Francis, 1
Charlie, 11
Juliet, 6

Keeping Up-to-Date



WHAT'S IN THAT BACKPACK?

Please check your students' backpacks for items which are not appropriate for our learning environment. Items such as: special stuffies, toys, cool gadgets, costumes, and loads of candy should not be brought to school. Most importantly, any type of item that may be considered a potential weapon or lookalike e.g. pocketknives, ninja stars, nunchucks, or toy weapons of any kind must be left at home.

We have discussed the importance of a safe environment at our weekly Community Meeting, however, I am asking for your additional support. Please remind your students that threatening language of any kind, even in jest, is not allowed at school.

We strive for a peaceful learning environment; we appreciate your continued support.

STAFFING

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
Music - Thomas Frye
Art - Chris Fiore
PE - Lance Gransow
Nurse - Melissa Anglin
Health Aide - Quaonna Draper
Nutrition - Joan Pelak
Nutrition Aide - Dian Alexander
Speech - Jessica Hoogstrate
OT - Holly Cielinski
Resource - Mike Marr
Social Work - Noemi Weekley
Custodian - Marcellus Putnam
PN Facilitator - Dr. Terina Harvey
PN SRS - Susan Lee
Head Secretary - Katie Mollhagen
Principal - Julie Reyers
Literacy Para - Layla Kren
Recess Aide - Kyla Reyers
Strengths Based Interventionist - Pete Barrow

Starting this week!

Chief Community Builder - Sydney Balsitis

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.**



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Questions? Email us
info@rpmpta.org

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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



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For more information, contact

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SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22 & 29

GRADES 2-3: 1:00-2:00 PM | GRADES 4-5: 2:30-3:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL GRPS SCHOLARS (BOYS & GIRLS)
FREE T-SHIRT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!

LOCATION: OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, 2055 ROSEWOOD AVE SE

Check it Out!

JOIN THE GRPS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SWIM TEAM

GIRLS
6th-8th 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

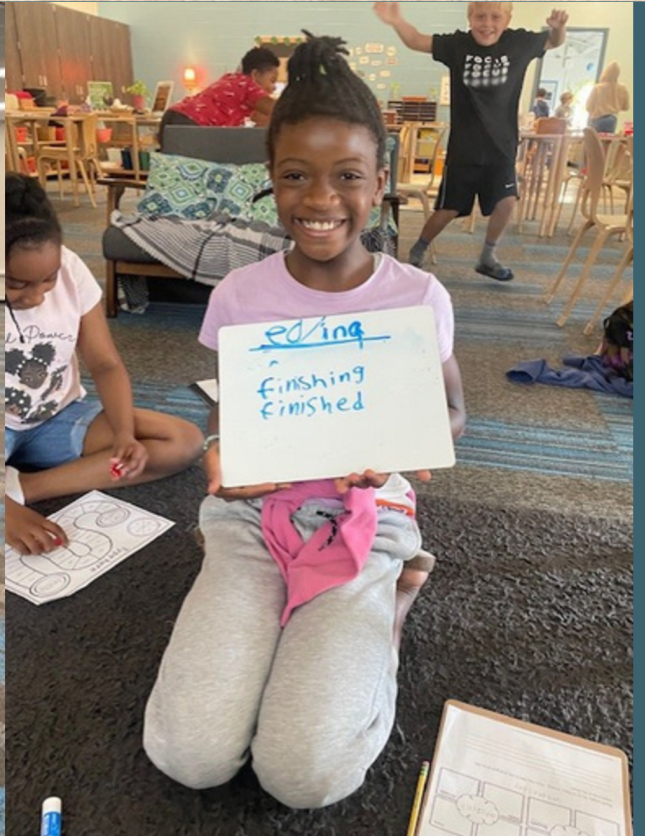
Join Google Classroom with Code `bofd3ce`

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

Photos



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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?

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!

Volunteers

Ready to Volunteer? Start Here!

GRPS: Volunteer Application



RPM: Interests & Availability



Email:
Volunteer@RPMPTA.org

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Please Review



GRPS Scholar Resource & Responsibility Guide

2024-2025



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Safety & Security

THE RAPTOR

We will be using the Raptor security system at RPM this year. If you plan to come into the building (beyond the entrance vestibule) you will need to provide your driver's license to be run through the Raptor. You will then receive a sticker to show you have been approved for entry into the classroom area.



Drop Off/Pick Up

“Kiss & Go” traffic lane rules:

Stay in your vehicle

Students exit/enter vehicles on the school side only

Follow the traffic pattern to turn around

Do not block the bus lane

Do Not Stop in Cross Walk

If you want to walk your child to the door please park in the lot.

Parking Lot rules:

Park in the lot and walk your children across the traffic lane

Enjoy the new and improved parking lot!

