

# Ridgemoor Park Montessori

## PRINCIPAL NOTES

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We are looking forward to seeing you and your family between 5:30-7:00 this Thursday evening for the Curriculum Night at RPM. This is an opportunity for you to see your student's favorite works in the classroom. You may have been hearing about the bead frame, stamp game, or biome reader and are wondering what these materials are. Thursday is your chance to see them in action!

**"It is not that man must develop in order to work, but that man must work in order to develop. The work of the hand is the expression of psychic growth."**

—Maria Montessori



## CHECK IT OUT!

- Security & Safety
- Make-up Picture Day
- Introducing... Quaonna!
- PTA News
- Other Updates



## IMPORTANT DATES

9/19 - Curriculum Night

9/25 - Make-up Picture Day

# 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!



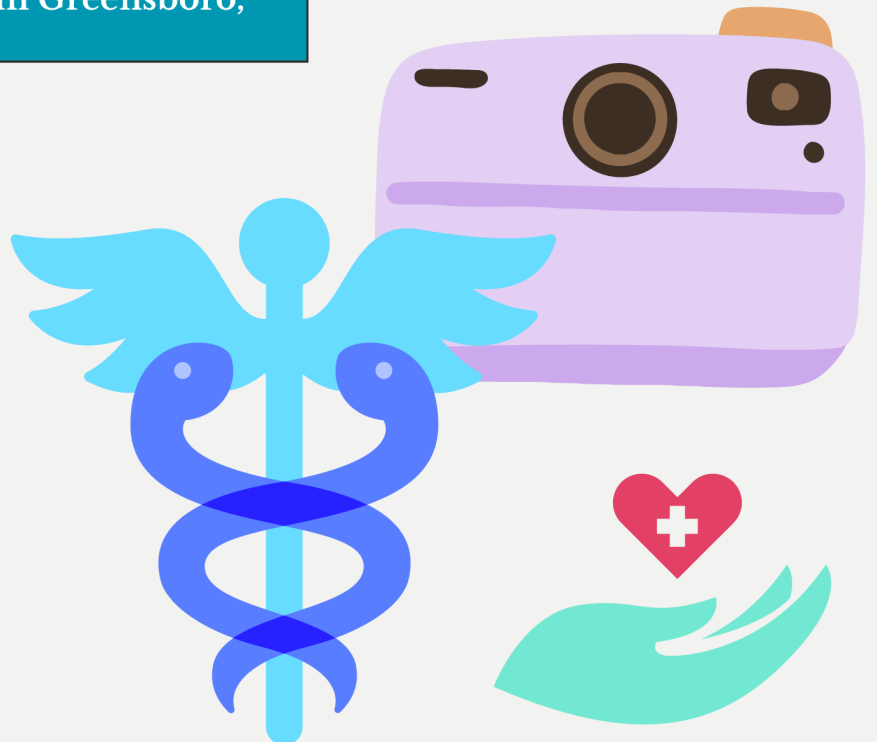
# Introducing...

My name is Quaonna Draper, but many people refer to me as Qua. I'm the Nurse's Aide here at Ridgemoor Park Montessori, where I've been working for three years now.

I am also a freelance photographer and have been taking pictures professionally for over a year. In that time, I've photographed many graduation events and Senior pictures. I've also had the opportunity to collaborate with numerous NFL athletes and top-rated basketball players.

I fell in love with photography because I love capturing the expressions on people's faces and sharing their special moments.

I have been playing professional basketball for over two years with the West Michigan Elite Stars who just cinched the conference championship! We are heading to the Final Four in Greensboro, NC in early October.



Practicing floral arrangement in E2

# Keeping Up-to-Date



## CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night will be held September 19th from 5:30-7:00. This event will allow students to demonstrate their work in the Montessori environment. Information on the Montessori Method, Grace & Courtesy (PBIS) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) will be available for parents.

## 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

### Starting this week!

Literacy Para - Layla Kren  
Recess Aide - Kyla Reyers  
Strengths Based Interventionist - Pete Barrow

**NEW**

# Volunteers

## Ready to Volunteer? Start Here!

GRPS: Volunteer Application

RPM: Interests & Availability



Email:  
Volunteer@RPMPTA.org

Ridgemoor  Park  
**Montessori**

## Please Review



## GRPS Scholar Resource & Responsibility Guide

2024-2025



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# 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.



**VOLUNTEER**

## We Need Help With:

- PTA Sponsored Events
- Popcorn Sale
- Volunteering
- Fundraising

**COMING SOON**  
**BE ON THE LOOKOUT**  
**FOR RPM T-SHIRT**  
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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

# 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!	<a href="http://Grps.org/volunteer">Grps.org/volunteer</a>
Fill out the RPM Volunteer Interests and Availability Survey	ASAP!	<a href="http://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!