

RMS NEWS

First Lego League Team Shines at Tourney

Robot Performance

The team scored 80 points on their first robot run and improved to 115 points on their second and third runs. Their adaptability and problem-solving were impressive as they refined their programming for success.

Rising All-Star Award Winners!

Saturday Dec. 9th, the RMS First Lego League (FLL) team competed and shined in the Submerged Regional Tournament, showcasing their creativity and skills!

The RMS FLL team earned the Rising All-Star Award, recognizing their potential and dedication. The team proudly represented RMS, demonstrating CORE Values of teamwork, innovation, and professionalism.

Project Presentation

The team wowed judges with an innovative proposal for an underwater greenhouse to address food scarcity. Their presentation included detailed blueprints and a skit explaining its design, functionality, and global impact.

Robot Design and Programming

During their technical session, the team highlighted their robot's design and shared how they programmed it to tackle competition tasks, earning praise for their thoughtful engineering.



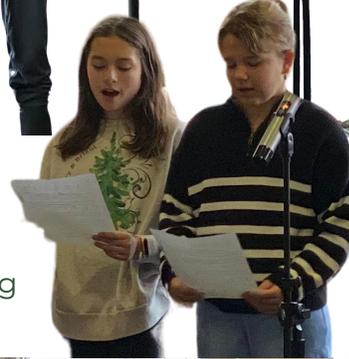
Winter Music Performance

Harmony in the Halls

On the morning of Thursday, December 12th, the Media Center was filled with anticipation as RMS gathered for a Winter Music Performance. Third through eighth graders showcased their vocal and instrumental talents, as well as their creativity and hard work.

An eclectic program ranging from traditional English carols to original compositions reflected months of exploration, collaboration, and practice under the leadership of music guide, Angela Tengesdal. Each selection highlighted the children's growth as musicians and their unique capacity for artistic expression.

The Winter Music Performance was a heartwarming and festive highlight of the season at RMS.



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Montessori Minute

Ideas for a Joyful and Positive Winter Break

As winter break approaches, our wish for you is a season filled with joy, relaxation, and togetherness. This time away from school offers a wonderful opportunity to recharge as a family and to bring Montessori principles into your home, creating a more harmonious and enriching experience for everyone.

At RMS, we see the transformative power of the Montessori approach every day. By incorporating a few of these ideas at home during the break, you can support your child's growth, nurture independence, and strengthen family bonds.

Embrace Grace and Courtesy

Montessori emphasizes modeling and practicing respectful behavior. Simple actions—like teaching children to wait their turn to speak or to push in their chairs after meals—cultivate habits for a lifetime. Encourage thoughtful interactions by modeling kindness, patience, and empathy in your daily family routines.

Foster Independence

Children thrive when given opportunities to contribute to their environment. They can help prepare meals or choose activities for family outings. Create spaces where children can operate independently, relative to their age. Offering choices builds their confidence and decision-making skills.

Practice Mindfulness and Emotional Awareness

The slower pace of winter break is a perfect time to introduce mindfulness practices that support emotional well-being. Try simple activities like breathwork as a calming technique or increase your acknowledgement of your children's feelings to foster self-awareness and emotional intelligence.

Winter break can be more than just time away from school—it can be a season of growth, connection, and joy for the whole family. By integrating Montessori principles into your time together, you'll support your child's development and nurture lasting family bonds.

Warm wishes for a peaceful and joyful winter break!

We Celebrate

25 years ago, Melissa and Clarisse began their journey at RMS.
They have touched the lives of 100s of Rochester Families!



Melissa Martinez

Toddler Guide
Pinecones



Clarisse Hoag

Children's House Guide
Birches

Admissions Open House

Please invite prospective families to an Admissions Open House

Saturday, January 11th
9:30-11:30am



Share and RSVP at
rmschool.org/admission

RMCC Hosts Soup Night

Nourishing Minds and Bodies

At RMS, the experience of preparing and sharing a meal becomes a hands-on learning activity that nurtures life skills and a deep connection to the natural world. Foundational steps in food preparation begin with gardening at RMS or at home, and in shopping for and preparing family meals. Children observe the origins of ingredients and that their efforts lead to nourishing meals.

When it's time to prepare the soup, children engage in practical life skills such as washing, chopping, and measuring. Using familiar ingredients adds a meaningful connection to the meal they are creating.

The culmination of this process is sharing a meal of delicious soups with family and friends. Sitting together to enjoy food the children helped prepare strengthens bonds between home and school.

Volunteers provide ingredients and share their time, guiding children in the kitchen. Their dedication and support, both in the kitchen and at the event, bring warmth and joy to Soup Night. Thank you to all who contributed their efforts and resources toward making this community-strengthening RMCC event so special!



Holding Donation Drives and a Bookfair During Soup Night Proved Fruitful



Families enjoyed the opportunity to shop at the **PaperPie Book Fair** while attending Soup Night.

Many Hands Community Engagement, an RMS staff committee, organized a food drive benefiting the Landing and a clothing drive benefiting The Lower Room Two.



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Winter Break
December 23-January 3

January

- 6: First Day Back from Winter Break
- 10: RMCC Meeting
- 11: Admissions Open House
- 13: Winter Studios Begin
- 15: E2 Child is the Guide Night
- 20: MLK Day, School Closed
- 24: Staff PD Day, School Closed
- 29: Acorns Chinese Spring Festival