

# RMS NEWS



## The RMS Peace Garden

Volunteers and staff collaborated to establish the RMS Peace Garden just in time to welcome Harvest Fest-goers. The garden now features three vibrant poles crafted by RMS alumni, symbolizing the lasting impact of past students on our community. A cedar pole reading May Peace Prevail on Earth in four languages was also installed to honor Kellie Mueller, former Board of Directors president, in gratitude for her dedicated service to the school.

In the spirit of peace and reflection, RMS community members attending the Harvest Fest were invited to tie colorful ribbons on a nearby fence, each ribbon representing personal reflections on what peace means to them. This spring, the Peace Garden will further bloom with native flowers and benches.



### After School Reminders

#### Winter Studios Sign-up Coming Soon

Watch for a message from School Cues

#### Winter Studios Session Dates

Monday, January 13th to  
Thursday, March 6th



Register for Winter Studios Using Amilia

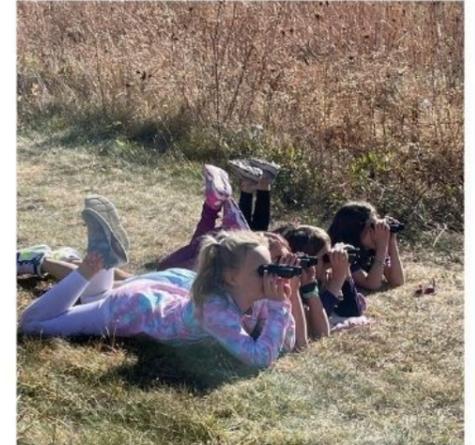
#### After School Care

\*consider sending backup snow pants & mittens for days when your child's main set remains wet from the school day.

# Highlights of the Fall Quarter at RMS



RMS holds a mock election with MN Students Voting



Elementary Ecology friends observe native prairie species from their sit-spot.



2014 RMS Grad Maria Jankowski delivers pollination presentation to Middle School. Maria worked with the Univ. of MN Bee Lab.



Elementary students visit Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center for nature-based learning and team-building activities.



Radial Origami Art, by RMS students.

## Annual Fund: Information Is Power

*How children learn influences who they become.*

For 56 years, careful attention to the environment along with trained, skilled guides have provided RMS students with a strong foundation to embrace life and learning.

Each year, your additional support helps pay for important school improvements not covered by tuition. This year, we are raising funds for Library Upgrades and Professional Development. Gifts of every size matter.

Visit [rmschool.org](http://rmschool.org) and click on the GIVE button, or visit [giveMN.org](http://giveMN.org) to learn more about these important initiatives.

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# Montessori Minute

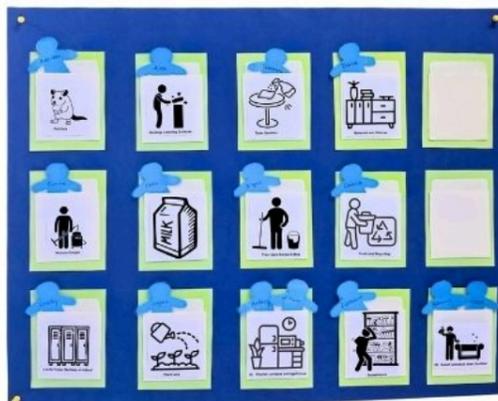
## Montessori in the Home

Extending Montessori principles into your home creates continuity between school and home, allowing children to apply what they've learned at school in a familiar setting, and strengthens their confidence, independence, and practical life skills. In a Montessori-inspired home, children are encouraged to explore and make choices within a thoughtfully prepared environment where they feel empowered to contribute to their family. With simple changes—like setting up child-friendly spaces, involving them in daily tasks, and modeling respectful behavior—parents support a child's growth, independence, and love for learning in all aspects of life. Weaving the Montessori principles of *order, consistency, independence and safety* into your routines, will help you nurture these qualities right at home.

## Adolescents

Adolescents are standing on the threshold of adulthood—exploring their independence and social structures. Their environment and routines should reflect many aspects of adult life. This means providing opportunities to engage in real, meaningful adult tasks, including practical work that highlights the importance of time management.

Placing value on your child's ability to take notice of needs at home and offering latitude in how tasks are carried out when possible boosts confidence. Their capabilities shine when they exercise increasing amounts of ownership over their environment.



**Elementary and Middle School Montessori classrooms commonly use jobs charts to organize shared responsibilities.**

## Early Childhood

Getting dressed is a natural opportunity for fostering independence at home. Clothing choices such as pull-on styles promote early success. Clothing items can change with age to challenge your child's increasing coordination. Location and accessibility of clothing are key components of order in a prepared home environment. Consistent routines with adequate time to work on getting dressed offer another important form of order.

**Children's House friends know right where to find their outdoor gear and have ample time to put it on by themselves. They learn a coat-flip technique by watching older friends.**



## Quick Links

**Board Committees**  
Email  
Kellie Mueller  
to Learn More



**RMS Merch**  
RMS  
Apparel  
Makes a  
Great Gift



**SchoolCues**  
Attendance  
Tuition  
Records



## Save the Date

### November

**25:** Birches Morning Muffin Parent Visit, 9AM  
**27-29:** No School, Fall Break

### December

**6:** Willows Parent Work with your Child, 3:15PM  
**11, 12:** E1 Child as the Guide  
**12:** 3rd-8th grades Music Performances  
**13:** RMCC Meeting, 8:45AM  
**13:** Pinecones Winter Sing-along, 2:45PM  
**Dec 23–Jan3:** No School, Winter Break

# RMCC Harvest Fest

## Families, Fun, and Fall Festivities

RMS families gathered on the evening of Friday, October 11th for the annual Harvest Festival, organized by dedicated RMCC volunteers. Graced with perfect fall weather, attendees enjoyed an array of both indoor and outdoor activities, from admiring creative pumpkin art to a scavenger hunt highlighting native species. Middle School students hosted a Bee Sale, offering honey and bee-themed items to raise awareness about pollinator conservation. Delicious food and drinks warmed everyone up, while the evening came alive with dancing, thanks to the tunes provided by Crazy George. It was a night of community, creativity, and celebration, embodying the spirit of the season and bringing RMS families together.



**We Welcome**  
**Chloe Schultz**  
Float Sub and  
After School Care