

# RMS NEWS



## Welcome Back to School!

I would like to welcome all of our returning children and families back and extend a warm welcome to all who are new to the Rochester Montessori community. The Montessori learning environment is like no other, and our main objective at RMS is to provide a carefully planned, stimulating environment that will help children develop the foundational habits, attitudes, skills, and ideas essential for a lifetime of creative thinking and learning. Respect and courtesy are the foundation for everything we do, and each child is encouraged to thrive in this nurturing environment.

*There is a great sense of community within the Montessori classroom, where children of differing ages work together in an atmosphere of cooperation rather than competitiveness. There is respect for the environment and for the individuals within it, which comes through experience of freedom within the community.*  
-Maria Montessori

## We Celebrate

25 Years with RMS!



**Nikki Brown**  
Redwoods Guide

10 Years with RMS!



**Nicole DeBurton**  
Spanish and  
Ecology Guide

In future editions of RMS NEWS, watch for more information about class and community events, staff milestones, the Montessori Method, and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. We look forward to partnering with you for this incredible journey: the 2024-2025 school year.

Warmly,

Kelley Flanders  
Head of School

# Summer at RMS



## The Summer of 2024 marked 55 years of summer fun and learning at RMS!

The children enjoyed a wide variety of themes and activities ranging from a field trip to Oxbow Park & Zollman Zoo, to a theatrical production of *Matilda Jr.*, and even a visit from ELCOR Construction including hands-on exploration of large equipment.

The summer at RMS was filled with soaking up the outdoors on the beautiful RMS campus and deepening friendships.

**We hope you'll join the summer fun in 2025!**

## We Welcome

**Christian Obando**, *Director of Operations and Systems Development*

**Faith Moore**, *E1East Guide*

**Kai Sonnier**, *Aspen Assistant*

**Jayk Seifert**, *Pinecones Assistant*

**Nora Tedrick**, *Additional Services and Nap Room*

**Rena Boge Lauderville**, *O.G. Trained Reading Specialist*

**Nezmi Najeeb**, *Float Assistant and Additional Services*

**Elizabeth Hamlett**, *Substitute*

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on Fall  
RMS  
Apparel



Available now at:  
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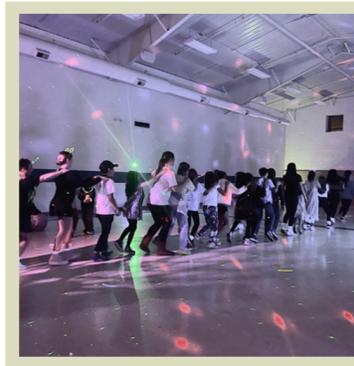
# Make Connections

## Rochester Montessori Community Connection

*Cultivating connection, parent support, volunteerism, and engagement at Rochester Montessori School*



Ice Cream Social



School Dance



Harvest Festival

### 2024-2025 RMCC Meetings

**When:** Second Friday of the Month

**Time:** 8:45am~9:45am, after drop-off

**Where:** RMS Media Center

**Dates:** Sep. 13th, Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th,  
Dec. 13th, Jan. 10th, Feb. 14th,  
Mar. 14th, Apr. 11th, & May 9th

### 2024-2025 RMCC Events

**October 11th:** Harvest Festival

**November 15th:** Soup Night

**February 7th:** Elementary &  
Middle School Dance

**April 13th** International, Cultural, &  
Heritage Festival

## QUICK LINKS

**RMS**  
Homepage



**RMS**  
Instagram



**RMS**  
Facebook



**RMS**  
Community  
Connection  
Facebook  
Group



**AMILIA**  
Register  
and pay for  
enrichment  
studios and  
summer  
sessions



### SchoolCues

Report absences  
or changes to  
drop-off/pick-up

View and pay  
tuition

Update contact  
information or  
emergency  
contacts



# Board Update

## Greetings from RMS Board President, Lili Hebert

I hope that you have had a good start to the school year! I want to introduce myself and share a little bit about the role of the Board at RMS. I serve as President and will continue in that role for three years. I love RMS and enjoy applying my experience to this wonderful school I am thrilled to have three grandchildren attending.

The RMS Board of Directors has three primary responsibilities: articulating and updating the school’s mission and vision; ensuring sound fiscal oversight; and hiring and supporting the Head of School. We accomplish most of that work through several standing committees including Buildings and Grounds; Committee on Trustees (responsible for finding nominees for board and for overall board functioning); Development; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory; Finance; and Strategic Planning.

The board is made up of seven members, four of whom serve as officers:

- Lili Herbert, President
- Julia Skalski, Vice President
- Jean Lee Locke, Secretary
- Angela Ge, Treasurer
- Rim Jarjes
- Kellie Mueller
- Peter Wruck

I plan to write periodic board updates to keep you informed about board work. I am also happy to talk with you about the board and any questions you may have. You can reach me at [liliherbert@rmschool.org](mailto:liliherbert@rmschool.org).

Sincerely,

Lili Herbert



Email Kellie Mueller,  
Chair of the  
Committee on  
Trustees,  
to learn more about  
committee work.  
[kellie@rmschool.org](mailto:kellie@rmschool.org)

## Save the Date

Times and full event details are shared by Guides and Administrative Staff via Email/SchoolCues communications.

Class-specific and all-school events can also be viewed in the SchoolCues calendar.

### September

- 13: RMCC Meeting
- 16: Flu Shot Clinic
- 17: School Pictures
- 17: Toddler Parent Ed. Event
- 18: E2 Parent Night
- 27: E1 & E2 Renaissance Festival Trip

### October

- 4: E2 Coffee Shop
- 9: Walk to School Day
- 10: Cypress Parent Visit
- 11: RMCC Harvest Festival
- 14-16: E2 Eagle Bluff Trip
- 16: Pinecones Fall Sing-A-Long
- 17-18: MEA, School Closed



2024-2025  
Academic Calendar