# Ridgemoor Park Montessori

### WELCOME BACK!

by Julie Reyers, Principal

I hope that you are having a peaceful Summer, making time to be with family and friends, and enjoying the great outdoors. Michigan Summers are too short, but they offer us such an amazing opportunity to see beauty in our world. Hold onto these special moments with your children as they truly go by too quickly.

Great things are happening at RPM and I am looking forward to sharing a fantastic year of learning and growing together. Please take a moment to read the information here, and in upcoming emails, so that you will be refreshed and ready to jump back into school-year mode. I hope that you will find the KEY DATES below helpful in planning your transition into this new season of learning.

Peace, Love, & Montessori



There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony, and the beauty in nature.

#### **KEY DATES**

August 7th, 2:00-4:00pm - Registration support opportunity #1

August 8th, 10:00-12:00 - Registration support opportunity #2

August 15th 4:30-5:00pm - New Family Orientation

August 15th 5:00-7:00pm - Ice Cream Social and registration support opportunity #3

August 19th - First day of school! 9:10-4:08 (New dismissal time!)

August 23rd - No School

August 30th - No School

September 2nd - No School - Labor Day

September 4th - Picture Day

September 19th 5:30-7:00 - Curriculum Night - Save the Date!

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## **Staffing Updates**

Children's House - Sharon Honicutt (rm 131)

E1 Team - Brenda Good (rm 126), Jacqueline Bingaman (rm124), & Emily Teeple (rm 120)

E2 Team - Thea Van Goor, Rita Paniccia, & Lorin Sorenson (rm 114/119)

Specials - Thomas Frye - Music(106) Lance Gransow - PE (gym) & Dan Slagter - Art

#### **Registration and Enrollment**

If you have not yet completed registration, please do that today. You will find all the information you need at GRPS.org under the **Enrollment** tab. If you need assistance with this process, you are welcome to come to one of three registration support opportunities.

Help will be available at Ridgemoor Park Montessori on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 7th from 2:00-4:00pm

Thursday, August 8th from 10:00-Noon

Thursday, August 15th from 5:00-7:00pm

## New Family Orientation and Ice Cream Social - Thursday, August 15th

You are encouraged to come meet the teachers, reconnect with friends, and visit the informational tables to learn more about Ridgemoor Park Montessori.

New Families Orientation - 4:30-5:00 (Cafeteria)

Ice Cream Social - 5:00-7:00 (Community Space)

#### **Facilities & Materials**

The parking lot should be finished by August 8th. A cleaning crew is freshening up the facility's interior, and the teachers are enhancing their Montessori learning environments and preparing many new materials. Teachers return to work August 13th. They will send out communications after that date.

# Curriculum Night - Save the Date

A curriculum night will be held September 19th from 5:30-7:00. This event will allow students to demonstrate their favorite works in the Montessori environment. Information on the Montessori method, Grace and Courtesy(PBIS), and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) will also be available at this evening event.

#### **Communications**

Please look for these bi-weekly newsletters throughout the year. You will also receive an email confirming your child's classroom placement. Please understand that registration must be completed before your child is placed in a classroom. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (616)-819-2950 or contact me via email at Reyersj@grps.org.