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THE CHILD**

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Montessori Academy Newsletter

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NEWS!

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Principal's Note:

Dear Parents,

Many of us are enjoying the double digit weather days as we have had a VERY cold February. Thank you to the parents who sent your students to school daily, despite the cold. As you know, attendance is one of the goals of the RCSD. Our attendance had been 94.5% through January; however during the month of February we fell to an average daily attendance of about 90%. Now that the weather is on the upward move, we are looking for improved attendance at Montessori Academy.

The American Montessori Society Annual Conference has just ended. We were fortunate that Mrs. Sciolino and Mrs. Francis were able to join me in Philadelphia for four days. We learned that we are not alone with many of the struggles we are facing: teacher training, assessments and Common Core are threads that we are all dealing with. We have been able to network to allow for our teachers to visit schools and we have connected with getting resources to support our work. Many of the leaders talked about the need for 3-5 years before they reached their pinnacle. We are at year 2, so we are getting closer.

NYS Assessments are just around the corner. NYS Grade 3—8 Testing schedule is noted below. We ask that you continue to encourage your child to do his/her best. That is all we ask! Middle and Upper Elementary teachers have been working throughout the year to provide your child with the rigor and stamina to be successful. We are proud of the efforts of so many of our students. Let's continue showing growth!

NYS ELA Tuesday, April 14—Thursday, April 16
NYS Math Wednesday, April 22— Friday, April 24

I am always available to meet with parents with any concerns. Feel free to contact me at the school 325-0935 or via email at: Shirley.green@rcsdk12.org.
Sincerely,

Shirley, JA Green, Ed.D
Principal

Important Information

MONTESSORI TALENT SHOW

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ◆ Talent Show will be held at Monroe High School (larger venue) 7:00PM
- ◆ Talent Show rehearsal— Wednesday, March 18 at 6PM
- ◆ Talent Show cover design contest is underway....

Getting Ready for 2015-16 School Year

- ⇒ *Pre-School* students do not need to register again. Your child will be automatically enrolled at Montessori Academy.
- ⇒ An additional *Upper Elementary Class* will be added next year.
- ⇒ *Sibling Preference*...if you have a child that you would like to join Montessori next year, please be sure to provide the child's name and date of birth to me no later than April 15.
- ⇒ The past two years we have had to add additional classrooms because more of our families are staying! THIS IS GOOD NEWS!!! However, some families make the tough decision to leave our *great* school. If you are thinking about moving your child to another school, please let me know (send an email).

ROC READ:



Children are encouraged to read over the Spring Recess. Students need to complete the form that will be sent home during recess and return it to school no later than Friday, April 10. All of the students who complete ROC Read from February and April will be invited to have...

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with the PRINCIPAL!



PARENT REMINDERS

We need to have updated phone numbers in the event of an emergency. If you move, please be sure to provide proof of address.

If you are picking your child up, please remember to call the Main Office no later than 1:30PM. Early dismissal should occur prior to our busy dismissal process—before 1:45PM.

Office Hours

7:00AM—3:15PM

(585) 325-0935

CHANGE OF DATE!!!!

Please be sure to plan accordingly for the Superintendents Conference Day change.

School OPEN Monday, April 27

No SCHOOL Friday, May 1, 2015

Montessori Students!!!!



Dr. Freddie Thomas Week—February 2015

Save the Date!

March 20	Talent Show	7:00PM (Monroe High School)
March 23	SBPT Meeting	6:00PM
March 26	Snuggle Up and Read	6:00PM (School Library)
March 30—April 3	Spring Recess	NO SCHOOL
April 6	School OPENS	
April 9	PTA Meeting	6:00PM
April 14—24	Grades 3—6 NYS ELA and MATH Testing	
April 30	Parent Child Night	6:00PM
May 1	Superintendent's Conference	NO SCHOOL (THIS IS A CHANGE)

PTA Officers

**Tanya Wetherwax,
President**

Portia Jones, Secretary

**Andrea Gregorie,
Treasurer**

Join the PTA and show support to our school. There are many events sponsored by our PTA. We need volunteers to help plan and execute events. We ask that you commit to volunteer for at least one event. All events and activities were listed in the previous Newsletter (which can be found on our website).

<http://www.rcsdk12.org/Domain/3225>

School Safety Officer Team

One of the first people you may see upon entering the building is a School Safety Officer (SSO). This team ensures the safety of the entire Dr. Freddie Thomas Learning Center campus—supporting both schools. Mr. Williams' specific assignment is monitoring the 2nd Floor—Montessori Academy.

Take a minute to meet:

Mr. Williams

Ms. Bradshaw

Mr. Giles