



## Montessori Connections- November 2020

Dear Montessori community,

On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to thank for your continued support, patience and resilience during these unprecedented times. It has been an incredible journey for us all; however, your flexibility and assistance in creating and maintaining a conducive learning environment is greatly appreciated.

In order to continuously provide authentic learning opportunities for our students, teachers have compiled learning materials and resources that will be used during the second quarter (November 30<sup>th</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup>). It is our hopes that we will be returning back to the building to begin our third quarter in classrooms; however, if for any reason that we are not back in the building by that time, we will continue to provide students with materials and resources to engage them in learning.

### Parent engagement:

- While we appreciate the time that parents are assisting their children with remote learning tasks, we are requesting that you consider becoming a PTA officer. All of our PTA officer positions are currently open. We are hoping to have all positions filled by January 1<sup>st</sup>; therefore, we are requesting for all interested to contact the school no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will share your interest with the SBPT parent representatives, who will then reach out to you to go over the roles and responsibilities of PTA officers. Once all interests have been expressed, virtual ballots will go out to families to vote on December 9<sup>th</sup>. All new officer candidates will be introduced to the school community prior to winter break.  
Please note available officer positions: **President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.**
- We are also looking to fill a parent vacancy on our School Based Planning Team (SBPT). The team meets once a month (third Wednesday) to review and discuss instructional initiatives that are in alignment with Montessori/RCSD/and New York State pedagogy and practices. All meetings are held virtually from 7:45-8:45 am.

### Special Recognition:

- Superintendent Dr. Meyers-Small and Mayor Lovely Warren worked collaboratively to establish "Faith in Action" partnerships in all Elementary schools in the RCSD. Two churches have stepped up and adopted our school; Living Water Fellowship and Provision Full Gospel Church. On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Living Water Fellowship purchased and donated a washer and dryer set to our school. As we all know, this is definitely a needed commodity due to our PreK students sometimes needed a little "special" attention during the school day. **(Continue on back)**



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- Both Living Water Fellowship and Provision Full Gospel donated (20) food baskets to distribute to our families for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will also be a Christmas Holiday food basket distribution during the week of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Please contact the school as soon as possible if you are interested in receiving a holiday basket from our “faith in action” partners.

**Please remember to visit our school’s webpage and Facebook**

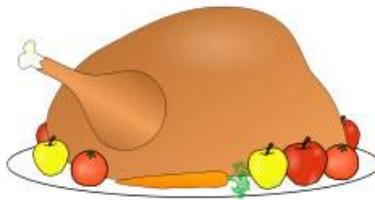
School Webpage: <https://www.rcsdk12.org/53>

School Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RCSDsch53>

## Upcoming events

- November, 23<sup>rd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> - Learning Bags and report card distribution
  - November, 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> -Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
  - December, 4<sup>th</sup> - Half day for students- (12noon dismissal)
    - December, 7<sup>th</sup>- PTA Officers nominations

## Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Recess



Sincerely,

Dr. Harris-Pappin, Principal

Montessori Academy, School 53

October’s daily attendance rate: \_\_%\_\_ 87 \_\_\_\_

November’s attendance goal: \_\_95%\_\_