



Parent/Student Handbook

Fall 2013

The child is truly a miraculous being, and this should be felt deeply by the educator.
—Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind

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Parent Participation

Volunteers

RCM appreciates and relies on its parent volunteers. We are a community of people working together to develop a unique and inspiring learning environment for our children. A volunteer form goes out to the parent community at the beginning of the year asking for information about special skills, interests, and availability. It is very important that all RCM parents help support and enhance the school through some volunteer activity.

All enrolled RCM families are encouraged to contribute 30 hours of volunteer service to the school for the development of the school and its academic goals. A parent participation contract is a part of the annual enrollment process.

A variety of service opportunities exist and include the following:

- Working in the classroom with our Montessori staff
- Developing classroom materials / special unit studies
- Providing office help
- Chaperoning field trips
- Organizing or working at fundraising events
- Serving on school committees.

Volunteer hours can be completed at the school or at home. Parent education nights, fundraising, school events, and parent workdays provide enough additional opportunities to assure a comfortable level of participation. RCM is grateful for the contribution volunteers make on behalf of the school and to the lives of all of our students.

Communication

Parent Directory

A parent/student directory is distributed each year, and lists each child and his/her parents along with email, address, and phone number. This directory is provided so that families can contact others in the RCM community. If you prefer that your contact information be omitted, please contact the Director.

The Redwood Bark Newsletter

The *Redwood Bark* is a weekly parent email that provides important RCM news such as upcoming community and parent events, field trips, special date reminders, and other activities.

Group email Lists

To better foster communication within the RCM community, group email lists for individual classrooms and the entire school will be established so parents and staff can easily reach each other.