



Rainbow Montessori
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Academia and The Arts: Perfect Together

May-June, 2016

Rainbow News . . .

The Director's Corner

Just one last newsletter for this year! It is always a little bit sad for us this time of year as we say farewell to those who are leaving RMS. We can't help but become attached!! Where there is sadness, there is also joy as we proudly watch your children move on to their next school experience! The halls of Rainbow were very quiet last night at 5:30!

Over the summer months, the school will generally be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the mornings from 9am to 12pm. This schedule is tentative due to vacations and other happenings as we prepare the school for next September, so please call ahead if you plan to visit! If you need to contact us, you can also e-mail or leave a message on the school phone - we will get back to you!

May Events

Our RMS/FoR Dance Party held on May 3rd was a huge success! The children danced, sang, ran around and passed balloons through the air to awesome music played by our very own, Mrs. Growe (thank you, Mrs. Growe.) Thank you to all who came and participated in this fund-raiser! Thank you to Mrs. Pascarella for the balloons, glow stick necklaces and cookies - thank you to Mrs. Varma - Dvivedi for the disco ball!!

This year we brought our Blue Group students to the Great Swamp on May 16th for a guided nature hike, exploring the beautiful terrain, plant life and wildlife that inhabit the swamp. It was a clear, chilly, beautiful morning!! The children were very attentive, and participated in answering questions posed by the Naturalist as we hiked through the lovely forest. Students were really excited when spotting turtles swimming among the lily-pads in the pond and resting on a man-made raft. We were feeling the cold but - a great time was had by all!



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We had clear weather for our field trips to the Trailside Nature Science Center for both Orange and Purple Groups on May 10th and May 25th respectively. Each class went on a guided nature hike with a Naturalist exploring the terrain and the wildlife habitats found along the trails in the Watchung Reservation. After lunch, each group explored the indoor Science Nature Center. The children had a wonderful time! Trailside is a great place to visit, as it has many programs throughout the year for children and their families (small fees required) and also is open to the public on a daily basis (no admission fee!) in the afternoons.

We thank all of our RMS Parents who joined us on our fieldtrips this year as chaperones - we sincerely appreciate your assistance!

This year our Annual Spring Concert for Blue, Purple and Orange Groups was held on the evening of May 18th. The children were "dressed to the nines" and each group gave a wonderful performance! They practiced many mornings to perfect their concert songs and on the night of May 18th they did not disappoint!! We were and are so very proud of them. It was a delightful evening for all who attended!

June Events

The Graduation/Moving-Up Ceremony for Red and Silver Group students was held on the evening of June 2nd. The children provided outstanding entertainment as they sang and performed, "The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest." As always, it was a very emotional evening, especially as the slide show aired. We hope that all who attended enjoyed the program - it was a lovely evening! We thank all of the parents who donated refreshments and paper goods for the after ceremony celebration - the goodies were delicious!!

RMS Teacher News!

Our Practical Life Classroom Director, Mrs. Rita McCleary BT, MBA, completed her Montessori Training and received her Montessori Certificate from Mercer County Community College on May 31st. **CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. McCleary!!!**



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Friends of Rainbow Corner

We would like to extend a very special "Thank you" to the 2015-2016 Friends of Rainbow Committee Members: Mrs. Pascarella, Ms. Dvivedi-Varma, Mrs. Steenburg, Mrs. Slattery and Mrs. Franklin. We thank you for another great year of social events, community service projects and fund-raising activities! We so appreciate your consistent dedication and support in assisting RMS by raising funds to enhance our programs and for building community through wonderful social events. Your efforts raised \$3000 plus for our school this year! **THANK YOU!**

We would also like to thank all RMS Parents for supporting all of the activities and fund-raising events sponsored by the Friends of Rainbow Committee!

Reminder!

If you have not already done so, please return your enrollment papers for the 2016-2017 school year. **Also, please submit your new cubby photos as soon as possible!** Note: As we are processing your paperwork, we may contact you if you missed a form or a signature, or if information submitted is not up to date. Not to worry - we have the summer months to bring all of our student records up to date.

RMS May Birthday Celebrations:

"Happy Birthday" to:

Eve Delinsky
Rory Presti
Declan Duignan
Abbie Slattery

RMS Summer Birthdays:

"Happy Birthday" to all of our students with summer birthdays!



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June

Marin Wilson
Minu Lee
Lily Polke
Cailyn Cheng

July

Ava Galloza
Seton Kelly

August

Jack Batsford
Sophie Kline
Hanna Murphy

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RAINBOW MONTESSORI OF
MADISON - 35 YEARS AS OF JUNE (1981-2016) !!!!!**

It has been a wonderful school year! On behalf of the RMS teachers and staff:

Thank you so much for all of the lovely gifts and goodies that you have given us over the last few days of school - your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated by all!

To all students and families who are leaving Rainbow and will not be returning in September, Au Revoir! We wish you success and much happiness as you leave us and head into the future! We will miss you and invite you to visit us often - you will always be a part of our Rainbow Family and it is our hope that you will keep in touch!

To our 2016-2017 enrolled students and their families, we look forward to seeing you all at the RMS Open House this summer scheduled for Friday, August 26th.

**To all, we wish you a happy, safe and fun-filled summer!
Onward to Camp Rainbow - June 13th through June 17th
!!! (See you then!)**

Warm regards,

Mrs. Petrillo