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# TRM Newsletter

*Empowering students to reach their full potential  
through authentic montessori learning.*



## Important Dates

01/11 – Parent Committee Meeting  
01/17 – No School  
01/18 – TRM Board Meeting  
01/20 – Lunch Menus Due  
01/28 – No School  
02/03 – No School (Conferences)  
02/04 – No School (Conferences)

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## Contacts

**For attendance/Transportation Matters**  
[attendance@threeriversmontessori.org](mailto:attendance@threeriversmontessori.org)

**TRM Phone Number**  
763-595-1213

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[lunch@threeriversmontessori.org](mailto:lunch@threeriversmontessori.org)

**TRM Website**  
[www.threeriversmontessori.org](http://www.threeriversmontessori.org)

**All Other Questions**  
[admin@threeriversmontessori.org](mailto:admin@threeriversmontessori.org)



Jonna Duke  
School Leader

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*"Be humble,  
be teachable,  
and always keep  
learning."  
- Nicole Farn*

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## A moment with the School Leader

### Happy New Year TRM Families!

I want to tell you how excited I am about 2022. We have so much to look forward to this year.

After many delays the playground is finally OPEN! Our students have been enjoying it when the weather has been nice enough to play outside. We have also had several parents volunteer to make new features over the spring and summer.

This fall was a time of transition. I am happy to report that the staff and students are settling into some new or familiar routines. At this stage in the year we now know our students well. So, it is time for reflecting on our goals for ourselves, our students and how we are going to meet these by year end (June 2022).

Staff members are meeting some goals by taking on trainings. We have our in-house Montessori Curriculum Coordinator, Debbie Hutton performing trainings multiple times a week to create a foundation of Montessori in every employee that works at TRM. As well as several lead teachers taking a course at the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota throughout January.

We look forward to seeing how your children benefit from our dedication to becoming an authentic Montessori school.

Working Together.  
Jonna Duke

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# Announcements

## Parent Pick Up & Drop Off

Please pull all the way forward in the drive alley so that staff can assist two cars at a time in each lane. Cars will not be loaded or unloaded if they are still on the hill leading up to the drop off & pick up zone.

## Attendance / Late Arrival / Early Departure

All communications should go to [attendance@threeriversmontessori.org](mailto:attendance@threeriversmontessori.org) . Please denote the reason why your student will not be in school (including late arrival and early departures).

If your student is ill please explain symptoms, including any Covid testing results.

## Cold Weather Gear

We encourage that families send students with the appropriate winter gear: HAT, GLOVES, BOOTS, SNOW PANTS and WINTER JACKETS. Winter gear may be provided if available, but students may be asked to stay inside if they don't have the appropriate gear.

If you require assistance obtaining appropriate gear please email [admin@threeriversmontessori.org](mailto:admin@threeriversmontessori.org) and we will do our best to source the gear for your child.

## Outside Play Policy

Our cold weather guideline is if that the temperature is below zero or wind chill is -10, we will stay inside for recess. In the event of indoor recess the students will have free time in the classroom.

## Meal Program

It is important that you complete your child's lunch order form on time. We order each meal for each student based on lunch order forms submitted by parents. Order forms are listed on the website under the lunch tab.

<https://threeriversmontessori.org/news-%7C-calendars-%7C-lunch>

**Note: Students that do not have order forms submitted will be served a cold cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable and milk for each day they eat school lunch.**



# Parent Committee Updates

## Heggies Pizza Fundraiser

We are excited to be partnering with Minnesota's own Heggies Pizza to help raise some funds for TRM! Funds will be used to continue to enrich our school's environment and help us with financial goals for: school library, school gardens, playground equipment and so much more.

**HEGGIES**  
SINCE **PIZZA** 1989  
MADE IN MILACA, MN

Friday, Jan 7th - Tuesday, Jan 21

Orders Due by: Tuesday, Jan 21, 2022

Cash & Checks Accepted: to be collected with order.

Make checks out to Three Rivers Montessori.

Pizza pick-up will be on Tuesday, February 8th at TRM  
between 2:40 pm - 6:00 pm



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held during our school conferences again this year. Thanks for your enormous support for our fall book fair.

If you are interested in **volunteering** to help run the bookfair please email [volunteers@threeiversmontessori.org](mailto:volunteers@threeiversmontessori.org).

- On average we need at least eight volunteers.
- The book fair will run approx Thursday, 8 am – 6 pm and Friday, 8 am – 4 pm. Times are subject to changes.

## TRM Library Committee

If you want to help TRM build our school library, join our Library Committee. You get to help shape what our students will enjoy for years to come!

Email [volunteers@threeiversmontessori.org](mailto:volunteers@threeiversmontessori.org)



## School Board and Sub Committees



Our school board and sub-committees are volunteers like you who are passionate about Three Rivers Montessori students' education.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to play an active role in helping TRM achieve it's goals of being financially fiscal, authentic Montessori school and having a strong environmental focus.

**Board Members** are required to attend the monthly board meeting held the third Tuesday monthly at 7 pm, plus join a sub committee. The Board focuses on making sound decisions that support the school's mission and vision.

**Sub-committee Members** are required to attend the monthly meeting (held at times determined by the committee). The sub-committee focuses on providing the school and school board with the resources, research and knowledge it needs to be a success.

Sign up on the school's website under the Board & Meeting Schedule tab  
<https://threeiversmontessori.org/board-%26-meeting-schedule>



# Hiring at Three Rivers Montessori

## Full Time and Part Time Positions

Be a part of your child's education with our part time and full-time positions.

- Special Education Teacher
- Behavior Interventionist
- Paraprofessional
- Building Float
- Plus we add more to our website as needed.



## Substitute Positions

TRM offers flexible scheduling with our substitute positions.

- All support staff positions are entry level.
- All lead teacher positions require a bachelor's degree and completion of the short call sub license process.

# Stay Connected

## Connect on Facebook

Stay connected with other TRM of Facebook through these three options:



- **Three Rivers Montessori Parents** – A Facebook group for families to connect with each other.
- **TRM Parent Committee** – A Facebook group for parents that want to support the school through actively volunteering, event planning and fundraising.
- **Three Rivers Montessori** – The schools official Facebook page.

## Connect on Google Calendar



Add the virtual school calendar to your google calendar view today. This public calendar allows you to easily see important dates and planned non-school days.

Click on TRM School Calendar link and follow the prompts to add the calendar to your google view.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y18xZ2s0b3Q0aXY3MG5zdWE5dm9jcHAYMWU2c0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbnRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

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# Thank you for reading.

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