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TRM NEWSLETTER

They are empowering students to reach their full potential through authentic Montessori learning.



IMPORTANT DATES

05/16 Board Election Ballots Due by 5:00 pm.

05/17 Board of Directors Meeting

05/19 June Lunch Menu Due

05/21 Color Run

05/30 NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day

06/08 Last Day of School!

06/21 Board of Directors Meeting

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CONTACTS

For attendance/Transportation Matters

attendance@threeriversmontessori.org

TRM Phone Number

763-595-1213

Meal Questions/Issues

<u>lunch@threeriversmontessori.org</u>

TRM Website

www.threeriversmontessori.org

All Other Questions

adminethreeriversmontessori.org

A MOMENT WITH THE SCHOOL LEADER

Greetings TRM Families,

We are in the home stretch, with less than one month of school left. Spring is officially in full swing, and you can see evidence of it all around TRM. The Butterfly Garden donated by the Roske family is in bloom! Phase II of the playground project has begun, with the field being level so that we can install maple trees and plant grass. Keep watching for updates on our progress.

We just wrapped up MCA testing for third – sixth grade. Thank you for all the parent support you gave your children. We are also in the process of wrapping up our FastBridge testing. All of that testing means we have needed extra brain breaks, and the weather has been cooperating. Several classes have been taking lunch outdoors and extra time on the playground.

We have also been busy preparing for summer by creating Pathfinders, a summer childcare program. We sent out a registration sign-up request by email previously. You can find additional details on the website under https://threeriversmontessori.org/summer-childcare. Registrations are due 05/27/2022.

Summer school has been on our minds. If your child qualified, you would have received a request to sign up for summer school through the 728 school district. We are still waiting on the placement results of that option. We have also created a TRM summer school program for eligible students based on a tiered system. Unfortunately, staffing is limited, and we can only accept 40 students. We will contact you via email if your child is eligible.

The TRM School Board voted to approve a new structure for our 2022 – 2023 school year at the April board meeting. We will have two Kindergarten – 1st grade rooms, two 2nd – 3rd grade rooms, and two 4th, 5th, and 6th grade rooms. Over the summer, you will receive an announcement denoting who your child's teacher will be.

The TRM School Board also voted to require Montessori training for all our teachers. So, over the summer, we are working with our teachers to get all of the general education and special education teachers formally trained in Montessori. This vast project will help us further our mission of "Empowering students to reach their full potential through authentic Montessori learning."

Working Together.
Jonna Duke
School Leader
jonna.dukeethreeriversmontessori.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attendance

All communications should go to <u>attendance@threeriversmontessori.org</u>. Please include 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.

If there is a change in your students plan for transportation at the end of the day (ex: changing from bus to car pick up) please email the attendance account before 1:30 PM

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather is finally warming up (yay!), we are expecting to be done using our winter outdoor clothing. If your student has any boots, snow pants, hats, gloves, etc... left here, we encourage you to bring them home for the season!

On another note, feel free to send your child with rain boots for the muddy spring days ahead.

Pathfinders a Summer Childcare Program

TRM will be offering a new child care this summer called Pathfinders. An email was sent out on May 6th with a link to registration. Our summer program will be in session from June 13- August 19 (CLOSED the week of Independence Day).

Part-time and full-time options are available, register ASAP to reserve your spot as they are limited!



More details can be found our website at https://threeriversmontessori.org/summer-childcare

PARENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Color Run



TRM is having its 2nd Annual Color Run on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The Color Run will be at Prairie Park. All students, staff, family, and friends are welcome to participate.

Prairie Park

13355 90th St. NE Otsego, MN 55330

Saturday, May 21, 2022

- Check-in at 12:00
- The race Starts at 12:30

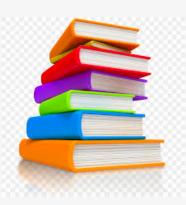
Additional donations are welcome, the classroom with the most funds will celebrate with a pizza party!!

Please include your donation amount and classroom in gofundme. https://gofund.me/7824ce3e

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TRM Library Committee

If you are interested in helping TRM build our school library, we invite you to join our Library Committee! Our library will be enjoyed by both current and future students!



Email volunteersethreeriversmontessori.org



School Board and Sub Committees

Our school board and sub-committees are volunteers who are passionate about TRM students and education.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to actively help TRM achieve it's goals of being a financially fiscal, authentic Montessori school and having a strong environmental focus.

Board Members are required to attend monthly meetings at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. They must also join a sub committee. The Board focuses on making decisions that support the school's mission and vision.

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

Sign up at https://threeriversmontessori.org/board-%26-meeting-schedule

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

What this committee does:

The Academic Excellence committee is responsible for ensuring that curricular activities reflect the Corporation's mission of "Empowering students to reach their full potential through authentic Montessori learning."

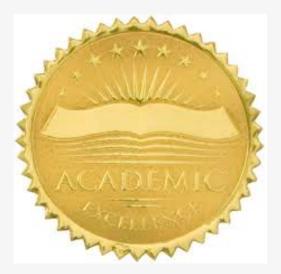
These individuals have worked tirelessly to find a path for all our General Education and Special Education teachers to become formally trained in Montessori. As well as our Educational Assistants to receive a course to support their role in a Montessori classroom.

Committee Members:

Debbie Hutton: Montessori Curriculum Coordinator

Jonna Duke: Executive Director

Hannah Scholten: Teacher Shanny Snyder: Teacher



To join a subcommittee, complete an application and email it to the board chair: chris.castagneri@threeriversmontessori.org.

HIRING AT THREE RIVERS MONTESSORI



Full Time and Part Time Positions

Interested in joining the team?

We are currently looking for:

- Executive Director
- Lower Elementary Montessori Teacher (2022-2023 school year)
- Upper Elementary Montessori Teacher (2022-2023 school year)
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Substitute/ float staff positions
- Licensed Substitute Teachers (requires a bachelor's degree and short call sub license)
- Before and After Care staff
- Plus we add more to our website as needed!

Check out the employment tab on our website for job descriptions and instructions on how to apply :)



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION!

BALLOTS DUE MAY 16, 2022

Ballots are due May 16, 2022, by 5:00 pm.

Place your ballots in the box in the front lobby of the school. They can also be dropped off with a staff member in the carpool lane.

Each guardian should complete a ballot per child they have enrolled. For example, a family with three students and two guardians will submit six votes total for the election.

Election Results will be announced May 17, 2022 at the board meeting.



STAY CONNECTED

Connect on Facebook

- <u>Three Rivers Montessori Parents</u> 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.
- <u>Three Rivers Montessori</u> The schools official Facebook page.



Connect on Google Calendar



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

Use the link and follow the prompts to add the calendar to your google view.

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0? cid=Y18xZ2s0b3Q0aXY3MG5zdWE5dm9jcHAyMWU2c0Bncm91c C5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t

THANK YOU FOR READING. ENJOY THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!