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Rainbow Notes

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Sound of the Week

Feb 6 & 7 – “Q”
Feb 13 & 14 – “V”
Feb 21 & 22 – “Y”
Feb 27 & 28 – “Z”

Mar 5 & 6 – “M”
Mar 14 & 15 – “A”
Mar 28 & 29 – “T”

April 4 & 5 – “S”
April 11 & 12 – “B”
April 18 & 19 – “C”
April 25 & 26 – “D”

We are closed

**Friday, February 17th
and Monday, February 20th
for teacher workshops &
training and
for Presidents' Day**

***RMA has an immediate opening
for a part-time assistant teacher.
Please see Ms. Chhaya for
information***

Calendar of Events

Feb 14 Teddy Bear Picnic (for Valentine 's Day)
Feb 17 Teacher Work Day, Friday (no students)
Feb 20 Presidents' Day Holiday (Closed)

Mar 8 - RMA potluck and Spring program

Mar 26-30 - Spring Break

Spring Camp is available for this time. Please ask Ms. Amy or Ms. Chhaya

April 19 & April 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences – These days are dedicated to dialogue with you. **No Classes.** Please make other arrangements for childcare these 2 days

May 19 Silent Auction

Teddy Bear Picnic

♪ “If you go down in the woods today (or on **Tuesday, February 14** during our party), you're in for a big surprise.” ♪

We add a different flavor to our valentine party by bringing our teddy bears and having a Teddy Bear Picnic. This year our party is truly on Valentine's Day, February 14. On that day every child is invited to bring one special bear (or other honored stuffed friend) to our Teddy Bear Picnic. The party is scheduled between 8:30 and 11:00.

Yes! Children may also bring valentines to give to the other children if they wish. Each child may bring as many as 35 cards that they have made and signed to share with others. *Please do not address them.* We will give everyone the chance to drop their valentines in the other bags during the party. Anyone who does not wish to do so will simply not take part in the exchange.

Also at the party: we will be decorating cookies with pink and white icing, making our valentine bags, painting faces and choosing from other heart-felt crafts. We need your help to make plain sugar cookies that do not know what a peanut looks like. (We have several children with peanut allergies. We prefer to include them in the group rather than segregate them at their own table.) Please say you can help and sign up on the entry board.



Our other invitation is to come and enjoy the party with us. Our parties work because of our parents. For instance, we always need parents who are “exceptionally talented” at painting faces. Even Ms. Chhaya gets a design. And we can always an extra pair of hands to help make something go together properly for a child.



Please ask the teachers what project may need a mentor, which need parts prepared ahead, and how you might be able to help. And please plan to bring your own special bear when you come with your child. It is a morning of fun for everyone.

Signup sheets for cookies and the materials we may need will be on the board at the entrance soon.

Just a Reminder. . .

Please remember to keep your child home for 24 hours after a fever has broken. This is a state health regulation that we are required to follow as well as common sense. You will help stop the spread of infection and keep your child from contracting another bug while his/her own immunity is weak.

Did you miss the Kindergarten Meeting during January? Do you have questions about today’s kindergarten culture and what your child faces in his/her Kindergarten year?

Please make an appointment with Ms. Chhaya to discover what RMA offers your child. This year our public school districts are being hit with continued budget constraints. Be sure to educate yourself about the meaning this will have for the foundation to your young Kindergarten student’s educational career.

Letters of Intent will be in Parent folders in the near future. Please watch for them and help us plan for next year.



Silent Auction

You are going to be hearing a lot about the Auction between now and May. The Auction committee has already set the process in motion. Initial requests have been sent out to businesses, and the committee is calling on your direct sponsorship through a letter you can take to the businesses you deal with in our larger community. Many firms require notification of two to three months to make a donation of this type, so it is important that we all make requests immediately. You can always mention that RMA is a nonprofit educational organization that provides an important foundation for tomorrow’s citizens.

We are asking each family to donate at least two items or services to be auctioned. With the tremendous international flavor of families in this school, we have the potential for exotic, multi-ethnic items that you alone can offer. Our silent auction can become a unique event within the calendar for the school and Parker. Remember too, every donation that you make is tax deductible.

The children are part of RMA also. Each class traditionally creates their own one-of-a-kind treasures for the special live bidding that is always held. Teachers also offer trips, overnight slumber parties, or some special item. In the studio, we are beginning to work on a “Cook Book.” We are 100% involved in the future.

Please become involved. We need each one of you.

These ideas may help you prepare something distinctive:

If you are in business for yourself a donation of your service or product can give you exposure while helping the school.

Check with your employer; will your employer make a donation or a matching grant to education?

Do you take classes – art, dance, scuba diving, flying, horseback riding, tae kwon do, etc. – in which your instructor is willing to offer a series of 2 or 3 classes for the exposure and tax write-off?

Are you a season ticket holder with one of our professional sports teams (or know someone who is?) The donation of a set of tickets to a home game would be tremendous.

Are you the member of an organization who would donate tickets to the CSO or a play?

Will you ask companies where you do business? (such as restaurants, jewelers, auto repair, home cleaning services, photographer, specialty food stores, hair stylist, message therapist.)

Ask your neighbor for a donation or at least to buy a ticket to attend, and sell your closest relatives on the need to support education at the foundational level.

Now is a great time to mention the auction to family, friends and neighbors. They definitely need to place this on their calendars and plan to attend.

In the past we have had:

- Condos in Vail
- Tickets redeemed from airline miles
- Hair styling with a basket of styling aids
- Oil changes, A set of tires
- Signed Avalanche jersey, a signed football
- An art basket
- Case of wine
- Chocolates imported and domestic
- Gardening supplies

Apart from the larger donations, we need small items to create unique baskets. Please check for any of these items that may be around the house and you just don't need them:

- Small or large wicker or wire baskets
- Sample jams, jellies
- Sport Water bottles, golf balls, golf tees, any other sports items, travel size lotion, soaps, shampoos,
- Candles,
- Unused gifts that just don't fit your need and can be "regifted" to the silent auction (such as a coffee maker, crock pot, espresso machine, lamp, etc.)
- Car care items: wax, sponges, buckets, shop towels, Chamois, brushes
- Costume jewelry