



Montessori Matters



E1 and E2 students enjoyed an afternoon with two Oompa-Loompas, Charlie, Grandpa Joe, and Willy Wonka from the Rochester Civic Theater’s upcoming production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Several students (right) enjoyed trying on costumes.

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On the Calendar

October

- 20 Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 22 **No School - Professional Development Day**
- 25-27 E2 trip to Eagle Bluff
- 28 Plan for Middle School Parent’s Meeting, 7:00-8:00 PM

November

- 1-5 Book Fair
- 3 Kindergarten Year Moving-Up Meeting 6:00 PM
- 5 **No School - Parent Teacher Conference Day**
- 10 E1 Moving Up Meeting 6:00

December

- 4 House Warming Party!

After School Studios

- 18 Discovering Chinese - Children’s House 3:00-4:15
- 19 Science Club - E1 3:15-4:30
- 20 Sign Language- Children’s House 3:00-4:15
- 20 Science Club - E2 3:30-4:45
- 21 Chinese Club - E1 & E2 3:15-4:30

A lot is going on at RMS:

Grant Recipient

We are pleased to announce the Rochester Montessori School has received a grant of \$6,500 from the Montessori Foundation to be used for the development of the School’s middle grades as an International Baccalaureate program. The Montessori Foundation, located in Sarasota, Florida, is an international, non-profit organization which works worldwide to help Montessori schools educate children in a spirit of partnership and peace. The activities of the Montessori Foundation include publishing magazines (*Tomorrow’s Child* and *Montessori Leadership*) as well as other print, web, and video materials. The Montessori Foundation offers on-line Montessori courses and school consultations. They also hold professional conferences typically attended by Montessori educators from throughout the world. The grant will enable us to further develop our 7th and 8th grades curriculum.

Smart Boards

We’re ahead! A big thank you to those of you who have contributed towards the Hy-Vee ‘Smart Points’ program. You are helping us in our efforts to win a Smart Board, interactive white board for our school. Simply, the winning school is the one with the most points.

A Smart Board is an invaluable, large interactive touch screen that can be



E1 students (left) talk with cast members (right) from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory about scenery and costumes. Children had an opportunity to hold props and to learn how props are made.

used as a computer, a whiteboard, and for shared internet access. This cutting edge technology is a “must” for our elementary teachers and students.

We are currently in the lead of all the qualifying schools in our area!! To help the school in this effort, please shop at Hy-Vee and purchase products designated for the Smart Board. Dollars spent translate of course to points. Take the printed code off your receipt and then enter it onto their website. The closing date for the competition is November 30th. In addition to the Smart Board, the largest contributor will also win a MacBook® 2.4GHz Intel Core Duo.

Your support of the School in this effort is most appreciated!

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Thank you for your patience with our new website which launched this week. We delayed because we wanted to correct typos and other errors. We know, too, that many of

you were frustrated by inaccurate information left on the old website, especially calendar information. We think you will value its new capabilities. You will be able to select several ways to display calendar information. You can also send information from the website directly to your own calendars.

Please let us know your thoughts as to how we can continue to provide you with information and displays in ways more useful to you.

Congratulations E2 Students!

E2 hosted a coffee hour last Friday to raise funds towards their upcoming trip to Eagle Bluff. With the support of parents and other “patrons,” the students raised over \$1,100. Congratulations!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

E1 and E2 students received a visit this week from two Oompa-loompas who came with Charlie, Grandpa Joe, and Willy Wonka this

week. Of course, they were not “real.” Well, perhaps the oompa-loompas were not. Each is a member of the cast of the Rochester Civic Theater’s upcoming production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which runs from October 22 - 31st.

In case you missed this...

Instrumental lessons are underway. Please call the office if you would like information.

