

November 2020

# RUSD MONTESSORI PTA NEWSLETTER



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## New School Year, New PTA Leadership

The RUSD Montessori PTA elected new officers in October. They will serve a 2 year term.

- Carmen Ayers— President
- Carolynn Friesch— Vice President
- Monica Cucciare— Treasurer
- Elizabeth Barnes— Secretary

## Upcoming Events

### Virtual Pumpkin Bash—October 1-28th

Share your child's pumpkin masterpiece for a chance to win a prize. See the attached flyer for details.

### PTA General Member Meeting—November 5th

Join on Zoom at 6:00. Meeting ID: 826 5756 2676  
Passcode: Montessori

### Dragon Pit BBQ Pop-up—November 6th

Online ordering for curb-side pick up at The Branch (1501 Washington Ave.). Your chance to score some delicious food and support the RUSD Montessori PTA! Keep an eye on Dragon Pit's website or join our Facebook event to know when the ordering goes live and how to enter to win a free book from our book sale. [dragon-pit-bbq.square.site](http://dragon-pit-bbq.square.site)

### Usborne Holiday Book Sale —November 5–11th

A online book sale just in time for Holiday gifts. Additional details will be provided on the book fair's private [Facebook Group](#) and via the PTA All-School mailing list—keep an eye out.

### Cookie book—December

Start pulling out those secret family recipes for our All-School cookie cookbook. More details to come.



*Do not tell them  
how to do it.*

*Show them how to do it  
and do not say a word. If  
you tell them, they will  
watch your lips move. If  
you show them, they will  
want to do it themselves."*

*Maria Montessori*

A reminder if you have not signed up for the  
PTA All-School mailing list, please email us at:

[GoodlandSchoolPTA@gmail.com](mailto:GoodlandSchoolPTA@gmail.com)

IF YOU SEE ME TALKING TO  
MYSELF THIS WEEK DON'T  
WORRY. I'M HAVING A PARENT  
TEACHER CONFERENCE

We are excited to participate in this year's National PTA Reflections Program, a competition that invites students to make and submit original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps students explore their thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, and increase confidence.

The theme for the 2020-2021 program year is *I Matter Because.../Yo importo porque...* This year's theme was submitted by a 1<sup>st</sup> grader, Rylee Stier, who drew inspiration from her town being impacted by wildfires in California in 2018. With the call for meaningful steps to dismantle

structural racism, this theme provides new meaning and an opportunity to engage and elevate the voices of students of color. This is a priority, now more than ever.

Students submit original works of art in the categories of Photography, Visual Arts (welcomes all visual media), or Special Artists (welcomes students from all grades and abilities and offers non-artistic accommodations for all students to participate fully in PTA Reflections). Our local winners will be reviewed on the creativity and originality they bring to the theme and will have the opportunity to move to the state and

national level. More importantly, we will give our students an opportunity to express themselves through art and a platform to gather and display these works for one another.

Submissions Due: December 22  
Program Contact: Robin Holmes  
RadHolmes@gmail.com

## I Matter Because...

2020-2021



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## Cooking with Kiddos—No-Bake Honey Nut Cheerios Snack Bars

These fast & easy bars use ingredients you likely have on hand and allow for substitution for almost any dried fruit, nut, or seed. Perfect for a grab-and-go snack and spending a little time with your kiddos in the kitchen.

**Yield:** One 8-By-8-Inch Pan, 12 Snack Bars **Prep:** 10 Minutes

### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup honey (light-colored corn syrup may be substituted and will keep the bars firmer at room temp than using honey)
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups Honey Nut Cheerios
- 1 cup raisins, optional (1 cup honey-roasted peanuts, 1 cup chopped almonds, or 1 cup trail mix may be substituted)
- about 1/2 cup chocolate-covered sunflower seeds, optional
- pinch sea salt (helps to cut the sweetness)

### Instructions:

1. Line an 8-inch square pan with aluminum foil leaving overhang, spray with cooking spray; set aside.
2. In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine butter, honey, brown sugar, and heat on high power for 1 minute to melt.
3. Stop to stir. Mixture will be on the granular side, this is okay.
4. Return bowl to microwave and heat for 1 more minute on high power. Stop to stir.
5. Return bowl to microwave and heat for 1 more minute on high power. Stop to stir. On this third and final burst, mixture will become quite bubbly and foamy; use caution when removing from micro because this is boiling hot caramel and can cause burns.
6. Stir in the vanilla using caution because mixture could bubble up.
7. Stir in the cereal.
8. Stir in the optional raisins (or nuts).
9. Turn mixture out into prepared pan, packing it down firmly with a spatula and smoothing the top.
10. Sprinkle evenly with sunflower seeds and salt.



# A Word from our President

Hello!

My name is Carmen Ayers and I am the mom of a 4K student, Celeste in Ms. Missy's Class. I am so excited to introduce myself as the new RUSD Montessori PTA President for the 2020-2021 School Year!

I have so many big plans for this year and hope to make this year an inviting one even despite the pandemic. I am hopeful we will have successful fundraisers to improve many aspects of the school, but I can only do this as a team and with YOUR support too!

Volunteers are the cornerstone of any successful PTA, so if you haven't already, please consider joining the PTA! I want to grow our RUSD Montessori PTA family to include YOU!

My theme for this year is "*Cultivating and Connecting our Children with their School, Teachers and Friends!*"

*Carmen Ayers*



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RUSD MONTESSORI PTA  
PRESENTS:

# 2020 VIRTUAL PUMPKIN BASH



- Help your child decorate or carve their pumpkin. Choose your own theme or compete in one of the categories below:
  - **My Teacher Pumpkin** - Create your teacher as a pumpkin
  - **Spookiest Pumpkin** - Give us the heebie-jeebies
  - **Most Creative Pumpkin** - Put that imagination to work
- Snap a photo of your child's masterpiece
- Email your photo to [GoodlandSchoolPTA@gmail.com](mailto:GoodlandSchoolPTA@gmail.com) by October 28th. Be sure to include your child's name, grade, and category from above if applicable.
- Voting will take place October 29th & 30th. Prizes will be awarded in our featured categories as well as *Best in Show* for 3K, 4K, 5K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades.

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Call for  
Entries

**Deadline For Entries:**

December 22, 2020

**For Details, Contact:**

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Learn more and get involved! [PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS](https://www.pta.org/reflections)