Welcome to Richmond Montessori School Summer Enrichment Camps!

Richmond Montessori is like no other school in the community, offering a different kind of education as unique as each child, empowering them in the classroom so they can create a meaningful life beyond it.

Richmond Montessori School’s Summer Enrichment Camps are playful, relaxed, and fun. Your child is invited to join our exciting specialty A La Carte Camps or All Day Camps, each fostering the Montessori hallmarks of mutual respect, love of learning, curiosity, compassion, and freedom with responsibility. New this year – afternoon specialty camps for elementary students!

Take advantage of all the best summer has to offer, right here at RMS - the outdoor classroom, swimming, science, and the arts!

Carefully examine the many choices and register early, as spaces are limited, so we can maintain high staff-to-student ratios. You’ll find that we offer a true alternative to other local camp options.

Thank you for choosing Richmond Montessori School for summer!

Darlene Marschak
Director of Montessori Enrichment Programs
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dmarschak@richmont.org
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Who can attend?
Children age 3-14 years old.

Primary Level (Age 3-6)
Open to:
• Current or previous RMS students
• Students aged 3-6 currently enrolled at any Montessori school
• Siblings aged 3-6 of enrolled RMS students

Siblings and new RMS students will need to process additional paperwork before attending camp.

Elementary & Middle School
Open to RMS and non-RMS students.

New and non-RMS students will need to process additional paperwork before attending camp.

For New Students or Non RMS Students:
You will need to fill out and submit information not requested by the online registration platform to confirm your child's attendance after you register.

Additionally, prior to your child's first day of attendance, you must present in person your child's birth certificate, birth registration card, or passport. Photocopies are not acceptable. Virginia state law requires that we have viewed and documented legal proof of your child's identity and age, and that we notify law enforcement authorities if we do not have proof.

RMS must have a current immunization record on file before the first day of attendance. By state law, we cannot accept immunization records that are not current. Immunization records can be mailed or faxed to us or brought in with the proof of identity.

The following forms can be downloaded from the Summer Enrichment page of the RMS website as needed:

• Parental Permission Form (required for all students)
• Swim Registration Form
• Medicine Authorization Form
• Form authorizing insect repellent, sunscreen and over-the-counter creams and lotions
• Montessori Enrichment Handbook Addendum
• General Summer Program Information
• Health Form (new or non-RMS students only)
• Proof of ID Instructions (new or non-RMS students only)

Please feel free to contact Darlene Marschak at 804-741-0040 x 24, or dmarschak@richmont.org with any questions about camps or the registration process.
To Register

NEW online registration and payment

We have adopted a new registration system called Homeroom that will allow us to take registrations and payments online for summer camps at RMS.

1. Visit Homeroom.com (Registration opens Wednesday, Feb. 19.)
   
   **Please note:** Camps will be grouped by month and grade level. Click the light green box to see all months and grade levels, and make your selection.

2. To learn more about a program, click on the course title which will provide you with more information on the course.

3. When you’re ready to book, click “Login to Purchase” (or “Add to Cart” if you are already logged in) If you don’t already have an account on Homeroom, click “New to Homeroom? Sign Up” to create an account.

4. Once you’re done selecting programs, click your cart button in the upper right hand corner and click “View My Cart”

5. Proceed to checkout where you’ll add your student information for each program. Be sure to select "house" or "parent pickup" as the dismissal option.

6. After all student information has been added, you’ll finalize your purchase by adding in your credit card information.

7. Lastly, once all programs have been booked, you’ll be able to see them in your Homeroom account or add them to your Google calendar.

8. A confirmation email will be sent immediately after purchase and as a reminder 48 hours before the first program starts.

   If you ever have any questions or need support, feel free to use the chat box in the lower right hand corner on the site. You may also reach out to Darlene Marschak, Director of Montessori Enrichment Programs.

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**Important Dates!**

Registration opens for all students on February 19, 2020.

**Early Bird Discount**

Students enrolled at RMS for the 2020-2021 school year and their siblings are eligible for the early bird discount. Contracts for RMS 2020-2021 school year must be received by February 18, 2020 to qualify for the camp discount. Early Bird camp registration must be received between February 19 and March 3, 2020. A 5% refund will be processed after March 3.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Our online registration platform accepts credit cards only. If you must pay with a check, please contact Darlene Marschak. **There are no refunds after May 15.**

Cancellation Policy
RMS reserves the right to cancel any under-enrolled program up to two weeks before the program is scheduled to start.

Substitution Policy
RMS reserves the right to substitute appropriate staff as needed.

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**PRIMARY CAMPS**

**June 15-19**

**All Day Science Camp**  
$385  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

INCLUDED CHOOSE ONE MORNING CAMP  
8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

**Natural Science**  
Explore the world of nature! Document, experiment, and be immersed in the wonders of science and nature! Walks, art, games, and books complete the fun. **Trisha Potter**

**Silly Science**  
Explore concepts of science with fun and imagination. Curiosity, experiments, wacky materials, and fun abound! Be prepared to observe, discover, and learn. There may even be some ooey gooey concoctions! **Claire Leake**

INCLUDED Lunch time and Rest n’ Play; 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

INCLUDED Mad Scientists: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Don't you just love the feeling of discovering something new with experiments and concoctions? All week expect to enjoy the fun of being a Mad Scientist! **Julisa Robinson**

**June 22-26**

**Summer Favorites A’ La Carte**  
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. options

$180 **Dinosaurs**! Get to know all about your favorite extinct animals – dinosaurs! Crafts, books, puzzles, and more will enthrall you as you are immersed in pre-historic Earth. Combine science and history for a dino-fun week. **Trisha Potter**

$180 **Outer Space**: Explore the galaxy with imaginary space travel. Learn about planets, moons, stars and rocket ships with stories, songs, and art projects. It is a sci-fi fun week! **Lavell Brown**

11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:

$35 Lunch time with Friends: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

$60 Rest n’ Play: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

$95 Extended Day: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.

**June 29-July 3**

**All Day Feel the Beat Music and Movement Camp**  
$385  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

INCLUDED CHOOSE ONE MORNING CAMP  
8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

**Drum Fit**: Move and groove with Drum Fit! Learn drum routines that include movement while you make music! Sing songs, enjoy books and music activities as well. **Jeanne Bluford**

**Silly Songs and Dancin’ Fun**: Laugh and sing the silliest songs – then dance the day away! Go on a bear hunt, learn the electric slide, do the hokey pokey and learn motions to goofy lyrics (all of your favorites and some you don’t know). Of course we include art, books and more! **Trisha Potter**

 INCLUDED: Lunch time and Rest n’ Play; 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have activities while younger friends nap or rest)

 INCLUDED: Music for Everyone; 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Oh what fun! Make instruments, discover books written from folk songs, sing, play rhythms and group arrangements, play the “mystery song” game, and more! **Lili Boyd**
July 6-10
All Day Bon Appetit Food Camp $425
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(no need to bring a lunch!)

INCLUDED CHOOSE ONE MORNING CAMP
8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

Crafts to Eat! Imagine having the fun of doing a craft, then eating it for lunch! Craft techniques, food preparation and learning about nutrition are just the start of a fun morning filled with art, games, and songs. Claire Leake

Fairy Tale Food: Do you love fairy tales? Now you can prepare food found in favorite stories and eat it for lunch! Enjoy crafts, games and songs as well. Trisha Potter

INCLUDED Lunch time and Rest n’ Play: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

INCLUDED Cooking Up Culture: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Get ready to be inspired by other cultures to create or follow recipes in teams. Enjoy a new taste sensation each day for snack, and expand your concept of the world. Shanthi Wickramasinghe

July 13-17
All Day Art and Literature Camp $385
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

INCLUDED CHOOSE ONE MORNING CAMP
8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

Knights and Princesses: Come and create things from the Medieval world – think knights, princesses, dragons and castles! You will read stories and make projects, and maybe learn a little history too! Marg Bucher from Wee Little Arts

Pete the Cat: Follow Pete the Cat from the popular children’s series of books as he learns life lessons with his interesting friends. Each day, he has a new problem to solve and a new character lesson to learn. Role-play, art projects, and inventive activities add to the fun. Claire Leake

INCLUDED Lunch time and Rest n’ Play: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

INCLUDED Fashionistas—Wearable Designs: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The art of fabric and clothing design is a part of our daily life. Learn wearable art techniques to create fabrics from other countries like batik, silk sari’s and shibori. You will learn

to thread an embroidery machine needle to create your very own design on a hat or t-shirt! Shanthi Wickramasinghe
**July 20-24**

**Summer Favorites A’ La Carte**

8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. OPTIONS:

$180 Hot Wheels! Engineer and build racetracks and roads, learn about safety, and race your heart out with Hot Wheels cars. Stories, puzzles, arts and crafts, and activities keep a fast pace of fun! *Claire Leake*

$180 Storybook Puppets: Make a variety of animal and people puppets with inventive materials. Using storybook plots and characters, you will enjoy engaging, imaginative role-play and exploration of expression and feelings. *Trisha Potter*

11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:

$35 Lunch time with Friends: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

$60 Rest n’ Play: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

$95 Extended Day: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.

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**July 27-31**

**Summer Favorites A’ La Carte**

8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. OPTIONS:

$180 The Wonderful World of Disney: Welcome to Disney camp, where you will go on a fantastic journey with animated old friends. Learn songs and dances from classic Disney films. Arts and crafts will also play a role in your adventures. Of course, Mickey Mouse and all his friends will be along for the week! *Claire Leake*

$180 Fun With Numbers! Let’s count the ways you can have fun with numbers! This primary Montessori trained teacher has lots of tricks up her sleeve to entice you to love numbers and math with projects, art, games, and more! *Julisa Robinson*

11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:

$35 Lunch time with Friends: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

$60 Rest n’ Play: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

$95 Extended Day: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.

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**August 3-7**

**Summer Favorites A’ La Carte**

8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. OPTIONS:

$185 Construction Zone: Enjoy building things while you learn construction terms, techniques and skills. 3-D creations from a variety of materials are planned and constructed while building confidence and friendships. *Julisa Robinson*

$180 Oceans of Fun: Learn about sea creatures, shells, pirates and more. The ocean theme combines science, arts and crafts, and fun for all. Enjoy a water party to end the week! *Claire Leake*

11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:

$35 Lunch time with Friends: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

$60 Rest n’ Play: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

$95 Extended Day: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.
August 10-14
All Day International Camp $385
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

INCLUDED CHOOSE ONE MORNING CAMP
8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

African Safari: Take a trip through Africa to discover the animals, culture and food of the African continent. “Travel” to cities, rivers, and jungles, while you have fun with projects and activities. Claire Leake

South American Art and Crafts: Explore the continent of South America through its variety of cultural arts and crafts. Try different materials and learn about our neighbors to the south. Marg Bucher of Wee Little Arts

INCLUDED Lunch time and Rest n’ Play: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5-year-olds and those who do not sleep have camp activities while younger friends nap or rest)

INCLUDED International Cooking: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Participate in preparing simple, delicious recipes from around the world while you enjoy learning about other cultures. Julisa Robinson
**June 15-19**

**All Day Science Camp**

$495

8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**INCLUDED** Science Experiments You Can Eat! 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Did you know that cooking and science go hand-in-hand? Much of what we eat relies on specific temperatures, ingredients, and reactions that make our foods taste the way they do. Learn about the science behind some of the foods we enjoy, and eat the edible science experiments! **Julisa Robinson**

**INCLUDED** Lunchtime with Friends: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**INCLUDED** STEM Robotics: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn the basics of computer programming and apply it to design robots to complete various challenges. You will design, build and program LEGO WeDo robots. Creations include simple rovers and mechanical contraptions using Newton Laws of Motion, Speedy Cars, Tug-of-War robots, Quake Proof buildings, and Design-your-own Robot. The program is specifically designed to challenge you to use your 4C skills: critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity. **STEM for Kids**

**June 22-26**

**Summer Favorites A’ La Carte**

Morning Camp: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**$185 Biomes of the World:** A biome has its own unique ecosystem, which includes climate, geography, and the plants and animals that live there. Let’s explore! You will start in the coldest region of the Arctic tundra. Then you will travel to the equator to the Tropical rainforest – the most diverse biome on the planet. Who knows where we will end up? Come discover the secrets of the Earth! **Julisa Robinson**

11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:

**$35 Lunchtime:** 11:30-12:30; Bring your lunch to enjoy with camp friends!

**$165 Swimming and Water Play:** 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Every day enjoy swimming at our local partner pool or water play/activities at RMS. Don’t know how to swim? Your experienced instructor takes the Montessori approach – she starts with the basics and brings you along at your own speed to learn pool safety, floating, swimming and diving. Becky is a certified lifeguard and can help new or advanced swimmers to improve their skills. Already a great swimmer? Work on your diving skills and improve your stroke. Water safety, water games, and splashy fun for all! **Becky Nuckols**

**$95 Extended Day:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.
June 29- July 3
All Day Feel the Beat
Music and Movement
Camp $450
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
INCLUDED Discover Richmond’s Music and Dance Scene: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You will be on the go with fieldtrips to learn about the Richmond music scene, as well as welcoming visiting artists to RMS. Learn about steel pan drums from Kevin Davis of Ban Caribe! Check out music venues, explore dance studios, and more! Julisa Robinson and Shanthi Wickramasinghe
INCLUDED Lunchtime with friends: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
INCLUDED Music for Everyone: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Oh what fun! Make instruments, discover books written from folk songs, sing, play rhythms and group arrangements, play the “mystery song” game, and more! Lili Boyd

July 6-10
All Day Bon Appetit!
Camp $485
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(no need to bring a lunch!)
INCLUDED Kid Food Critics: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A summer tradition! You will try different restaurants and types of cuisine on daily lunch field trips. Learn about the type of cuisines you will taste and the elements of a great restaurant experience. You will evaluate atmosphere, service, food, presentation, and value, then write reviews when you get back to RMS. Julisa Robinson and Lili Boyd
INCLUDED Cooking Up Culture: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Get ready to be inspired by other cultures to create or follow recipes in teams. Enjoy a new taste sensation each day for snack, and expand your concept of the world. Shanthi Wickramasinghe

July 13-17
All Day Art and Literature Camp $460
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
INCLUDED Young Writers: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Discover your writing abilities with poetry, short stories, plays and lyrics. You will be amazed at what you can accomplish in one week! Connect with your inner muse and be guided by our Montessori teacher. Julisa Robinson
INCLUDED Lunchtime with friends: 11:30-12:30
INCLUDED Photography: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own digital camera or use ours to learn composition, special effects, lighting, and more! Each photographer will select your own themes and complete a portfolio of art photography. Trisha Potter
INCLUDED Fashionistas - Wearable Designs: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The art of fabric and clothing design is a part of our daily life. Learn wearable art techniques to create fabrics from other countries like batik, silk sari’s and shibori. You will learn to thread an embroidery machine needle to create your very own design on a hat or t-shirt with the machine! Shanthi Wickramasinghe
July 20-24
Summer Favorites
A’ La Carte

Morning Camp: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

$195 LaCrosse: Have fun learning lacrosse in a high-energy setting that will set you up for success and confidence! Players can have little or no experience. Learn the fundamentals including passing, catching, scooping, and shooting.

It is recommended to bring your own stick, but one can be provided if needed. Cassidy Houston

11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:

$35 Lunchtime with Friends: 11:30-12:30; Bring your lunch to enjoy with camp friends!

$165 Swimming and Water Play: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Every day enjoy swimming at our local partner pool or water play/activities at RMS. Don’t know how to swim? Your experienced instructor takes the Montessori approach – she starts with the basics and brings you along at your own speed to learn pool safety, floating, swimming and diving. Becky is a certified lifeguard and can help new or advanced swimmers to improve their skills. Already a great swimmer? Work on your diving skills and improve your stroke. Water safety, water games, and splashy fun for all! Becky Nuckols

$95 Extended Day: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.

July 27-31
Summer Favorites
A’ La Carte

Morning Camp: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

$200 Top Chef Richmond! You will work in teams to create a daily dish based on certain requirements and food items. Learn portions, measurements and cutting techniques while preparing your recipe. Each recipe will be scored by the participants and by the end of the week, we will have a Top Chef team of Richmond! Shanthi Wickramasinghe

11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:

$35 Lunchtime with Friends: 11:30-12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch to enjoy with camp friends!

$165 5-8 years | Swimming and Water Play: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Every day enjoy swimming at our local partner pool or water play/activities at RMS. Don’t know how to swim? Your experienced instructor takes the Montessori approach – she starts with the basics and brings you along at your own speed to learn pool safety, floating, swimming and diving. Becky is a certified lifeguard and can help new or advanced swimmers to improve their skills. Already a great swimmer? Work on your diving skills and improve your stroke. Water safety, water games, and splashy fun for all! Becky Nuckols

$130 9-14 years | Yoga: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stretch your mind and body learning yoga poses and discover the calm and concentration that comes with yoga. Develop balance, self-awareness, strength and flexibility. Parham Neal-Pishko

$95 Extended Day: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.
**August 3-7**

**Summer Favorites A’ La Carte**

**MORNING CAMP OPTIONS: 8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.**

**$205 5-8 years | Swimming and Water Play:** Every day enjoy swimming at our local partner pool offsite or water play/activities at RMS. Don’t know how to swim? Your experienced instructor takes the Montessori approach – she starts with the basics and brings you along at your own speed to learn pool safety, floating, swimming and diving. Becky is a certified lifeguard and can help new or advanced swimmers to improve their skills. Already a great swimmer? Work on your diving skills and improve your stroke. Water safety, water games, and splashy fun for all!

*Becky Nuckols*

**$195 9-14 years | iMovie Magic:** You will create, edit and produce your own videos, plays or skits using the iMovie app! The result? A gorgeous reel that looks like it came out of a Hollywood studio – complete with opening credits, an accompanying soundtrack, cast names and customizable movie studio logos. At the end of the week, we will screen the masterpiece productions for the summer RMS community!

*Shanthi Wickramasinghe*

**11:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. OPTIONS:**

**$35 Lunchtime with Friends:** 11:30-12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch to enjoy with camp friends!

**$130 Camp Broadway!** 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. New York City comes to RVA, with scripts and music from some of Broadway’s most popular shows, musicals and plays - past and present. We have scenes and music from all of them and more!

During this week we will put together a Broadway-style revue (based on your choices), complete with scripts, songs, choreography and costuming, followed by a last-day performance “On Broadway!” for an invited audience of family and friends. For those who like musicals and for those who prefer not to sing, we have something for everyone to enjoy. *Casey Dillon from HATtheatre*

**$95 Extended Day:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and more! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.

**August 10-14**

**All Day International Camp $490**

**8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

**INCLUDED International Culture and Food:** 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Travel all around the world cooking and tasting the cuisine of different countries while you learn about their history, culture and traditions! *Enas Saad*

**INCLUDED Lunchtime with friends:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**INCLUDED Mexico!** 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Immerse yourself in the language, crafts, food, dance, and music of Mexico! Mexico is rich in history, traditions and culture – there is plenty for you to learn and experience. *Maria Rodriguez*

**INCLUDED International Cooking:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Participate in preparing simple, delicious recipes from around the world while you enjoy learning about other cultures. *Julisa Robinson*
OPPORTUNITIES FOR RMS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND RMS GRADUATES

Middle School Counselor-in-Training
Rising and continuing RMS Middle School students are invited to apply for our popular CIT program for summer. Our CITs love working at camp! Do you enjoy working with young children, have patience and energy, and need something to keep you busy in the mornings this summer?

If so, apply by submitting a brief letter of interest to Darlene Marschak, Director of Montessori Enrichment, accompanied by a recommendation from a teacher or other non-family adult who has knowledge of your experience in or aptitude for working with children ages 3-5. Include dates during summer 2020 that you would be available. There will be a mandatory training in June for new counselors. Selected CITs will assist in primary camps and will pay a reduced ($85) camp fee for each week scheduled. Previous RMS CITs may apply with just a letter of interest and availability. CIT’s may register for Summer Lunch or afternoon Montessori Enrichment. Time worked qualifies for community service hours.

Applications are due by May 15.

RMS Graduates – Volunteer Internships Available
RMS graduates are eligible to apply for the summer intern program. We are seeking a limited number of past RMS graduates to serve as volunteer interns for a week or more with the professional classroom staff for morning sessions. If you are considering a career working with children or teaching, take advantage of this opportunity to work in a Montessori camp and learn by working with our teachers. Richmond Montessori School students and staff would in turn benefit from your youth, enthusiasm, and support in the classroom. Daily hours are 8:00-11:30 a.m. RMS thanks volunteer interns with a gift.

The deadline for intern applications is May 15.

To apply for one of the intern positions, please send a letter describing yourself and your goals, and include any experience (paid or volunteer) you have with young children. Please specify which sessions you would available. Include two letters of recommendation from non-family members. Selected candidates will be interviewed. Previous interns may apply with just a letter of interest and availability.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Darlene Marschak at 741-0040 x24.

Applications can be submitted to:

Darlene Marschak
Director of Montessori Enrichment
Richmond Montessori School
499 N Parham Rd
Richmond, VA 23229

RMS Graduates 18 years and older - Summer assistant positions
Do you have an interest or experience working with children? There may be shifts available for you in our summer camps. Contact Darlene Marschak by April 15 if interested.
Contact Information
Darlene Marschak is the Director of Montessori Enrichment. You can contact her at 741-0040, ext. 24, or by email at dmarschak@richmont.org. If you have a message for your child and cannot reach Montessori Enrichment, you can call the school receptionist at 741-0040 until 3:00 p.m.

Summer Program Dates
The summer program begins on Monday, June 15, 2020 and ends on Friday, August 14, 2020.

Summer Drop-In Availability
If your child is registered for a morning camp and you need occasional afternoon coverage, please contact Darlene Marschak at least 48 hours in advance to confirm availability.

Behavioral Expectations
Children are expected to follow the RMS code of conduct: use good manners, respect other students and staff, and follow classroom and campus rules. The program, then, as a whole, forms a safe, supportive community where children learn to trust adults and to trust themselves and their peers.
Disruptive or disrespectful behavior may result in dismissal.

Snack and Medication
We make note of all food allergies/issues listed on your child’s registration form. Nutritious snacks are provided for all morning and extended day sessions, and a snack schedule is posted. Your child may bring a snack, if you prefer.

If you need medication of any type to be on hand, please download the Medicine Authorization Form, or contact Darlene Marschak with questions.

Primary Student Extra Clothes / Toileting Policy
The school toileting policy is observed during the summer program. Children must be wearing underpants and be able to change themselves completely if they have an accident.

In case of occasional accidents, please provide an extra set of summer clothes for your child. The set should include shorts, shirt, underwear, and extra shoes. Staff will leave your child’s clothes in his/her tote bag so that they will be available no matter what classroom they are in. Labeling each item and the bag in which you send the clothes will help prevent mix-ups.

Footwear
Please have your child wear sturdy play shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, and other shoes with holes are dangerous on our mulched playgrounds.

Insect Repellent and Sun Block
For morning campers, please apply the products of your choice before drop-off.
If you would like insect repellant or sun block reapplied in the afternoon, please download and sign the over-the-counter product authorization form before camp starts. Bring the insect repellant or sun block with you on the first day of the session to hand to a staff person. It must be in the original container and labeled with your child’s name.
Morning Drop-off
8:15-8:30 a.m.
(no early arrival)

All morning students arrive through carpool. Please enter the one-way drive at 499 N. Parham Road and turn right at the intersection with the main parking lot. Follow the turn-around and pull up in front of the main building.

Staff members will help your child out of the car. Children will be escorted to camp activities. The carpool procedure is the same as during the school year. Please remain in your car, put the car in park, and a staff member will take your child out of the car.

*Special note to new families: You may park and walk your child in for the first couple of days.

Morning Dismissal
11:30 a.m. Morning Dismissal

All children who are not staying for an afternoon session must be picked up promptly at 11:30 a.m. and no later than 11:45 a.m.

Parents may line up in their cars as they do during morning carpool. Please do not get out of your car. A carpool sign will be mailed to you prior to camp. Please post this in a visible spot on your front windshield during carpool. The carpool signs are a security measure as well as an aid to the efficiency of carpool. A teacher will escort your child to your car and make sure he or she is secured. You will be charged a late fee after 11:45 a.m.

Mid-day Drop Off
12:00 -12:15 p.m.

If your elementary child is enrolled only in an afternoon camp, staff will greet them on the sidewalk in front of the main office on south campus.

12:30 p.m. Dismissal

Children enrolled for Summer Lunch time (not staying for afternoon sessions) are picked up from the house promptly at 12:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Dismissal

Please come to the house to pick up children who stay for programs until 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. They will prepare for departure while you sign out on the parent sign-out sheet. Please be prompt to pick up your child. You will be charged a late fee after 3:10 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Dismissal

Please come the house to pick up children enrolled for extended day during Summer Favorites weeks. During All Day camp weeks, extended day is held in the gym. Montessori Enrichment closes PROMPTLY at 6:00 p.m. You will be charged a late fee after 6:00 p.m.
Choose these options to provide your child with a full day of coverage! Summer Lunch, Rest N' Play, afternoon Elementary Camps, and Extended Day are offered. Primary afternoon choices must be paired with concurrent morning sessions.

“All Day” camps include afternoon and extended day, providing specialty programming throughout the day.

Summer Lunchtime
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
All ages and levels; $35
Extend the camp morning by bringing lunch and eating with friends! Please put your child’s name on their lunchbox.

Rest N’ Play
12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ages 3 - 6; $60
Half-day primary students will take a nap or rest (depending on their sleep habits). After resting, campers enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, including classroom works, playground fun, nature exploration and water play.

Please provide a small, child-size sleeping bag that is open on three sides and labeled with your child’s name. Sleeping bags are sent home for laundering each Friday. Please return clean sleeping bags to school the Monday morning of each session your child is attending.

Full day primary and children who do not sleep will enjoy camp activities after lunch!

Elementary Afternoon Specialty Camps
12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ages 6-14; priced separately
Elementary students have an exciting array of specialty camps in the afternoon that are available whether or not morning camp is selected.

Extended Day
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
All ages and levels; price varies due to specialty programming
Weekly themes and special projects, nutritious snacks, group time, outdoor play, and free choice activities complete a busy day of summer fun! Our nurturing staff will make sure your child gets the special attention and variety of activities they need.
SUMMER FACULTY

Jeanne Bluford has a B.S. in Music Education from East Carolina University and a Masters of Library Sciences from Vanderbilt University. Previously the Primary Level Music teacher at RMS, Jeanne now teaches music camps.

Lili Boyd has been the RMS librarian since 2015. She has her Masters in Elementary Education. Lili is a musician and a crafter, and she has led multiple summer programs at RMS.

Marg Bucher is the beloved art instructor from Wee Little Arts. She has been an RMS regular in the extracurricular program for years.

Lavell Brown is a toddler lead teacher and a longtime toddler assistant and camp staff member at RMS. She is a member of the early childhood team, providing cooking, craft and other specialty programs for summer.

Casey Dillon (HATTheatre instructor) has been performing since age 5, and was one of the youngest people to tour with Theatre IV’s National Touring Company. Her numerous theatrical credits include musicals, commercials, video, radio, documentary and film. Casey has worked with RMS students in the productions of Oliver, The Sound of Music, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Cassidy Houston joined RMS in 2017 as the Middle School math teacher. He has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Mary Washington, and has completed his Montessori training. Cassidy is a long time lacrosse player and enthusiast.

Claire Leake earned her Bachelor’s in Recreation, Parks and Tourism from Radford University. Claire is a Primary Assistant, a regular camp instructor, and has been at RMS for over ten years.

Parham Neal-Pishko has a B.S. in Biology from Virginia Tech and her AMS Early Childhood certificate. Parham works in the RMS Middle School as a science teacher.

Becky Nuckols earned her Bachelor’s in Special Education from Belmont-Abbey College. Becky is a certified Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor. She is a longtime RMS staff member and summer swim instructor.

Trisha Potter earned her Bachelor’s in English and French from Hollins University. She is a professional writer and has taught afterschool French and creative writing at RMS. Trisha is a longtime member of the Montessori Enrichment staff.

Julisa Robinson earned her Montessori 3-6 teacher certification from Malcolm-King College in New York and worked for many years as a primary teacher. In 2019, Julisa completed her Elementary Montessori training and is now a lead in an elementary classroom. She has been at RMS for over twenty years and is a regular camp instructor.

Maria Rodriguez completed her elementary Montessori training in 1997. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Maria worked as a lower elementary teacher at RMS for 11 years.

Shanthi Wickramasinghe has a Bachelor’s in Psychology and a Master of Science in Addiction Studies. Shanthi is an upper elementary assistant who has worked in a variety of positions at RMS including early childhood, summer, and Hub.

STEM for Kids provides enrichment programs in all engineering fields, robotics, computer programming and game development for kids ages 5-8. Children learn while having fun through hands-on activities from their copyrighted curriculum. RMS has partnered with STEM for Kids to offer afterschool and summer programs.

Darlene Marschak has been the Director of Montessori Enrichment Programs at RMS for over ten years. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree and was an arts administrator for 16 years after running her sign business for 12 years. Darlene has worked with children for over 40 years.