

RES PTO

Together We Can

RES PTO Meeting
January 12, 2022
7:00p.m.
Zoom

1. Welcome Elizabeth Krugler
 - a. Please provide any feedback regarding how zoom works or doesn't work for you for future planning/meetings
2. Admin Update Dr. Young
 - a. Great meeting turnout tonight via zoom! About 27+ people in attendance.
 - b. Dr. Young expressed gratitude toward RES families for all that they do. Thank you to our families for the support and collaboration.
 - c. Students are managing fire drills with limited warnings and prompts.
 - d. MTSS – second rotation is in process and lasts until March 16.
 - e. Next round of assessment are around the corner – Acadience (January), Star (February) and then PSSA (April/May).
 - f. Shoutout to our 5th graders for demonstrating community with the recent competition at the Constitution Center. There was a great deal of excitement and comradery upon their return!
 - g. Aaron Olivo and Dr. Young met today re: international week and they are excited to have 1/23 as the kickoff.
 1. This year we will be featuring Israel.
 2. More information can be found below.
 - h. Spirit Day tomorrow, January 13 – “I am a leader”
 - i. Responsive classroom team is preparing for the “Empathy” focus of the RES Way. Mini assemblies will be held, grade level only, to start to explain empathy to the children. Morning meetings will shift to respect, taking care of one another, friendships, etc.
 - j. Fire Drills – these should be a surprise. Can we evacuate the building in a safe time? Kids are amazing – they have been taking it seriously and we are trying to return to pre covid fire drills
 - k. John Wagner is at RES M/W/F. He is bringing a lot of fidelity to our programs.
 - l. Lots of excitement coming in February – 100th Day celebration, valentine's day parties, etc.
 - m. Racoon spotted on the playground! Children have been asked to notify a teacher if spotted.

3. Teacher Liaisons Update

Mrs. Grady/Mrs.
Maloney

- a. Thank you to the HRR for helping with the classroom parties!
- b. Thank you for the generous class gifts!
- c. One teacher suggested moving away from single use water bottles and using reusable water bottles during future parties in order to support our efforts to be green.
- d. International Week - children are noticing the flags and excited to learn about other people and their traditions.
- e. Survey is available to parents to give feedback on the upcoming school calendar.

4. District Wide Updates

Elizabeth
Krugler/Ali King

- a. MLK Day Events will be held on Monday, 1/16. Details below.

5. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers

- a. Minted
- b. Bloombox
- c. Zesto

Sarah Finkel
Sarah Finkel
Alison Brayford

1. We made just under \$200

6. Update on Events and Fundraisers

- a. Homeroom Parents

Danielle
DeHoratius/Emily
Quinones

1. No current updates.
2. Thank you to everyone for getting their clearances in a timely manner!

- b. Annual Fund

Jenn Breen

1. As of today, we have raised just over 5K (3K shy of our 8K goal).
2. \$1,260 came in as a result of the Giving Tuesday/end of year push.
3. Timing of another push was discussed.

- c. Spirit Gear

Martha Coates

1. Winter items have been added to our inventory. These will stay until spring.

- d. Community Outreach/Giving Fridays

Erin Brennan/Caitlin
Akins

1. Giving Fridays continue for the month of January, and this month we encourage students to show their "Souper-Bowl" spirit by bringing SOUP! Of course, donations of any sort are always welcome, too!
2. Students may drop bins in the lobby at school.
3. As always, thanks to our RES families for their generous contributions!

4. <https://www.mainlineneighbors.com/burb-life/life-in-the-burbs/look-forward-to-giving-back-on-the-main-line/>
- e. Cultural Arts Bree Truby/Suz Bowers
1. We are all set with Science Joe – the week of 3/13-3/17 he will visit 3rd and 4th grade. The week of 3/27-3/31 he will visit 1st and 2nd grade.
- f. 5th grade activities Ali King/Heather Graversen
1. 5th grade families are asked to contribute \$85 to cover the cost of this year's 5th grade activities, which include the classroom holiday parties, yearbook, end-of-year pool party, 5th grade recognition ceremony and gifts. Financial assistance is available (information can be found on the RES website).
 2. 38/88 5TH are registered.
 3. Please complete payment by Monday, February 6.
 4. 5th Grade Chorus and Orchestra Concert will take place on January 25, at 7pm, in the RES Little Theatre.
- g. Yearbook Melissa Bancoff/Jen Orosco
1. Please upload your 5th grader's first day of K photo (does not have to be at RES), as well as other photos you have from your student's years at RES.
- h. Multicultural Committee/International Week Aaron Olivo
1. This year we will be featuring Israel.
 2. We will be celebrating Israel's 75th anniversary with food tastings, music, dancing, lessons and the return of the potluck dinner!
 3. The week will kick off on Monday, January 23rd.
 4. Students are invited to make posters, videos and short essays about Israel in the week preceding International Week.
 5. Photos will be taken of classes, and students are invited to wear blue and white on Monday, January 23.
 6. Potluck dinner will be held on Friday, January 27th at 6:30pm.
 7. The potluck dinner will include music (DJ provided), dancing, a potential Krav Maga demonstration, gift bags for kids and food tasting. We will need extra hands for this event!
 8. RES will be decorated on 1/18 from 6-8pm.
 9. Morning announcement will include fun facts about Israel.

10. Homeroom lessons will include fun facts as well (upon the discretion of the teachers).
11. Specials will have various lessons that the subcommittees are currently working on.
12. Specials will roll over into Monday, January 30, so all students have access to all specials (there are 6 specials).
13. Voluntary activities will be provided to students as well. Children who do these activities will receive a raffle ticket for every activity that they voluntarily complete.
14. The raffle will be held at the potluck dinner on Friday, January 27.

i. Musical Theater

Jen Orosco/Natalie Carpenter

1. The musical this year will be THE LION KING!
2. Pricing will be similar to the pricing in the past.
3. Programs will cost \$1,710. Currently, we have secured \$350 in ads.
4. Contact Jenn Orosco or Natalie Carpenter for sponsorship/advertising ideas.
5. 60 5th graders are participating this year, and the first full week of rehearsals are underway!

j. Read for the House

Sara Wallace

1. Read for the House is a service-learning project for children of any age that raises funds to support Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Philadelphia Region.
2. Read for the House will launch on 2/1.

k. SmartRun

Suzana Zsao/Erica Shaw

1. Thank you to our volunteers for chairing this event!
2. Date has been changed to Sunday, May 21, at RES.

l. Run Club

1. Thank you to Kenya Kistler who has volunteered to chair this event!

m. Pretzel Fridays

Maris Leo

1. Running smoothly!
2. 11 pretzel Fridays left, starting tomorrow.

n. Bulletin Boards

Heather Graversen

1. Winter BB are up! Committee is meeting next week to plan the boards for the rest of the year.

o. MLK Day

Steph Baroni

1. RTSD's MLK Day of Service is this coming Monday, January 16th from 10am-12pm at RES! We're excited to host this district-wide event.
2. In addition to the donation drives, this year's event will include a read-aloud with the WES librarian, yoga classes, hands-on activities in the cafeteria including a thank you to our RTSD teachers, and information on local community groups and non-profits. Radnor High School's Boys Baseball, Boys Basketball, and Cheerleaders will also be on hand to help with donations, yoga classes, and cheer on the activities. The event should provide families with lots of different ways to participate and support these acts of service!
3. RES will once again be hosting toiletries drive for the Wayne Food Pantry. The Wayne Food Pantry provides over 70 local families with a pre-packaged bag of groceries each week. The toiletries collected will be added to these weekly pick-ups.
 - Toiletries can be dropped off this Monday at RES during the event and throughout the week at the Giving Friday bins. For those that can't drop off items in person, an Amazon wishlist was created ([bit.ly/res_donations](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=astore_navbar)). These donations will be delivered directly to the Wayne Food Pantry.
4. More event info can be found on the RES PTO website.
5. The MLK Day planning committee thanks you for your support of this event!

p. Outdoor Classroom

Haley Erdlen (new board)

1. We have amazing, enthusiastic parents with backgrounds on outdoor classrooms working hard on this project!

q. Bingo

Haley Erdlen/Bree Truby

1. Date will be 4/14.
2. Let us know if you would like to be on the bingo committee!

r. Game Night/Dance??

1. Bowling and Someone Special Dance has been changed to Game Night – this event will be held on 4/28

s. Radnor Educational Foundation

1. **Mon 1/16 - REF MLK Day Fundraiser for Neighbors**

Helping Neighbors – REF is raising money for Neighbors Helping Neighbors at the MLK Day event at RES on Jan 16 from 10am-12noon. Besides giving to a good cause, you can join for (2) fun yoga sessions in the RES gym. For times, ages, and registration details, visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQBC8ISvw7tN3dcwuciicF3CJRm_97PNMjT-7a2xf5XdNEg/viewform.

Bring your mat, or we will have a few! For more on Neighbors Helping Neighbors, visit:

<https://radnoreducationalfoundation.org/neighbors-helping-neighbors/>

2. **Fri 1/20 - Winter Grant Applications Due** - REF is

accepting grant applications for its winter decision period.

REF provides grants to teachers, school groups, and students to fund certain programs, services, and items outside of the school district budget. The application process is easy -- NO prior grant writing experience required! More details: <https://radnoreducationalfoundation.org/grant-process/>

3. **Fri 2/24 - Save the Date!** REF's annual fundraising

celebration is back in person! Join us at Pomme in Radnor, where you can party like it's 2019! Festive dress, cocktails, dinner, and enticing live/silent auction items await. Mark your calendars now for this fun-filled evening event.

4. **Not PTO sponsored event.**

t. Friends of Radnor Lacrosse

1. Friday, March 3rd - Devon Horse Show

2. Not PTO sponsored event.

7. Right At School

Joshua Clarke

- a. RAS offers before and after school care, day off events, electives/after school clubs.
- b. Deadline to register for after school clubs for the upcoming winter session is Friday, 1/13.
- c. 9 different clubs currently running.

8. AGTS

Lucy Madden

- a. Clearances required if you are in the classroom.

9. Communications Update

Bonnie Silverberg

- a. Thank you for filling out the forms!
- b. Thank you to Steve for creating the forms!
- c. The earlier you have information, the better!

10. Treasurers Update

Emily Quinones

- a. 6K YTD for teachers fund.
- b. New line item has been added for playground equipment (cart, balls, etc.)

11. For the Good of the Order

- a. Multicultural Community Resource Fair - January 21st 9-11am at RES (Elizabeth and Haley will be in attendance). If any bilingual parents would like to attend, please reach out.
- b. Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming response to the holiday gift cards, we collected more gift cards than we needed. Sarah Casey has a pile of them to hand out as needed.
- c. The Radnor Committee for Special Education (RCSE) is holding a community talk on January 23 from 6-8pm, at the Radnor Memorial Library. The topic will be "Developing A Strong IEP." Advanced registration preferred; walk-ins welcome.
- d. Shoutout to Steph Baroni and Sarah Dougherty for helping out in the art room while Mrs. Eyerly is out!

9. Questions/Comments/Other

10. Next Meeting:

- a. General Meeting - February 9th, 7pm RES Library

11. Adjourn

Notes:
