

## RES PTO General Meeting October 5 @ 7 pm RES Library

*Our RES PTO: A community connected and inspired by acts of kindness*

1. **Welcome & Introduction** (Haley Erdlen)
  - Thanks to Dr. Young
  - Thanks to Mrs. Maloney
  - Introduction of the PTO Executive Team
    - i. Vote on nomination of Erin Brennan as new VP of Fundraising for 2023-2024 - **PASSED**
2. **RES Principal Update** (Dr. Young)
  1. **Smooth beginning to the school year**
  2. **Grateful to the RES community for our support and involvement**
  3. **RES students feel our involvement, and this trickles down**
3. **Teacher Liaisons Update** (Mrs. Maloney)
  1. **Thank you for the PTO fund and grants**
  2. **The new math program is being rolled out and we are all working through the kinks. Please reach out with any feedback you may have (pros and cons)**
4. **District Wide Updates** (Haley Erdlen)
  - Katie Greer Parent Session on October 12th at 6 pm in RMS Auditorium (open to parents of 5th - 8th graders)
    - **Topic: internet safety**
  - Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast on October 17th 8:45 am
    - **This breakfast will take place at the bus depot. All RES PTO presidents are invited to attend, along with someone from their slate.**
  - Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive - Drop Off will be Monday, 11/13 from 3 - 7 pm (communication will begin 10/16)
    - **Drop-off will take place at RMS**
5. **Update on Past Events and Fundraisers**
  - Kindergarten Bus Orientation and Playdate (Amy King, Annie Lee, Lauren Hallowell)
    - **Although it rained, we still had a great turnout!**
    - **Popsicles provided**
  - New Families Orientation (Haley Erdlen)
    - **New families met in the library and kids took a tour of the school**
  - Chalk the Walk (Haley Erdlen)
    - **This took place on Monday, 9/4, from 9-11am.**
    - **Very well attended.**

- **About 40 kids came to help.**
  - **Donuts provided.**
  - Back to School Picnic (Melissa Zaffin-Bender)
    - **400 people attended**
    - **Activities provided for kids**
    - **We broke even on this event, with a small amount of surplus made from croc charm sales (thank you to Bonnie Silverberg for spearheading this)**
    - **Next year, we need to order more pizza and/or charge for food**
  - Bloombox Fundraiser (Sarah Finkel)
- 6. Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers**
- Pretzel Friday (Maris Leo)
    - **To date, 418 kids are signed up for this fundraiser**
    - **Water bottles were upgraded from previous years, and the feedback has been positive**
    - **Net approx. 11K**
  - Giving Fridays (Caitlin Akins, Erin Brennan)
    - **Giving Fridays is back! Please send your child with a non-perishable food item every Friday to help support the Wayne Food Pantry.**
    - **A discussion was had to build a more enticing “pantry” in the RES lobby for kids to place their donations (thank you Aaron Olivo for spearheading this)**
    - **Volunteers have been asked to deliver the Giving Fridays donations to the Wayne Food Pantry by 3:30pm on Fridays. To keep the kids involved in this event, Ali King has offered to accept donations at the pantry on Fridays from 3:40-4:10pm (thank you, Ali, for your generosity)**
  - Bulletin Boards (Erin Dinger, Maureen Niles)
    - **Bulletin boards have been updated for circus week**
    - **Halloween trunk or treat board is up**
    - **A new board will be going up on Friday in the cafeteria**
  - 5th Grade Activities (Caren Kelman, Maureen Niles)
    - **\$85 fee**
    - **First event will take place on Friday, 11/10. 5<sup>th</sup> grade class busses will arrive at the school at 3:30pm to take 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to Urban Air. Urban Air has been very generous and will provide snack and socks. Parents can pick their children up from Urban Air at 6pm.**
    - **Theme of the year is “friendship”**
    - **Save the Date will be coming out soon**
    - **Pool party is tentatively scheduled for 6/11 (with a rain date of 6/12)**
    - **Currently collecting 5<sup>th</sup> grade photos for the yearbook**
    - **Camp Canadensis will take place May 15-17**
    - **This year, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a community service event. One suggestion for this event was to work with Cradles to Crayons. Please reach out with any suggestions of organizations to support/community service event ideas**

- **5<sup>th</sup> grade recognition ceremony will take place on the last day of school**

## 7. Update on Future Events and Fundraisers

- Cultural Arts (Bree Truby, Suzanne Bowers)
  - **Science Joe, Betsy Ross, Mother Goose and Jimmy Curran (author of the book “Will the One-Winged Eagle”) will all be returning to RES this year!**
- Circus Week (Danielle Dehoratius, Heather Graversen, Jenna Perkins)
  - **Circus Week will take place the week of 10/16-10/20**
  - **While this event is geared toward the 4<sup>th</sup> graders, silly sock Friday will be event that all RES students can participate in**
  - **Sign Up Genius coming soon**
  - **All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students should wear sneakers every day during circus week**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to the closing performance on Friday, 10/20 from 2-2:45pm**
- Trunk or Treat (Kristen Balotti)
  - **10/27 from 6-7:30pm (rain date will be Saturday, 10/28)**
  - **Pizza will be served**
  - **Trunkers are being asked to plan a game at their trunk to slow down the gathering of candy/treats (this is not mandatory, but simply a request to help the event run smoother than years past)**
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- Book Fair (Alison Brayford, Annie Lee, Kerrin Noller)
  - **The Book Fair will take place from Wednesday 11/1-Wednesday 11/8 this year (it will overlap with Election Day)**
  - **Teacher preview will take place on Wednesday, 11/1**
  - **Students will shop with their class on Thursday, 11/2, Friday 11/3 and Monday 11/6**
  - **Friday morning, 11/3, will be our “Donuts with Grown-Ups” event**
  - **Tuesday, 11/7 (Election Day) will be our GRAND Shopping Event (Grandparents, Relatives, Aunts & Uncles, Neighbors, Dads & Moms). This event will take place from 10am-12pm and again from 4:30pm-6:30pm**
  - **Family and friends are invited to shop on Friday, 11/3 from 8-8:45am and Tuesday, 11/7 from 10am-12pm and 4:30-6:30pm**
  - **The morning of 11/8 will be our final chance for all last-minute shopping/exchanges/returns**
  - **The book fair will officially end at 11:20am on Wednesday, 11/8.**
  - **We need volunteers to help set up and tear down! Please sign up via the [SUG here](#)**
- Musical Theater (Margot O’Donnell)
  - **Registration is now open for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders!**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> meeting already took place, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is scheduled for next week**
  - **Registration fee decreased this year**
  - **The musical/show has not been announced yet**

- Dining Out / Local Business Fundraisers (Erin, Danielle Callahan)
  - **Anthony's – early November – 20% discount**
  - **Chipotle**
  - **12 West**
- Parent/Teacher Conference Meals (Kate Hoffman, Kerrin Noller)
  - **RES PTO will provide meals to the teachers from Zesto Pizza**
  - **Meals are delivered directly to RES and teachers can pick them up and eat at their convenience**
- 8. **Treasurer Update** (Emily Quinones)
  - Vote to approve 2023-2024 Budget
    - **Passed**
    - **Biggest revenue generators are annual fund, book fair, pretzel Friday and smart run**
    - **Biggest costs are cultural arts, international week, playground toys/equipment, teacher fund and grants and school gift**
    - **Mr. Alex requested a grant for a new classroom rug – grant approved**
- 9. **Communications Update** (Melissa Zaffin-Bender)
  - RES Express Newsletter (Melissa Zaffin-Bender)
    - **This goes out every two weeks**
  - Social Media (Jessica More)
    - **Thank you to our new chair, Jessica More, who has been posting eye-catching and unique posts and keeping everyone up to date on all RES news!**
  - MTK Update (Steve Kerr)
    - **Membership Toolkit is the online database used for email communications. It is also home to our membership directory.**
    - **To date, 75% of families have signed up for MTK**
  - Website Update (Steve Kerr)
    - **Thank you to Steve Kerr for keeping our website up to date!**
- 10. **Other Business**
  - Update Outdoor Classroom (Craig Wiesen)
    - **Size TBD**
    - **Awaiting official approval from RTSD being moving forward**
  - **Parent Socials**
    - **These are NOT PTO sponsored!**
    - **Need grade level volunteers to organize these events**
    - **Please reach out to Bree Truby or Haley Erdlin if you would like to organize a parent social for a specific grade level**
  - **International Week**
    - **France is the country this year**

- **Homeroom Representative Update**
  - **Monday, 10/9, is the last day to register for Pretzel Friday**
  - **Trunk or Treat registration is open**
  - **Halloween Parade will take place on October 31 from 2-2:30pm**
  - **Circus is coming (4<sup>th</sup> grade only)**
  - **Thank you to all our homeroom representative volunteers!**

**11. Adjourn**