

RES PTO General Meeting November 9 @ 7 pm RES Library

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

1. **Welcome** (Haley Erdlen)
2. **RES Principal Update** (Dr. Young)
 - thank you for trusting us with your children
3. **Teacher Liaisons Update** (Mrs. Maloney)
 - thank you for the grants and teacher funds
 - looking forward to parent teacher conferences
4. **District Wide Updates** (Haley Erdlen)
 - Update on Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive: Revising number of baskets to 120 and increasing gift cards to 175. Please donate a gift card or make a donation via credit card (link is on PTO Website). Drop Off will be Monday, 11/13 from 3 - 7 pm in the RMS Bus Loop. Gift cards go to Front Office in PTO Basket. We will get them delivered.
5. **Update on Past Events and Fundraisers**
 - Circus Week (Danielle Dehoratius, Heather Graversen, Jenna Perkins)
 - Philadelphia School of Circus Arts came to RES!
 - all classes were able to participate in some form
 - 4th graders did an excellent job checking out equipment and returning it
 - the performance was videoed, and it will be going out to 4th grade parents soon
 - lifetouch took a professional photo, and each 4th grader will receive an 8x10 photo
 - Trunk or Treat (Kristen Balotti)
 - water table worked out great this year
 - pizza was purchased through Exit 13 and only charged us \$16/pizza; please support Exit 13 as a thank you!
 - pretzels were not missed this year
 - next year, we will keep the PTO table where we had it this year but tweak some of the layout
 - question arose asking if we are charging enough. A neighboring elementary school charges \$25/family.
 - we will include more prizes and raffle tickets next year
 - there is a trophy being made for the winner of the "best trunk" contest
 - next year, we will rope off a designated dance area for the children
 - Book Fair (Alison Brayford, Annie Lee, Kerrin Noller)
 - huge thank you to Alison Brayford, Annie Lee, Kerrin Noller and all of our volunteers on a very successful book fair!
 - Donuts with Grown-ups was a hit
 - sales were up compared to previous years
 - 35 new books were purchased for the RES library!
 - Anthony's Fundraiser (Danielle Callahan)

-raised \$260 in profit!

6. Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers

- Annual Fund (Jenn Breen)
 - to date, we have raised about 1K, which is significantly lower than this time previous years
 - big push coming for Giving Tuesday
 - Annual Fund flyer has been rebranded
 - made \$360 toward the Annual Fund with trunk or treat registration “tack-ons”
 - we anticipate 2K coming to us from the Thanksgiving pie fundraiser
- Community Outreach/Giving Fridays (Caitlin Akins, Erin Brennan)
 - Candy donations still coming!
 - 212 packages were sent out this year (up 30% since last October)
 - Mr. King will be visiting RES to talk to both staff and students about Giving Fridays, the Wayne Food Pantry and food insecurity in our community
 - 5th graders will be doing a service project with Wayne Food Pantry
- 5th Grade Activities (Caren Kelman, Maureen Niles)
 - Fun & Friendship Event will take place tomorrow, 11/10/23, at Urban Air
 - bus transportation will be provided to Urban Air (not from)
 - 85/96 students are attending
 - 18 parent volunteers will be present
 - give back event will take place in April 2024
 - pool party in the works
- Yearbook (Gayle Erdosy, Gina Terkanian, Martha Coates)
 - it was suggested that we consider selling yearbooks to all of RES, not just the 5th graders, and include all class photos in the yearbook
- Musical Theater (Margot O’Donnell)
 - township will be contributing significant funds this year
 - we lowered the registration fee by half
 - 75 students have registered to date
 - Play: Little Mermaid
 - auditions will take place this week and next
 - roles will be announced on Thursday, November 30
 - volunteer opportunities coming soon
 - we are attempting to break even with this program
 - programs/sponsorships/shoutouts are where we make our most money
 - dates: March 15, 16 and 17

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
- Parent/Teacher Conference Meals (Kate Hoffman, Kerrin Noller)
 - meals will be provided to teachers on Tuesday, November 21.
 - Meals will come from Zesto
 - an order form will be sent out to teachers in advance
- Bloombox Winter Fundraiser (Sarah Finkel)
 - 11/10-11/15

- Dining Out / Local Business Fundraisers (Danielle Callahan)
 - Chipotle fundraiser in the spring
 - Upcoming fundraiser with Main Point Books – this will be tied in with Read for the House
 - Multicultural Committee/International Week (Aaron Olivo)
 - Country is France
 - 1st meeting will be held next week
 - flags already ordered
 - will contact staff in the cafeteria
 - Homeroom Representatives Update (Danielle Dehoratius, Emily Quinones)
 - information will be coming out to HRR re: holiday parties and updates
 - Spirit Gear (Martha Coates)
 - new and improved spirit gear store coming soon via Silver Linings
 - Crush On Creative will be doing a holiday pop up shop before Thanksgiving
 - Read for the House (Sara Wallace)
 - considering a book swap kickoff event (any book not taken will be donated to an organization in need)
 - this event will take place in February 2024
8. **Treasurer Update** (Emily Quinones)
 - to date, we made 6K on the book fair (this number is not final)
 - 1K for Pretzel Fridays
 - \$5,800 in teacher funds have been given
 - Counselor's Discretionary Fund started out with 3K and we have 2K left
9. **Communications Update** (Melissa Zaffin-Bender, Jessica More, Steve Kerr)
9. **Questions/Comments/Other**
 - next meeting will be held on 1/11/2024
11. **Adjourn**