

RES Library

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

1. **Welcome & Introduction** (Haley Erdlen)

- **Introduction of the PTO Executive Team for 2024-2025**
 - President: Haley Erdlen
 - Vice President: Erin Brennan
 - VP Communications: Melissa Zaffin-Bender / Jessica More
 - VP Events: Kristen Balotti
 - VP Fundraising: Annie Lee
 - Treasurer: Emily Quinones
 - Secretary: Paula Strokoff

2. **RES Principal Update** (Dr. Young)

- I'm grateful for the vibrant RES community as we move through April. It's an honor to witness the dedication and enthusiasm of our students, teachers, and staff each day.
- With the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) approaching for grades 3-5, we will keep our conversations surrounding testing positive and supportive. Please encourage your child to prioritize a good night's rest and a nourishing breakfast to ensure they're ready to tackle the day. On testing afternoons, we'll lighten the load and refrain from assigning homework.
- I'm thrilled that the outdoor classroom project begins Monday. Craig Wiesen's remarkable project management skills have been instrumental. Thank you to the entire PTO for your dedication and perseverance with this project.
- Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in nurturing our students' academic and personal development.

3. **Teacher Liaisons Update** (Mrs. Maloney)

- Lots of thank you's from the teachers and staff! Not everyone gets a chance to send a personal note, but there is a lot of conversation and appreciation for everything the PTO does for us. We are very fortunate, and it does not go unnoticed!
- Thank you for:
 - conference meals – delicious and timely, as always
 - support for musical theater – amazing production with all the little touches that the PTO supported
 - Art Goes to School – kids LOVED it and it was great to have parents in classes
 - Jimmy Curran author visit – kids were very attentive, and the message was definitely well-received
 - Upcoming Mother Goose & Betsy Ross assemblies – looking forward to these Kindergarten and first grade traditions

4. **District Wide Updates** (Haley Erdlen)

- Summer baskets are coming up!
- This year, the district will accept money via paypal to go toward baskets and gift cards

RES PTO General Meeting April 11 @ 7 pm

5. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers

- The Little Mermaid, Jr. Musical (Margot O'Donnell)
 - RES 2024 musical was a huge success!
 - 1600 ticket guests plus the entire student body attended
 - The 5th grade had three successful performances (despite a heat pump overheating and a rescheduled performance)!
- Bingo Night (Bree Ruby)
 - Bingo Night took place on Friday, April 5
 - 160 participants
 - Raised \$1,000
- Chipotle Fundraiser (Danielle Callahan)
 - \$578 sales – Chipotle donated 5% for a total of \$180 in funds raised
- Jimmy Curran Assembly (Bree Truby/Suzanne Bowers)
 - RES welcomed author Jimmy Curran to school on Friday, April 5
 - He shared his inspiring book, "Will the One Winged Eagle"
 - Jimmy's visit was particularly significant as we honored a previous RES Hawk with Spinal Muscular Atrophy and recognized Autism Awareness Month
 - Sold 60 books
 - RES students were respectful and enjoyed the visit
- Bloombox Fundraiser (Sarah Finkel)
 - No updates
- Pineapple Day (Haley Erdlen)
 - March 22nd was Pineapple Day at RES
 - Students took a kindness pledge, signed the schoolwide kindness banner and enjoyed positive messaging before spring recess

6. Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers

- Pretzel Friday (Maris Leo)
 - Going strong!
- Giving Fridays (Caitlin Akins, Erin Brennan)
 - RES Giving Fridays continues!
 - Current focus is on the summer basket drive
 - After summer baskets, we will give one final push to make sure the pantry is stocked before summer
- Bulletin Boards (Erin Dinger, Maureen Niles)
 - No updates
- 5th Grade Activities (Caren Kelman, Maureen Niles)
 - Budget approved
 - 5th graders will get two swag items
 - Pool party will be held on June 11 (no rain date) – food and volunteers are secured (should there be heavy storms, Dr. Young agreed to move the party inside at RES)
 - 5th grade graduation will take place on June 12th at 10am
 - Yearbook committee secured all pictures for slideslow
- 5th Grade Service Project (Maureen Niles)

- This year's service project will be summer baskets
- 5th grade students will pack baskets and make motivational cards to go inside of the baskets
- Almost at our goal of obtaining enough items to fill 20-30 baskets
- Donations are still coming in from the Amazon wish list
- We anticipate having an overflow of items to donate to the food pantry when the service project is complete
- In need of volunteers on Friday, April 19 from 2-3pm for 1-1.5 hours
- 5th graders will receive extra recess
- Outdoor Classroom (Craig Wiesen)
 - Monday we dig, Tuesday we pour, building begins May 6th project to be completed by May 9!
 - Picnic tables will be purchased – 6 will fit – each will be painted a different primary color
- Run Club (Tara Huang)
 - Off to a great start
 - Open to grades K-through 5
 - Capped at 50 kids
- Annual Fund (Jenn Green)
 - No update
- Homeroom Parents Update (Danielle DeHora4us, Emily Quinones)
 - One more party left!
 - If party is outside, all parents can attend
 - Date TBD
 - Should we plan parent/child games?

7. Update on Future Events and Fundraisers

- Cultural Arts (Bree Truby, Suzanne Bowers)
 - Mother Goose and Betsy Ross assemblies took place April 11-12 for K-1
- Family Game Night (Jenn Breen)
 - Family Game Night returns Friday, April 26 from 5:30-7pm on the RES playground
 - Giant jenga, foursquare, hula hoops and other games, along with pizza water ice and a DJ
 - Please register in advance so we have an accurate headcount
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (Haley Erdlen, Melissa Bender)
 - Dr. Young and the PTO are holding a volunteer appreciation luncheon on Thursday, April 25, from 12-1:30pm to celebrate everything our volunteers have done to make our PTO events and activities a success this year
 - Invitees have received an email with more details
- RES Smart Run (Erica Shaw, Erica Tsao)
 - RES Smart Run will take place on Sunday, May 19
 - Registration is open!
 - 5k race and 1 mile fun mile
 - This is our biggest fundraising event of the year!
- Dining Out / Local Business Fundraisers (Danielle Callahan)
 - Honeygrow 4/16

- Honeygrow will donate 20% of dine in, takeout and delivery orders to the RES PTO
 - Use code: GIVE102 when placing your order in store, online or through the honeygrow app
 - Chipotle fundraiser raised \$177
 - Anthony's fundraiser raised \$277
 - Mainpoint Books raised \$250
 - Parent/Teacher Appreciation Week (Kate Hoffman, Kerrin Noller)
 - May 6-10
 - Monday – coffee and tea provided by Rosie's Coffee at Villanova Station
 - Tuesday – Friday – “Stock the School” with snacks and supplies
 - Wednesday – Teacher/Staff dinner at Flip & Bailey's
 - Thursday – swag!
 - Friday – “Flower Friday”
 - Help all RES students (and parents remember their flowers - remind your friends, send in extra flowers, bring extra flowers to your bus stop!
 - STEM Fair (Melissa Bender, Jessica Barson)
 - No longer called the “science fair”
 - This will take place on May 28 in the Little Theatre
 - Field Day (Carley Boyd)
 - Field Day will take place on May 22 (rain date May 23)
 - Swag this year will be RES socks
 - New activities and décor added for this year's field day!
 - 5th grade will receive popsicles
 - The entire student body will receive pretzels
8. **Treasurer Update** (Emily Quinones)
- 9K deposited for the smart run TD
 - Pretzel Friday will net over 9K when all is said and done
 - Musical Theatre update still in progress
 - 2K out for the RHS Scholarship Fund
 - Donated \$150 to RHS Post Prom Party
9. **Communications Update** (Melissa Zaffin-Bender)
- RES Express Newsletter (Melissa Zaffin-Bender)
 - Goes out every other Wednesday
 - Please send any and all updates for May/June ASAP
 - Social Media (Jessica More)
 - No update
 - Website Update (Steve Kerr)
 - No update
10. **Other Business**
- Vote on adding in the Teacher Appreciation Dinner into budget for \$2,000

- Vote passed to fund a TAW Dinner for teachers and staff – dinner will include heavy apps, non-alcoholic beverages, entertainment (trivia) and cake
- Soccer Fundraising Event
 - Vote did not pass to move forward with a soccer fundraising event

11. Adjourn (Next PTO General Meeting is Thursday, May 9th at 7 pm)