

RES PTO General Meeting October 10 @ 7 pm RES Library

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

1. **Welcome & Introduction** (Haley Erdlen)
 1. Introduction of the PTO Executive Board
 - VP: Erin Brennan
 - VP Events: Kristen Balotti
 - VP Fundraising: Annie Lee
 - Treasurer: Emily Quinoes
 - Secretary: Paula Strokoff
 - VP Communications: Melissa Bender & Jess Moore
2. **RES Principal Update** (Dr. Young)
 - Assistant Principal: Jon Smerecky
 - Great start of the year. Back to School Picnic was a success. Expectations/ "Positive Pairing" set with children. 5TH grade program will be rolled out in October.
 - Responsive classroom is a student-centered, social and emotional learning approach to teaching and discipline. It is comprised of a set of research- and evidence-based practices designed to create safe, joyful, and engaging classroom and school communities for both students and teachers.
 - Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring Dr. Recess!
 - Feedback session was done after the Dr. Recess assembly with Homeroom Parents.
 - o Action items
 - increased parental awareness about Dr. Recess
 - Make recess equipment more readily available
 - Reinforce universal game rules
 - Exploring ways to involve family volunteers as well as high school students.
 - On Monday, a new staff member will be starting who can help facilitate safe and effective play during recess
 - Circus Week is next week!
3. **Teacher Liaisons Update** (Mrs. Maloney & Mrs. Grady)
 - Lots of great activities and programing to build sense of community the first month of school
 - Thank you for the teacher grants
 - Looking forward to the upcoming year and programs
4. **District Wide Updates** (Haley Erdlen)
 - Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast on October 22nd 8:30 - 11:30
 - o District Wide Liaison: Vicki Brown
 - o This event is put together by two RHS PTO parent volunteers
 - Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive

- The RTSD PTOs are joining forces to provide 120 baskets filled with Thanksgiving meal essentials to Radnor families who could use our support.
- Full baskets, gift cards and donations [via Stripe](#) are welcome.
- Drop off is Monday, November 18 from 3-7pm in the RMS Bus Loop
- Contact Vicki Browne (vicki.browne@gmail.com) with questions.
- [Sig-Up/Donate HERE](#)

5. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers

- Kindergarten Welcome & Playdate (Laura Gallagher & Lauren Iannuccilli)
 - This event occurred in August prior to the start of school
 - Good turnout. Popsicles and playground play.
 - For future years, teacher assignments came out the day after the playday. It would be helpful if the play day could be scheduled AFTER teacher assignments came out.
- New Families Orientation (Haley Erdlen)
 - 15 new families this year
- Chalk the Walk (Haley Erdlen)
 - This event occurred the Monday before the first day of school
 - 50 people showed up - best turnout yet!
 - We will need more donuts next year
- Back to School Picnic (Margot O'Donnell)
 - Thursday, 9/19, DJ Howard, raffles, swag, great turnout, good weather
 - This event was inadvertently scheduled the same day as the RMS open house. We will try to avoid that in the future.
 - We did not serve pizza this year - mixed reviews on whether it should be provided in the future
- Dr. Recess (Dr. Young)
 - See notes above

6. Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers

- Pretzel Fridays (Dayna Peck)
 - New vendor this year (Bernies Pretzel Bakery – Radnor Family business)
 - Pretzel Friday occurs every Friday
 - No water bottle this year
 - Price decreased from last year
 - 426 people registered (77% of student population, up 7% from last year)
 - Email Dayna Peck and cc Emily Quinones if you want to sign up
- Giving Fridays (Caitlin Akins, Erin Brennan, Laura Curran)
 - New spot in RES and a bulletin board to accompany it
 - Cereal box challenge - date TBD. Kids will be asked to bring in a box of cereal. The boxes will be set up like dominos and the students will be able to watch them tumble!
 - The PTO is trying to revitalize Giving Fridays...send us your ideas!
- Bulletin Boards (Maureen Niles)
 - We have 3 bulletin boards and Maureen and her team of volunteers update these every 2-3 weeks
- Annual Fund (Ana Welsh)
 - Annual Fund is live! [Donate HERE](#).
 - Updated Annual Fund flyer will be going out in tomorrow's email
 - Should we consider giving a small gift with certain donation amounts?

- Homeroom Representative Update (Danielle DeHoratius & Emily Quinones)
 - This year, one homeroom representative (HRR) is a communicator to the teacher and the 2nd HRR is not.
 - A list will be provided to all HRRs with party dates - stay tuned!
 - 12/19 holiday party (last day of school before holiday break is 12/20)

- 7. **Update on Future Events and Fundraiser**
 - Circus Week (Haley Erdlen, Maureen Niles & Amy Schwarz)
 - 3 professional circus performers will be coming to RES
 - 10/18 all school performance (and 2-hr early dismissal)
 - Monday-Friday the 3 performers will be with Mr. Novak in gym
 - 4th graders will be able to practice special skills, check out equipment and perform for parents
 - 10/25 4th graders will perform for 3rd graders and parents of 4th grade students
 - First Nutritional Tasting tomorrow, October 11th
 - Apple cider
 - Nutritional tastings happen 3x/year
 - Cultural Arts (Suzanne Bowers & Bree Truby)
 - Stay tuned for upcoming programming
 - Trunk or Treat (Dawn Lincoln)
 - Links live for registration
 - 68 students, 72 adults and 10 trunks are registered to date (NEED MORE!)
 - Trophy will be given to best trunk
 - Trunk or Treat will take place on 10/25
 - DJ booked
 - Need candy donations (trunks run out)
 - Book Fair (Alison Brayford)
 - 1st week of November (11/4-11/8)
 - Kids will shop with their classes during the day
 - Shopping will be available in the evening as well
 - Volunteers needed – sign up [HERE](#)
 - Two special events scheduled:
 - G.R.A.N.D. Shopping Event: Monday, November 4th from 5-7pm
 - Donuts with Grown-ups: Thursday, November 7th from 8-8:45am
 - Monday evening will have incentives (raffle tickets will be given out just for coming)
 - Thursday AM event will be donuts and a safe snack alternative
 - Set-Up will take place on Friday, November 1st at 9:30am (no school that day)
 - 4th and 5th grade students welcome to come set-up with a grown-up
 - Teacher preview will occur on Monday morning, November 4th
 - Gryphon Café will provide coffee and tea during teacher preview
 - Zesto Pizza & Minted Fundraiser (Annie Lee)
 - Zesto fundraiser will take place on Wednesday 10/23.
 - 10% back from all purchases that day.
 - Mention RES when you place your order!
 - Minted code: FUNDRAISERADNOR
 - New passive fundraiser/dining out chair: Jacob Abramowitz
 - 5th Grade Activities (Danielle DeHoratius, Jenna Perkins)
 - 1st event will take place at Thrillz. Kids will be dismissed at RES and transported to Thrillz via school bus. Parents will pick up their children from the event.

- Pool Party is set
 - Winter Party to be scheduled (this event is returning for the first time since covid)
 - SUG will be coming out soon to sign up to be a volunteer for upcoming activities
 - 5th Grade info page found [HERE](#)
 - Musical Theater (Suzanne Bowers & Sarah Lakin)
 - 46 students have signed up (to date)
 - Musical will be announced toward the end of October
 - Rehearsals will begin end of October
 - Parent/Teacher Conference Meals (Alison Brayford & Kate Hoffman)
- 8. Treasurer Update (Emily Quinones)**
1. Approval of 2024-2025 Budget
 - Annual Fund usually raises 7K. To date, we have raised \$200.
 - Anticipated money coming in: Annual Fund 7K, Book Fair 5K, Directory Revenue/Advertising 2K, Pretzel Fridays 10K, SMART Run 15K. Passive Fundraisers 3.5K
 - Anticipated Expenses: 12K for cultural arts, Field Day 3K, International Week 2K, Radnor HS Scholarship Fund 2K, 2K for staff appreciation, Teacher Grants 3K+, Teacher Fund 7K
 - Proposed budget is about 43K
 - Budget PASSES
 2. Approval of Teacher Grants received in September & October 2024
 - Mr. Novak is requesting a mancino fun tunnel (\$315) - PASSED
 - Mr. Serpico is requesting an academic grant to support his research project to improve social studies (\$500) – REQUESTING MORE CLARIFICATION
 - Mrs. Wiley is requested funds for the PAWS project (\$116) to supply little stuffed dogs for all 1st graders (similar to Flat Stanley) - PASSED
 - Mrs. Maloney is requesting funds for light covers that help relieve visual fatigue, relieve tension and help children focus and learn (\$27) - PASSED
 - Dr. Young is requesting Radnor swag for visitors, guest speakers and others who volunteer at PTO-sponsored events (\$500) - PASSED
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- 9. Communications Update (Melissa Zaffin-Bender & Jessica More)**
- RES Express Newsletter (Melissa Zaffin-Bender)
 - Please send a marketing request form through the RES PTO website if you are chairing an event (found [HERE](#))
 - Social Media (Jessica More)
 - Please reshare our IG posts and stories and share pictures of your own children attending RES events with Jessica More (jessicamore@gmail.com) so our social media chair can easily share your photos
 - MTK Update
 - Website Update (Steve Kerr)
- 9. Other Business (Hala Al-Yaqubi from Radnor Committee for Special Education) will speak.**
- 11. Adjourn (Next PTO General Meeting is Thursday, November 14, 2024 @ 7pm in Library)**