

## RES PTO General Meeting February 13, 2025 @ 7 pm ZOOM

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

**1. Welcome** (Haley Erdlen)

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

- International Week updates
  - This year's International Week was the best yet! The Little Theatre was a hit, and the potluck was incredible. Huge thanks to everyone who made it happen—you're amazing!
- SEL & Classroom Placement Lunch & Learn
  - SEL Lunch & Learn sparked great conversations, and the insightful questions from families were appreciated. The classroom placement session had a great turnout as well— Thanks to the committee for encouraging these sessions!
  - Up next: MTSS on March 11.
- Rocks & Minerals Assembly
  - A big shoutout to our PTO for bringing in an engaging Rocks & Minerals assembly!
- Fifth Grade Concert
  - The fifth-grade concert was breathtaking—Watching students shine through music was pure joy.
- Responsive Classroom & Ambassadors
  - Our student ambassadors led K-3 assemblies with confidence, and Devorah Heitner's digital wellness talk was fantastic. Proud of our students' leadership!
- A Personal Note
  - I've been called out (playfully) for not being a true Eagles fan. Fair! But the way *your* kids bring joy to these moments has made this season extra special. I love being here with them.

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

- Teachers are eagerly awaiting the new ELA curriculum! Stay tuned!

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

- Radnor Educational Foundation: Anne Peters Award Nominations
  - Established in 2020 in memory of Anne Peters, a longtime Radnor Educational Foundation (REF) Board Member and loyal volunteer in all Radnor Schools, the annual Anne Peters Volunteer Award recognizes a former or current REF volunteer who embodies Anne's kindness, steadfast volunteerism, and tireless devotion to the Radnor Township School District and the surrounding community.
  - Deadline to submit nominations is 2/28

**5. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers**

- MLK Day of Service (Steph Baroni)
  - This event was rescheduled to 1/25/25 from 10am-12pm at RHS
  - Event included hands-on activities, a read aloud, yoga, information on supporting the Red Cross and other organizations working in LA, and a Donation Drive
  - Radnor PTOs partnered with local non-profits to collect much-needed supplies;
    - toiletries for the Wayne Cares Food Pantry and Face to Face Germantown
    - elementary-school-aged books for face to face and CAC of Upper Darby
    - toiletries and feminine products for Women's Resource Center
    - new and gently used clothing & coats, boots & shoes, new socks & underwear for Cradles to Crayons
    - Gently used sports equipment for Leveling the Playing Field
  - We did not receive as many donations this year as we have in previous years
  - This is Steph Baroni's last year running this event - thank you, Steph, for all of your time and energy over the years on this service project!
  - If you, or someone you know, would like to chair this event, please reach out to the PTO!
- Paola's Fundraiser (Amanda Frumin)
  - Wednesday 1/29
  - Paola was thrilled to do this fundraiser with RES and would like to do it again in the future
  - We made \$185 and Paola's gave 10% of sales back to RES (\$18)
- International Week (Aaron Olivo)
  - Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success!
  - Great response from parents, homeroom parents and teachers
  - Digital badges were made in IDS this year
  - We are looking into sharing International Week resources with the other two elementary schools
  - Another idea is to allow the students to weigh-in on what country should be highlighted next year
- Potluck Dinner (Aaron Olivo)
  - We provided accessory food that was very helpful this year
- Main Point Books Fundraiser (Erin Brennan)
  - Thank you to Jess Moore for her marketing efforts!
  - Unfortunately, we lost a day due to bad weather, but we had a lot of families show up on Saturday between 3-5pm!
  - Still awaiting final numbers from this event

## 6. Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers

- Community Outreach/Giving Fridays (Caitlin Akins, Laura Curran)
  - 232 cans of soup raised for the food pantry for "soup-erbow!" (613 items total for the year)
- Cereal box domino challenge - March 28th, Pineapple Day
  - This year, RES will do the **Cereal Box Domino Challenge** on Pineapple Day as part of Giving Fridays with the Wayne Food Pantry. Students will line up as many cereal boxes as possible, like dominos, in the hallway. *We expect the local media to cover this event, so we hope to have lots of Pineapple shirts lining the hallways!*
- Pretzel Fridays (Dayna Peck)
  - 449 students out of 553 participate
- Bulletin Boards (Maureen Niles)
- 5th Grade Activities (Danielle Dehoratius, Jenna (Perkins)
  - Planning for EOY gifts
  - Looking into doing t-shirts
  - Ali King and Heather Graverson are in charge of the 5th grade pool party and will be

- gifting students towels
- Service Project with the food pantry in the works
- Yearbook (Bonnie Silverberg)
  - No new updates
- Musical Theatre (Suzanne Bowers, Sarah Lakin)
  - Ticket presales will begin on 2/22/25
  - Friends and family can celebrate the hard work of the cast and crew by including a "shout-out" in the program book
    - Shoutouts are available for purchase now! \$10/shoutout
    - Click [HERE](#) to purchase a shoutout.
    - Public performances will be held:
      - Friday, March 14, at 7pm
      - Saturday, March 15, at 1:30pm and 7pm
      - Sunday, March 16, at 1:30pm

## 7. Update on Future Events and Fundraisers

- Bingo (Bree Truby)
  - Join the RES PTO for a fun family night of BINGO on Friday, Feb. 28, at 6:30pm in the RES Cafeteria!
  - Each participant will receive a pack of cards for 6 rounds of BINGO
  - Pre-registration is required, please complete the [registration form](#) by Friday, Feb. 21.
  - Bingo will be run on the projector this year
  - In between the rounds of bingo we will have baskets for kids to win
  - 46 participants currently registered
- Cultural Arts (Bree Truby, Suzanne Bowers)
  - Skirt for Schools Fundraiser (Annie Lee)
    - 2/26-3/2
    - Shop at [Skirt](#) (931 West Lancaster Ave, Bryn Mawr) between Wednesday, Feb. 26, and Sunday, March 2. Mention Radnor Elementary at checkout and a portion of sales will be donated to the PTO.
    - If we get the most out of all of the schools participating, they will donate 20% back
- Dining Out / Local Business Fundraisers (Jacob Abramowitz)
  - Carla's Pizza is willing to do a 10% donation on 2/26
  - Another takeout night will be planned prior to spring break
  - Talking to Teresa's about a Family Dining Out Night in April/May
- Homeroom Representative Update (Danielle Dehoratius, Emily Quinones)
  - Valentine's Day Parties are kicking off tomorrow, 2/14
  - We will start planning for EOY and teacher collections next month
  - Looking to streamline communications in the future
- Winter Spirit Gear (Bonnie Silverberg)
  - New warm weather gear will be added to the store soon
  - Pineapple Day T shirts will be added to the store soon
  - Click [HERE](#) to purchase spirit gear
- Someone Special Game Night (**NEED CHAIR**)
  - Thursday, April 24th
  - Still need a chair!
- Science Fair (Melissa Bender, Jessica Barson)
  - May 28th
  - 2nd Annual STEM fair
  - Price point will be lowered this year to cover basic costs and make the fair more accessible to families
  - IDS teacher will get involved this year
  - Budget for the event will be \$500
- Run Club (Tara Huang)

- Early stages of planning
- Looking for ideas for swag
- This will begin in April and continue until the SmartRun
- SmartRun (Erin Brennan, Jamie Ifkovits)
  - To date, we have obtained \$2000 in sponsorships
  - Price raised by \$5 this year
  - Fun Run cost will remain the same
  - Next meeting: First Sunday of March (3/2/25)
- Teacher Appreciation (Melissa Bender, Bonnie Silverberg)
  - Keeping some favorites and adding in some fresh new ideas!
  - Stay tuned!

**8. Treasurer Update** (Emily Quinones)

- Annual Fund: exceeded goal of 7K
- To date, we have raised \$7,600

**9. Communications Update** (Jessica More, Steve Kerr)

- Keep bringing ideas to Jess!

**10. For the Good of the Order**

- Mrs. Horan's Grant Request - \$69 for Cloud Light Covers for her and Ms. Philipp



# AGENDA

**10. Questions/Comments/Othe**

- \*Annual Board of Directors Meeting - March 13th 7pm (RES Library)
- \*General Meeting - April 10th (RES Library)

**11. Adjourn**