

RES PTO Board Meeting December 12 @ 7 pm ZOOM

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

1. **Welcome** (Haley Erdlen)
 - **First meeting of 2025!**
2. **RES Principal Update** (Dr. Young)
 - **Special thank you to the PTO**
 - Thanks to your support of Mr. Serpico's grant, our students had an unforgettable experience this week at the Rendell Citizenship Challenge! They earned second place in the Commonwealth!
 - Watch the highlights Video [HERE](#)
 - **Save the Dates**
 - **Digital Wellness Assembly:**
 - January 30, 2025
 - Time: 1:30 p.m.
 - Speaker: Devorah Heitner, author of Screenwise
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 - **Pineapple Day & Cereal Challenge**
 - Date: March 28, 2025
 - Time: All-day event; Cereal Challenge at 2:00 p.m.
 - Focus: Celebrating kindness, empathy, and building strong relationships
 - **SEL Zoom Session**
 - Date: January 14, 2025
 - Time: 12 p.m. (30 min)
 - Focus: Understanding and structuring SEL instructional tiers
 - **Fifth-Grade Recognition Day**
 - Date: June 11, 2025
 - Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - **MTSS & Instructional Updates**
 - **What's Happening**
 - We're preparing for round 2 of our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
 - Grade-Level Focus Area Round 1
 - Kindergarten: Phonemic awareness, first sound fluency, letter naming, early numeracy skills
 - 1st Grade: Phonemic awareness, phonics, and foundational numeracy
 - 2nd Grade: Phonics, comprehension, and base-ten operations.

- 3rd Grade: Literature craft/structure, multi-step word problems, addition/subtraction.
 - 4th Grade: Drawing inferences, citing evidence, and advanced addition/subtraction.
 - 5th Grade: Vocabulary, text-dependent analysis, and fractions
3. **Teacher Liaisons Update** (Mrs. Grady & Mrs. Maloney)
- Thank you to the PTO!
 - We are gearing up for Betsy Ross, Mother Goose and Science Joe to visit – we are excited!
4. **District Wide Updates** (Haley Erdlen)
- MLK Day of Service (Update from Steph Baroni)
 - Join us on January 20th for the 9th Annual MLK Day of Service at RHS from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. to participate in community service projects, Read Aloud activities, making casseroles, yoga sessions and donation drives to support Cradles to Crayons, Women’s Resource Center, Wayne Food Pantry, and. More!
 - RES is collecting toiletries for the Wayne Food Pantry, and you can bring your toiletries directly to RHS or drop them off in the Giving Fridays bin in the RES lobby!
 - Check out the Amazon Wishlist [HERE](#) to see what toiletries are needed and for direct delivery to the Wayne Food Pantry!
 - Letters of Intent for REF Winter Grants due 1/11/2025
6. **Update on Past Events and Fundraisers**
- Minted & BloomBox Winter Fundraiser (Annie Lee)
 - BloomBox was not very successful this year – we made \$64 total (3 orders)
 - We may not repeat this fundraiser in the future
 - We made \$1,009 from Minted, and the promo code has been extended through the end of the calendar year
 - You can order unique, custom Valentine’s Day cards and stickers on [minted.com](https://www.minted.com) using the promo code: FUNDRAISERADNOR and you will receive 20% off your order, and Minted will donate 15% to the RES PTO!
 - Campus Corner Dining Out Fundraiser (Jake Abramowitz)
 - Awaiting final numbers
 - Parent/Teacher Conference Meals (Kate Hoffman & Alison Brayford)
 - Success! Zesto lunch was provided to all teachers during parent teacher conferences
 - Thank you to the Hoffman Family!
7. **Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers**
- Annual Fund (Ana Welsh)
 - This year, every family who donated received an RES car magnet, and all who donated in December were entered into two raffles (Principal for the Day and Dr. Young is Our Teacher)
 - We are almost at our goal of \$8,000

- For next year, maybe we could do a competition with the classes (if a certain number of kids contribute in a class, the class gets entered into a raffle, etc.)
 - Corporate matching helped a lot with raising funds this year
 - Community Outreach/Giving Fridays (Caitlin Akins, Laura Curran)
 - This is currently being enveloped into our MLK Day of Service (see above)
 - Pretzel Fridays (Dayna Peck)
 - No new updates
 - Bulletin Boards (Maureen Niles)
 - Bulletin boards get turned over every four weeks and our bulletin board committee is doing an amazing job!
 - Thank you to the committee for their hard work and creativity!
 - 5th Grade Activities (Danielle Dehoratius, Jenna Perkins)
 - 2025 RES 5th Grade Concert
 - Date: Wednesday January 15, 2025
 - Time: 7:00pm
 - Dress Code: White shirts with pants or skirts (no sweatshirts or shorts). Students should arrive at school in their concert attire since they will also wear it for the afternoon assembly.
 - If your child needs to borrow a shirt, please contact michele.williams@rtsd.org
 - Evening arrival details:
 - String Students: report to the string room by 6:35pm
 - All other 5th graders: report to the library by 7pm
 - Choreography involves partners and specific positioning. Please let us know immediately if your child cannot participate so adjustments can be made
 - 5th Grade will focus on the cereal challenge
 - Yearbook (Bonnie Silverberg)
 - Bonnie is in touch with LifeTouch and is in the early phases of planning
 - Musical Theater (Suzanne Bowers, Sarah Lakin)
 - Musical Theatre is in full swing!
 - Show: Annie
 - Casts have been announced and costume fittings are coming up at the end of January!
 - We will be looking to sell program ads soon – stay tuned!
 - Kerry Goin is the point person for ad sale (thank you, Kerry!)
- 8. Update on Future Events and Fundraisers**
- International Week / Family Traditions Potluck Dinner (Aaron Olivo)
 - For International Week 2025, we will learn about Australian's history and culture!
 - All students and their families are invited to a potluck dinner on Friday, January 31st at 6 p.m.

- Are we going to ask students to wear colors, as we did in previous years (Australian colors are Red, White & Blue) – vote taken – YES!
- PowerPoints and Bulletin Boards will be created and shown during class
- Laura Gallagher will put together a list of “Fun Facts” to be read during morning announcements
- Parents will have the opportunity to read to students during Library special
- Cafeteria tasting – Vegemite on crackers will be served
- Little Theatre – 6 stations – balance boards to simulate surfing, IDS reverse seasons station, dot art leaf craft station, music station, kangaroo hop and/or long jump, and a language station
- selfie station with bluey backdrop, face in the hole and props to hold
- Decorations – outback theme in the little theatre, main entrance of RES theme will be “the great barrier reef”
- Potluck – Little Basil will be donating food to the potluck, sign up genius going out soon, working on obtaining donated items for the raffle
- Total budget is 2K for this event
- Cultural Arts (Bree Truby, Suzanne Bowers)
 - Tomorrow, January 10th, is the third grade Rock Assembly
 - Mother Goose and Betsy Ross coming this spring
- Minted Valentine’s Fundraiser (Annie Lee)
 - Promo code is extended throughout the entire calendar year, so order your valentines through minted
- Dining Out / Local Business Fundraisers (Jake Abramowitz)
 - Please send any recommendations to Haely Erdlen
 - Suggestions: Christopher’s, Exit 13, Paola’s, Jules Thin Crust, Mad Anthony Wayne Café, Vanilla Bean
- Homeroom Representatives Update (Danielle Dehoratius, Emily Quinones)
 - Valentine’s Day Parties and card exchanges will be on February 14th
 - Non-candy Valentines only due to allergens
 - Items like pencils, stickers, or erasers are great options
 - HRPs: please note that all classrooms are nut-free. Check with teachers for any additional allergy details
 - Whenever possible, minimize disposable plastics and paper goods
 - Party times:
 - K-1st Grade: 9:45 a.m.
 - 2nd and 3rd Grade: 10:45 a.m.
 - 4th and 5th Grade: 11:30 a.m.
 - Party Guidelines:
 - Please follow our wellness policy by mixing festive treats with smart snack options, such as light popcorn, low-fat chips, fruits, veggies, or no-calorie flavored water.
 - All snacks must be store-bought, sealed, and include ingredient lists

- o All volunteers must have clearances on file with the district office

- Winter Spirit Gear (Bonnie Silverberg)
 - RES receives 10% back from all orders
 - Store updated with great winter gear – check it out!
 - Shop [HERE!](#)
- Main Point Books Fundraiser (Erin Brennan)
 - Erin Brennan has a meeting with the owner of MPB tomorrow. Looking to secure a date(s).
- Bingo (Bree Truby)
 - Friday Feb 21st
- Game Night (need a chair)
 - April – 3rd Friday in April
 - **WE NEED A CHAIR!**
- Run Club (Tara Huang)
 - No updates
- SmartRun (Erin Brennan, Jamie Leovits)
 - The 2025 Smart Run will take place on Sunday, May 18, and we need your help to make it a great success!
 - The Smart Run is the RES PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year a fun way to get outside with the Radnor Community!
 - We are currently seeking parent volunteers to help plan the event, including volunteers to serve on the Promotions and Sponsorship committees. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to learn more about these roles and approximate time commitments.
 - First Meeting 1/26 at Mad Anthony Wayne Café at 11am
 - Sponsorship
 - If you know of anyone who wants to sponsor or if you have a company and would like to sponsor, please reach out to Erin Brennan
 - Volunteer scope of work:
 - Promotion (need chair of this sub-k): work with SM, homeroom parents, local shops, local schools to promote the race, signage/yard signs and flyers
 - Sponsor (need chair of this sub-k): get sponsors for race, prizes, and silent auction (caution about overlap with 5th grade committee)
 - Printing: coordinated printing t-shirts, yard signs, flyers
 - Volunteer: coordinate race day volunteers/high school students
 - Budgets: Chair/contracts, security/medical/insurance
 - Pictures: selfie station and race day volunteer pics

- Race Day: any job for race day

9. Treasurer Update (Emily Quinones)

- Annual Fund is doing great – we are almost at our goal of 8K!
- Looking for a treasurer of next year – reach out if interested!

10. Communications Update (Jessica More, Steve Kerr)

- Huge “Thank You” to Melissa Zaffin Bender for serving the PTO as the VP Communications in 2023 and 2024!
- Welcome Jessica More as our new VP Communications!

11. Questions/Comments/Other

- PTO will explore a new company for our school supply kits for next year
- Upcoming events:
 - o Screenwise: Helping Kids Grow Up in Their Digital World
 - Date/Time: Thursday, January 30, 6:00 p.m.
 - Location: RHS Auditorium
 - Info: Join author and speaker Devorah Heitner for a special presentation on mentoring tech-savvy kids in navigating online boundaries, privacy, and digital identity. Parents will learn strategies to model healthy tech boundaries and nurture critical social skills.
 - Register [HERE](#).
 - o REF Annual Celebration
 - Event has been moved to May this year
 - o Parent Training: Post-Secondary Programs & Supports for Children with IEPs
 - Register for the upcoming DCIU Parent Training, "Post-Secondary Programs and Supports for Children with IEPs" on Wednesday, January 22 from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom. Transition planning is a multistep process that guides youth with special needs from high school into adult living after they leave school. Parents will become familiar with postsecondary agencies and organizations, as well as the supports they provide students who are planning to transition to life after high school.
 - Register [HERE](#) by Monday, January 20 at 4:00 p.m.
 - Learn more [HERE](#).
- Radnor High School Scholarship Fund Accepting Applications

- The Radnor High School Scholarship Fund is accepting applications from RHS seniors for need-based scholarships.
Deadline: Wednesday, March 19, at 3:30 p.m.
- 2025-2026 Registration for New Students (K-12)
 - Registration for the 2025-26 school year is open for all new K-12 students.
- Next meeting is February 13th @ 7 p.m. via Zoom
- March will be an Executive Board Meeting

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