

RES PTO General Meeting April 9, 2025 @ 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)

- Gratitude and pride expressed for pineapple day and our partnership with Wayne Cares and the food pantry
- Monica Willans, 5th grade teacher, was honored on April 10, 2025, as the recipient of the Delaware Valley Excellence in Teaching Award, presented by the FMFCU Foundation.
 - The FMFCU Delaware Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards celebrate outstanding educators across the Philadelphia region
 - This award recognized Ms. Willans for her key role in RES's kindness initiative, most recently leading the collection of more than 100 cereal boxes for the Cereal Box Challenge, the school's Pineapple Day.
 - The award included a 2K donation to RES, to be shared between Ms. Willans' classroom and broader school community.
 - The funds will be used collectively to further grow RES community outreach and internal kindness projects as well as to plan for next year's Pineapple Day.
- Academically, we are in our 3rd and final round of goal setting
- Update on special areas:
 - PE/wellness - finishing up wacky track. Kids Heart Challenge: We hit our goal—\$16,200 raised! Thank you, families, for your amazing support!
 - IDS - We are teaming up with the PTO and Radnor High School Students for the STEM Fair on May 28.
 - Art - Students are focused on Earth Day (April 22). Don't miss **Museum Night on May 1**—we'll have student artwork everywhere *and* an ice cream truck! Ms Dean is preparing a bee-themed windchimes activity. Windchimes will hang on trees and be ready to view in time for museum night.
 - Music - 5th graders were invited to perform with RMS
 - Library - We're celebrating National Poetry Month—ask your child about their favorite poem!
- Field Trips:
 - Aquarium - 1st Grade (May 15th)
 - Walk to Wayne - 3rd Grade (May 19th)
 - RhythmetriX Assembly - 2nd grade (in lieu of field trip) (Happened yesterday, April 8th)
 - Radnor Historical Society - 3rd grade
 - Mercer Museum - 4th grade (May 28th)
 - Fluxspace - 5th grade (April 9th)
- PSSAs
 - Begin 4/22
 - ELA 4/22-4/24
 - Math 4/28-4/29

- Science (5th grade ONLY for 2025) 5/1-5/2 (this is administered online, as it is in Beta and will not be calculated in state performance reviews this year)

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

- Pineapple Day - we are still hearing about this great event!
- Mother Goose was here today for K and Betsy Ross will be here on Friday for 1st grade
- Looking forward to field day

4. District Wide Updates (Haley Erdlen)

- REF Annual Fundraising Event 5/3 @ Triple Crown Restaurant
 - Radnor ABC House fundraising event will take place on May 9th at 118 North
- District Wide Summer Baskets
 - Over 100 gift cards were collected to be used for families in need over spring break
 - Radnor HS scholarship fund check sent out today for \$2,000 for a chosen student who used to be an RES student

5. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers

- Bingo (Bree Truby)
 - Bingo was a success!
 - Sign-in procedures can be streamlined for next year
 - Need to have a system in place for walk-ins for next year (no student should be turned down)
- Skirt for Schools Fundraiser (Annie Lee)
 - Awaiting total numbers for this fundraiser
- Annie Jr/Musical Theatre (Suzanne Bowers, Sarah Lakin)
 - Overall a huge success!
 - Sunday was standing room only!
 - We need to make a plan for the stage extension. Is it necessary? There is concern that putting it together and taking it apart could pose a risk to the adults assembling. To be clear, the stage extension is perfectly safe for the kids and has been inspected!
 - If you have not submitted for reimbursement, please do so ASAP
 - We are working on getting a copy of the show sent to all participants
- Dining Out Fundraising (Jacob Abramowitz)
 - Vic & Dean's \$100 made on this fundraiser
 - Carla's - \$150 made
 - Teresa's said they would do a sit-down night. We need to nail down a date for this event. 20% kickback. We would like to coordinate this with the fundraiser at Sugary.
 - Jules fundraiser coming up - date TBD
 - DanDan will be doing a fundraiser with us as well
 - Federal Donuts is an idea for a future event
 - May 30th - Wheelhouse fundraiser (day off school and k assessment)
 - Possible Christopher's fundraiser
- Cereal Box Challenge (Caitlin Akins & Laura Curran)
 - Total count of cereal boxes collected - 937
 - Huge thank you to the students and volunteers who made this memorable event happen!
 - Do we want to keep this or do we change it up for next year?
- Winter Spirit Gear + Pineapple Day Shirts (Bonnie Silverberg)
 - Pineapple Day sales were a success! 90 items sold
 - Total earned from Pineapple Day sales TBD
- Cultural Arts Assemblies (Bree Truby & Suzanne Bowers)
 - Science Joe here for 5 days (all grades)
 - RhythmetriX - 2nd Graders
 - Mother Goose 4/9
 - Betsy Ross 4/10
 - Author visit for grades 3-5 on April 30th

- Theatre class is interested in putting on a show for K-2 (fairy tail themed) on April 30th

6. Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers

- 5th Grade Service Project (Many parent volunteers - point person for meeting Paula Strokkoff)
 - Service project: 5th graders will be collecting non-perishable food to assemble summer food baskets, and accompanying these baskets with cards made by the 5th graders for RTSD families in need of extra support over the summer months.
 - Food donations will be collected April 7-17
 - Each class is responsible for collecting different items
 - Venmo donations will also be accepted (@RESPTO)
 - Bob King will come speak to the 5th graders of food insecurity and how students can continue to help and support the RTSD community beyond 5th grade
- Community Outreach/Giving Fridays (Caitlin Akins & Laura Curran)
 - Our community came together for the cereal box dominos and it was a huge success
 - Thank you for your support in promoting the event and problem-solving on the day of
- Pretzel Fridays (Dayna Peck)
 - No updates
- Bulletin Boards (Maureen Niles)
 - Bulletin boards are done for the year!
- 5th Grade Activities (Danielle Dehoratius & Jenna Perkins)
 - T-shirts will be arriving prior to field day. These are the class gift for the 5th graders and they will receive them in time to wear for Field Day!
 - Pool party 6/10
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 - Recognition ceremony 6/11
- Yearbook (Bonnie Silverberg)
 - Yearbook is 95% complete
 - Waiting on 5th grade class photo scheduled for 4/15
 - Deadline to submit all yearbook photos is May 5th, and we on track to meet this deadline
 - Yearbook signing will occur at the 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony - Haley has a bag of sharpies that can be used for yearbook signing
- Annual Fund (Ana Welsh)
 - No update

7. Update on Future Events and Fundraisers

- Cultural Arts (Bree Truby, Suzanne Bowers)
 - No further updates. See above.
- Dining Out/Local Business Fundraisers (Jacob Abramowitz)
 - Reach out to Jake with any future ideas
 - See above for updates
- Homeroom Representative Update (Danielle Dehoratius & Emily Quinones)
- Spring Spirit Gear (Bonnie Silverberg)
 - New spring items will be available for purchase soon
- Someone Special Game Night (Laura Gallagher)
 - April 23rd @ 5:30pm on RES playground

- Pizza and water ice will be served
- BYO water bottle for water refills
- Register in advance [HERE](#)
- Dj secured
- Low on registrations and game donations
- Loan an outdoor game [HERE](#)
- A social media and email blast will go out this week and in Dr. Young's Sunday email
- Science Fair (Melissa Bender & Jessica Barson)
 - May 28th. Classes will be invited to see all projects.
- Run Club (Tara Huang)
 - Starts tomorrow, April 10th. Visors, socks and headbands will be given out, along with extra prizes leftover from last year.
 - Meets on thursdays after school
 - Capped at 50 students K-5
 - 4 students on the waiting list
- SmartRun (Erin Brennan & Jamie Ifkovits)
 - Numbers are still low for sponsors this year compared to last - 7,400 this year compared to 10,000 last year
 - Deadline for obtaining sponsors is April 30th
 - Silent auction and prize donations are still low
 - Bib pick up will be at SoFun Yogurt
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Melissa Bender & Bonnie Silverberg)
 - Budget approved. Next step is to schedule a committee meeting.
 - Breakdown of the week:
 - Monday - stock the breakroom
 - Tuesday - T-shirt Tuesday (all teachers & staff get to select a t-shirt that will be ordered and paid for by the PTO). All teachers and staff can select their own size/color/logo.
 - Wednesday - coffee/tea/breakfast bar
 - Thursday - classes will write notes, poems, etc. to be given to teachers & staff
 - Friday - Flower Friday
 - [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- Field Day (Carley Boyd)
 - Swag has been ordered and received (sunglasses)
 - Plans being finalized in the next two weeks
 - Email will go out to the committee to volunteer by end of next week
 - Once the committee is assigned to times, the extra volunteer slots will be opened to the rest of the RES community
 - Clearances MUST be on file with the district to volunteer for this event

8. Treasurer Update (Emily Quinones)

- Bingo \$1470
- 7400 SPONSORS TO DATE FOR SMARTRUN
- Counselors discretionary we have sponsored 1000 soinsored
- 10,800 for cultural arts we have 12k to spend
- International week 2K all in
- We have 1000 in our budget for the outdoor classroom still to use; this can go toward recess reimaged; reach out to sarah casey
- Game night we have \$350 to date made from registrations (break even event)
- \$700 for conference meals (budget was 1K)
- Musical fee was \$125 per student this year (goal is to get this fee to \$100) and our goal is to lower this next year

9. Communications Update (Jessica More, Steve Kerr)

- Grew 5% in followers on social media
- Views up 500% since last quarter due to increasing posts on IG stories
- 4,000% growth on link taps

10. Questions/Comments/Other

*Vote to add new Chair role of Volunteer Representative

- Updating the volunteer sign up genius
- Presence at back to school play date, picnic and new family coffees,
- Vote passed!

*Next General PTO Meeting - May 8th @ 7pm (RES Library)

11. Adjourn