

PTA General Notes

February 7, 2023 (Virtual Meeting)

- Call to order (Tammy) 7:04 pm
- Currently collecting canned/non perishable food items for Manna Food Center. There are 2 bins by the media center, one for the Kansas City Chiefs and one for the Philadelphia Eagles. Kids can place their items in the teams bin they think/or hope, will win the Super Bowl.
 - Soup-er Bowl Staff Lunch this Friday. There are still a few slots available to sign up for if you would like to contribute.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12KmE0bVxGJPbD40Jn7Dh7pWjlXIRC8T4VMOTHabhto/edit?fbclid=IwAR1FkjIBYTW63uZg-dvv7MvDR3HMU27TH0sVfrKad4ARBFL3EK14757EZUM>
- Staff Member of the Year - applications are being accepted. Please submit your nominations!
 - <http://www.ritchieparkpta.org/staff-person-of-the-year>
- Nominating Committee
 - We are working on recruiting PTA Board members for next year.
 - 3 members needed for the nominating committee.
 - Open positions:
 - President (Amy Haddad)
 - President Protem
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Communications
 - Membership
 - Programs
 - MCCPTA Delegate
 - NAACP Delegate
 - Slate will be presented at the May meeting
- NAACP Rep needed:
 - There is a Zoom meeting Wednesday, February 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm with Superintendent Dr. McKnight.
 - Co-hosted by the Black and Brown Coalition for Educational Equity and Excellence
 - A Delegate must register for the meeting so please reach out to us if you are interested.
- Events: (Katie & Victoria)
 - Thank you to Lindsay Oberman & Monica Zeitlin for an amazing Bingo Night!
 - Community Service Night - February 16th (Deb Young). A list of items that are needed for donation will be distributed to the school with items categories assigned to each grade. There are two time slots for this event with the younger

grades meeting first and older grades meeting second.

- Please click here for more information: <http://www.ritchieparkpta.org/events>

- Parents vs. Staff Basketball Game - March 16th (Tina Basalla).
We are still looking for parent volunteers for this event! Each volunteer will receive a t-shirt for participating!
Please click here for more information:
<http://www.ritchieparkpta.org/events/2023/3/23/parents-vs-staff-basket-ball-game>
- After school activities
 - we are still seeing more K-3 kids enrolled in these activities vs the older grades. Information is online on the PTA website.
 - For more information on the programs available at this time and to register please see here: <http://www.ritchieparkpta.org/afterschool>
- Book Fair - March 24th-29th
 - <http://www.ritchieparkpta.org/rpbookfair>
 - Updates flyer will be posted online and sent via newsletter.
 - Lauren Flaherty presents "Room on a Broom"
 - Parents bring storybook to life
 - March 28th at Story Night in addition to two assemblies during the day for the kids
 - Following performance there will be discussions about kindness, standing up to bullying, inclusion, and teamwork
 - This event is in need of 7 parent volunteers! Please reach out if you are interested.
 - Zoom meeting Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 to discuss rehearsals
 - Golf Tournament- Coming up in May! More information to come.
- Staff Support:
 - Teacher wish lists are live. Please click here for information:
[RPES Teacher Wish list](#)
- Updates from Principal Winter
 - Report cards went home yesterday 2/6/23. Please ensure all parents sign the envelopes and return them to their children's homeroom teachers.
 - Valentines Day Party is on Feb 14th (Tuesday) and parents are welcome to join.
 - Next week is Kindness Week!
 - There was an issue with after school clubs and some children were not in the correct clubs (or went home instead of going to the club).
 - In March there will be a preview of upcoming testing in the Spring.
- Teacher Representative Updates: (Ms. Gramzinski)