

April 11, 2024 Ritchie Park Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Amy Haddad welcomed parents to the PTA meeting.

Book Fair Success - Many thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered and donated to the book fair! Special thank you to our chairs Ambereen Khan-Baker and Sally Rahnama! Total gross sales were: \$13,831.58 and the school earned \$6,627.44 in scholastic dollars.

We were able to purchase every single wish list book for staff who requested!

Yearbooks on Sale - Help your child remember a special year. Reminder that 2023 - 2024 yearbooks are on sale. All K-5 students can order one. Please place order by April 19th, www.freedpics.com and use password RPES2324YB

The cost is \$30 each.

Upcoming Events & Initiative

May 2 Kickball Match - join us for a little competition! There will be a lower grade parents and staff (K-2) versus upper grade (3-5) game from 6-8pm on May 2. There will also be grade level games and prizes, concessions and more. We encourage parents and staff to sign up today.

May 6-10 Staff Appreciation Week - one of the final events of the year to show **gratitude** and **appreciation** for our **amazing** teachers, supportive staff, and caring admin. teams will occur during the week of May 6-10. Consider supporting this **awesome** event in any way that you can. For questions, please contact: Victoria Padin - vapadin@gmail.com or Emily Newlan - emilynewlan@gmail.com

Daily events are listed below:

- Sunday - Chalk the Walk
- Monday - last lounge restock (buy by 4/30)
- Tuesday - catered lunch by Chick-Fil-A sponsored by the PTA
- Wednesday - Snack trail mix buffet
- Thursday - pizza party
- Friday - dessert party
- Daily staff raffle - Inspire Nail Bar, Amazon, Doordash
- Words of appreciation - any student, parent, or RPES community member can participate each day. Write letters, chalk the walk, bring flowers or candy or pictures

May 21 Arts & Sciences Night is back! There will be beautiful displays of panthers art and students are encouraged to bring STEAM projects. Frames will be available

for purchase for \$25. Sign up will be available shortly - deadline to submit projects is May 17th. Contact Nat Gorman for more information at nattng310@gmail.com

Board/Chair Opportunities - the PTA is recruiting volunteers to serve on board and to serve as chairs. We still need a President, President-Elect, and Event Chairs (Skate Night, Staff Person of the Year Award, Geo Bowl). Please reach out to the PTA if you are interested. NOTE: there will be no PTA if we don't have a President so please consider these roles.

Updates from Mrs. Tibbs

Musical Performance 4/18 & 4/19 - Unfortunately the in-school performance cannot happen any longer due to internal testing schedules. There will be a Musical Performance on 4/18 & 4/19 @ 7 pm for up to 100 people each showing. The money raised will come back to the schools for scholarships and other parts of school.

April 22nd Asynchronous Learning - On Friday, April 19th teachers will be sending home a packet that includes a [grid](#) of both paper/pencil and online options. Additionally, a link to the information will be shared in the weekly classroom newsletter. Students should complete the math, reading, and writing work along with at least two other activities from the grid. Please initial in the box of each learning opportunity your child completes and return the signed grid to school by May 2nd for attendance purposes.

May 8th Bike to School Day - get out your bike, lace your shoes and join your students on walk and bike to school day. The Rockville City Police come out and support the event.

Grade 3 Central Review Results - The district is looking at results to determine the enriched program makeup. Students who met all of the criteria are included in the lottery. Criteria include:

- **Locally normed*** Winter MAP-R = 85th percentile or higher
- 2nd Marking Period Reading Grade = A
- 2nd Marking Period Writing OR Social Studies Grade = A
- 2nd Marking Period Reading Level = On or Above

Code of Conduct - all stakeholders (parents, students and staff) are expected to play an important role in maintaining a strong community. Being kind, respectful and responsible are our RPES core values. Mrs. Tibbs reviewed the code of conduct and noted the following expectations:

- **Staff** - create a positive, supportive environment, set clear expectations of behavior, and recognize and eliminate biases,
- **Student** - show respect for others and themselves, learn peaceful conflict resolution, are accountable for their actions, and take part in creating a safe and clean environment

- **Parent** - work collaboratively with staff, help talk to children about appropriate code of conduct
- There are documented Behavior interventions that can be used are listed in the code of conduct and levels of responses are listed