

Board Meeting - May 7, 2024

Amy Haddad welcomed parents to one of the last PTA meetings of the school year.

Upcoming events:

- **May 8th Bike to School Day** - encourage your child to bike to school on Wednesday, May 8th. Students will receive prizes for participation.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - we have had amazing volunteers for teacher appreciation week - many thanks from Emily, Victoria and all of RPES staff.
- **MCPS Art Show Open Until 5/12** - The MCPS art show is up at Montgomery Mall - across from American Eagle until Sunday. Please stop by to see the 20 pieces selected by Mrs. goldberg to represent
- **May 16 Field Day (Rescheduled)** - due to the rain forecast
- **May 21st Arts and Science Night** -

Art

Mrs. Burton mentioned that Contari will be coming to do latin music fun with students in the morning.

Ms Goldberg shared more about the art show. RPES will be using a company called Artome, a full service company that will help with display and purchase of the art (if preferred). They gave the school free paper, which the kids used for the art. It will be shipped to Georgia where it will be framed and sent back to the school where they will be displayed at the show. You can pay \$25 for art - \$22 goes to Artome, \$3 to RPES. Families can preorder the frame (preferred) and you can take the artwork home that night. There will be a virtual component as well.

You can also buy a reproduction of the artwork for other family members and donate money to the an art angel program that benefits those at the school who can't afford to buy a frame.

The art will come home no matter what. It will be scanned and sent back.

Mrs. Goldberg needs 2-4 volunteers to support the evening - there is a Google form to sign up for an hour or two from 6-8pm to bag and make sure purchased art goes home.

Science

The science sign up is open for entries. There are 11 entries so far. All grades are eligible and the projects don't have to be complicated. There will also be a musical component being

planned by Mr. Wong and there will be a performance. The science component will be held in the multipurpose room.

- **6/2 Parent Community Night @ Quincys** - Get to know the RPES parent community for our first (hopefully annual) parent night from 6-8pm on Sunday, June 2nd. The PTA will sponsor hors d'oeuvres and nonalcoholic beverages. A sign up sheet will be sent out so that we can get a good sense of numbers.
- **Week of June 3rd - Annual Book Swap** - Save the date to donate books you've read with your children and no longer need for the annual book swap. Each child will have an opportunity to get a new gently used book and then each child has an opportunity to get a new book. We will need volunteers to help run the event.
- **6/7 Ice Cream Social** - The PTA will host the final event of the year, an ice cream social where students, parents and staff can celebrate a successful year on Friday, June 7th at the end of school. More details will be coming soon. We will also be announcing the staff person of the year and school retirements.

Fundraising:

Spiritwear is offering free shipping this week to stock up on Ritchie Park gear and support your school.

Board Recruitment

We are still looking for volunteers to round out the PTA board including the critical Treasurer role. The time allocations are manageable and many of our parents work full time jobs. Please contact Amy Haddad at amyhaddad28@gmail.com.

Tibbs Updates

- **Retirements** - Mrs. Gramzinski and Mrs. Threefoot are both retiring. We are thankful for their years of service at RPES.
- **Teacher Ratios** - Mrs. Tibbs is still looking at final enrollment numbers to determine the number of teachers per grade. Grades must have 30 students to justify a new teacher.
- **Parent Input Surveys** are coming out this week for parents to give feedback to help shape the classes for the next school year.

- **Principal Winter Updates** - Principal Winters is still on leave and there are still no updates from the county as to if/when he will return. Mrs. Tibbs will remain as Acting Principal and is available for parents and the community for outreach.