

Dear RES Teachers & Staff,

We hope you all had a restorative summer with family and friends. We are excited to welcome you back with bagels, coffee, and a chalked walk on 8/25!

Membership

Benefits of being a PTA member are not limited to parents and families! We encourage teacher and staff participation at our events and meetings. Teachers, Staff and their families are welcome to attend the **Family Fun Day welcome back event at RES** on September 6th from 11:00-2:00PM. The event features inflatables, face painting, food trucks, games, and more.

Become a member using this link: Membership

Classrooms with 100% PTA membership (parents and staff) will be awarded a \$200 grant for the classroom. The first class to reach 100% PTA membership will also win a special prize! Last year we hosted a movie for the winning classroom- this year we want to know from teachers what YOU would want to win as a class! Email ideas to respta4kids@gmail.com

Staff Grants

Our Staff Grant program is still open! Apply by 8/25 using the form linked here: <u>Staff Grants 2025-2026</u>. Staff grants require PTA membership. You do not need to be a teacher to be a PTA member!

We also consider grants throughout the school year. To submit a grant request outside of our annual grant program, simply email the PTA at respta4kids@gmail.com with a description of what is needed and why, as well as a link to purchase. The RES PTA executive board makes all decisions on grants as a team, and the same guidelines as the annual program apply.

Silent Auction

Our silent auction is our largest fundraiser of the year. The funds raised through the silent auction allow us to fund and support numerous programs and activities, including staff grants, academic assemblies, author visits, enrichment programs, and much more. Some of our most successful auction items are unique experiences with RES teachers and staff*. If you're interested in donating your time to one of our Silent Auction experiences, please email us!

*Previous examples of RES experiences include lunch with a staff member, pickleball lessons, after-school crafts, soccer training, making the morning announcements, holiday crafts, etc.

2025-2026 PTA Calendar

Our new Google calendar can be <u>viewed here</u>. The google calendar is updated frequently, so check there for our activities!

Spirit Wear

RES Spirit Wear is available to purchase at our <u>online store</u>. RES Teachers and Staff receive a **10% discount** on all items using code: **STAFF10** at checkout.

Meetings and Communication

Our first meeting is September 10th at 8:30AM in the staff lounge.

Staff are always welcome to attend our meetings, but we know that morning meeting time is tough! To accommodate staff and families who want to attend our meetings in person we are hosting four evening meetings at New Pond Farm Education Center. These meetings will feature programming for kids during the meeting and end with an opportunity for attendees to chat and mingle.

We want to hear from you! If you have an idea, want to present on a topic at a meeting, have an idea for enrichment- let us know!

Visit our website at www.resctpta.org, and email us at respta4kids@gmail.com





Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another tremendous and successful year!

Regards,

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