

RFIS PTO Newsletter



September 2022

Welcome Back!!

Getting to know your PTO

Welcome to the start of the 2022-2023 school year at RFIS. The PTO is a partnership with our students, parents/families and faculty. We work hard to raise money so that kids and teachers are well supported and appreciated throughout the year. The fundraisers that you support allow us the opportunity to provide those benefits to the RFIS community. Each time you attend one of our dine outs, purchase from our fundraisers, or attend our events, you are helping us bring the most that we can for our students and teachers. Our RFIS families are the connection that bring us together as a community and reinforce the support that our students and teachers feel. We want to thank you for your support and look forward to serving you this year. Please do what you can to support us when you can and if you can. Feel free to reach out to us anytime. There are many ways to help. We hope to make this an amazing 2022-2023 school year for everyone!

We've got lots of fun lined up for everyone this year so stay tuned.

Meet your RFIS 2022-2023 Team

Kristen Boyce, President
Jen Wyatt, Vice President
Robin Krog, 6th Grade Treasurer
Susan Reznak, 5th Grade Treasurer
Crystal Sliva, Secretary
Michele Deremer, 6th Grade Liaison
Josh Jones, 5th Grade Liaison
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MEET THE PTO

Your PTO President, *Kristen Boyce*

I would like to introduce you to our dedicated PTO President, Kristen Boyce. She is not only a wife of 28 years, but also a mother of 4. Wow! She has been involved in the FRSD community since 2006 when her oldest started Kindergarten at Robert Hunter. Kristen has been an integral part of PTOs for many years and served two years on the Robert Hunter PTO Board and last year as 5th Grade Liaison on the RFIS Board. You can find Kristen at many FRSD Committee meetings, Superintendent roundtables, Board of Education meetings, and Strategic Planning tables to name a few. She and her family have also been an integral part of Cubscouts and Boyscouts and Kristen recently became Treasurer for the Boyscout Troop. For the past three years, she has been a member of The Hunterdon County Stigma Free Task Force helping to educate about mental health challenges. And if all that volunteering wasn't enough on her plate, Kristen accepted a position as Executive Assistant at the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce this past spring. She is currently working on how to say "NO!" In her free time she enjoys a good book and spending time with her family!

We aren't a success without the community around us! Join us this year in making this an outstanding 2022-2023 year!

Ways to Help

There are many ways to support us throughout the year.
Every little bit helps!

- Support the PTO by **making a donation** via Venmo - **@RFISPTO** (business account) or by check payable to RFIS PTO



- Attend our public **PTO Meetings at 7pm** via Zoom!



- October 12th
- January 11th
- March 8th
- May 10th

- Sign-up to volunteer (Keep an eye out for our **Sign-up Genius** requests)



- Purchase **RFIS gear and swag** at www.readingflemingspiritwear.com



- Free Shipping 9/16-10/03

- Follow us on our **Facebook** pages



- [@RFIS PTO - Flemington, NJ](#);
- [@RFIS Class of 2030](#) (5th Grade 2022-23);
- [@RFIS 6th Graders - 2022/2023](#)
(send us some 👍 & ❤️ to increase reach!)

- Scan receipts for **Box Tops** <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



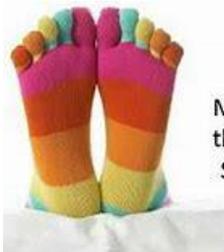
It's super easy to download the Box Tops app, register with your email address, designate Reading Fleming Intermediate School PTO Inc. then scan grocery, Costco, BJ's, etc. receipts – the app scans the relevant items and credits the PTO! Easy!

- **Don't forget** if your company offers matching for your donations, that we are considered a non-profit organization and have a tax ID that we could share so you can double each of your donations to us. **Contact us** at rfispto1@gmail.com if we can help coordinate the matching donation.

- Designate **RFIS PTO** in your **amazon** [AmazonSmile account](#)



In your account, go to Account and Lists; Your Account; select Amazon Smile, and search for, then select Reading Fleming Intermediate School PTO Inc. A percentage of your purchase will be credited to the PTO! Super Easy!



Do You Match?

Many companies will match their employees' donations. See if you can double your donation now!



Upcoming Fundraisers

Help us kick-off the year with a good start

PTO Annual Fund Drive

The Importance of Financially Supporting the RFIS PTO – why should you?

The **top reason** to support the PTO is to benefit **your child**, the school and your community.

You don't *have to* volunteer (though we welcome you any time - many hands make light work)!

Our PTO donates thousands of dollars each year to our school to support **school enhancements**, **educational enrichments**, and **teacher supplies and appreciation**, and we need **your help**!

Please send your tax-deductible donation **via Venmo @RFISPTO** (business account) or by **check payable to RFIS PTO**!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



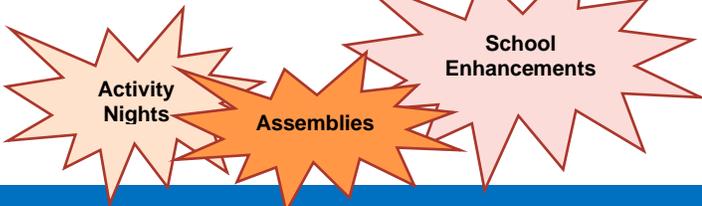
Support our Upcoming Dine Outs

Dine outs are local fundraisers that support a local business and our school when you dine out or use their business on a dine out day.

We have the following upcoming Dine outs that we hope that you will participate in. RFIS PTO gets a portion of every dollar you spend at this local business on our Dine out day.

So mark your calendars and don't miss them.....

- **September 14th – Rita's**
- **October 12th –Jersey Mike's**



Upcoming Fundraisers Continued....

Meadow Farms Fundraiser

Meadow Farms is a fundraising vendor that offers our families anything from home goods to goodies and treats, and so much more. We will be sending brochures and links in the coming weeks so keep your eyes out for them. You can begin checking out the online store at www.meadowfarms.com Sale Kicks off **September 26th and runs through October 10th**. We hope you and your family will help us raise as much we can with this fundraiser.

Any questions about the fundraiser, please contact

Meadow Farms Fundraising
"helping our youth in fundraising"

Susannah Arnold (hersheyhug@gmail.com)

Fall Book Fair



Our fall book fair will run **October 3rd through the 7th**. Your children will attend the fair in school, as well as receive flyers for featured and advertised books. You can begin checking them out in anticipation of our sale.

<https://www.scholastic.com/>

For any questions, please feel free to contact Tara Decker taragalluccio@yahoo.com

Duck Donuts – Halloween Spirit

We have a special fundraiser supporting Duck Donuts and our affection for all things Halloween. Keep your eye out for our special flyer and featured donut set going on sale **October 14th**



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreaths across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember the Fallen, Honor those who Serve and Teach our children the value of Freedom is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. This year RFIS will be helping to REMEMBER and HONOR our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. [Click here for details](#) on sponsoring remembrance wreaths and volunteering. Take an opportunity to honor someone you know and love, someone's memory, or teach your children about honoring our troops.

Save the date for the ceremony on **December 17th 12pm** at St. Magdalen's Cemetery

Upcoming Fundraisers COMING SOON....

Maddalena's Cheesecake Sale – COMING SOON!

Get your appetites ready for some cheesecake!!!! We will be selling cheesecakes for the December holiday season. Sales will begin in **November**, so keep your eyes and your bellies ready for details. Don't go to grandma's without one!



Parents Night Out– COMING SOON!

Stay tuned for upcoming nights to leave the kids home and join us for holiday crafts, a drink, and some good fun!. We will be planning a few “night out” events for you this year. We hope that you join us. Details coming soon!



Upcoming Events....

Mark your calendars

Welcome Back Social



We will have our annual "Welcome Back" social, **Friday September 16th @ 6 to 7PM**. We hope that you will join us to catch-up with old friends, make some new friends, and enjoy iced-cold popsicles, as we welcome our students back to school.

We can't wait to see everyone again! Mark your calendar for **September 16th**.

Back to School Night



Back to School Night is an opportunity for parents and teachers to get to know one another, check out the school and discuss what is expected of the students. This is an event that **PARENTS ONLY** are invited to. Mark your calendar for **September 21st @ 6 o 9PM**.

Annual RFIS Walk-A-Thon



Our annual walk-a-thon is an event where the students walk to help us raise funds, and get some fresh air. We hope that you can support us and the students as we energize for our annual walk-a-thon on **October 25th (rain date 10/26)**

6th Grade Activity Night

The 6th Grade Activity night is a night of fun, freedom and friends. As our 6th graders come together in a Halloween themed night with music, activities, dancing, games, and treats. If you have a 6th grader, save the date of **Friday October 14th**. Details forthcoming. And 5th graders, we haven't forgotten you. We have an activity night just for you. Your event will be in the spring. Details will be shared closer to the time.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

We hope to see you there.....

September

- 9/14 Rita's Dine Out
- 9/16 Welcome Back Social 6:00pm to 7:00pm (rain date 9/23)
- 9/21 Back-to-School night
- Wreaths Across America Sale ongoing
- 9/26 Meadow Farms Fundraiser begins

October

- 10/3 Book Fair begins (ends 10/7)
- 10/10 Meadow Farms sale ends
- 10/12 Jersey Mike's Dine Out
- 10/12 @ 7PM PTO General Public Meeting (via zoom)
- 10/14 6th Grade Activity Night
- 10/14 Duck Dounut sale begin
- 10/21 Duck Donuts sale end
- 10/25 (rain date 10/26) Walk-a-thon
- 10/28 Duck Donuts order pick-ups

November

- 11/7 Maddalena's Cheesecake sale begins
- 11/14 Holiday Hands begins (United Way)
- 11/18 Maddalena's Cheesecake sale ends (delivery in December)