



From the Foundation

Hello everyone, and welcome to the vibrant Spring edition of our newsletter! As the days lengthen and nature bursts forth in a symphony of color, we at RPSEF are thrilled to share the exciting growth and enriching experiences your generous support has made possible this past quarter. From the captivating performances at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, where young minds were ignited by the magic of live theater, to the fascinating world of creepy crawlies explored at Insectropolis the Bug Museum in Toms River, and the delightful melodies of the Young Audience program, Musiquita, your contributions have truly blossomed into impactful educational opportunities for our students here in Roosevelt! Join us as we delve into the highlights of these inspiring journeys and celebrate the power of art and science education in nurturing the next generation. Thank you for your continued support!

-RPSEF Trustees



K & 1st Grade students excitedly engage in hands-on exploration with insects at Insectropolis, NJ's Bugseum.

From seed to bloom, learning grows at RPS!

The bugseum of NJ, Insectropolis, provided an opportunity for K-1st graders to spark curiosity and a love for nature, stimulating scientific thinking and their observation skills while learning about life cycles, habitats, adaptations, and ecosystems. Understanding the importance of insects' roles (pollination, breaking down waste, food source for other animals) helps students recognize the importance of these amazing creatures, dispels myths about them, and instills compassion for all living beings.

K-3 students ventured to New Brunswick to experience a live theatrical production "Under the Moon- a Peter Pan Retelling". This experience

encourages active engagement from students with them analyzing characters and plots while also interpreting non-verbal communication, such as actors' expressions, gestures, movements, and body language.



All RPS students experienced the live performance from Young Audiences "Musiquita".

Broadening musical knowledge and cultural awareness

this bilingual and interactive educational music experience had students up and dancing with enthusiasm.

Rounding out the performance arts experiences all students participated in a School House



Hooky Day with Visiting Artist Marjorie Tafel teaching students acting and improv skills. Students thought creatively and

this kind of "outside the box" activity encourages students to create solutions, think creatively, and develop their imaginative responses.

Grant Updates & Fundraiser Updates

Through generous donations and teacher inspiration the following grants were approved:

- Visiting Artist Program (Grades PreK through 5th): May- Acting & Improv Skills
- 2nd Grade: Autobiography Books
- 2nd & 3rd Grades: bowling buddy trip
- Panera & Kyle Farm Ice Cream Fundraisers raised over \$400- thank you for your support!!
- Litter pickup earned \$200- thank you!