

# From the Foundation

The school year is well underway and the students at RPS are busy learning, exploring, and growing as young learners. The opportunities provided by the foundation enhance our students' learning experiences and encourage learning beyond the classroom walls!

The school year started with exciting experiences for RPS students and staff. Class trips, a growing garden with a new water system, a recycling program in the works and more classroom supplies all will benefit RPS students immensely thanks to donor generosity and support. Foundation Trustees, RPS students and staff deeply appreciate your investment in the education of Roosevelt students!

-RPSEF Trustees



**Left:** K & 1st Grade students visited Von Thun's Country Farm **Right:** Students get close to the animals in a safe environment

# Fall trips- an outdoor learning experience

This fall students have had the opportunity to attend field trips that enhance their knowledge of how farms operate. Where and how food grows, how animals interact, and the importance of bees are just a few of the experiences. The Pre-K class ventured off to the Red Wagon Farm- the class loved the petting zoo, hayride, and corn maze. They learned about birds, piglets, and llamas. Students were very excited that they had time to play in a corn pit- this type of sensory activity is a fun tactile experience for children of all ages!

The Kindergarten and 1st grade class enjoyed a trip to Von Thun's Country Farm where students met farmers, got up close with the barnyard animals and learned all about the importance of bees and how they help our food grow. Students were buzzing with excitement about the experience. Visiting a farm and seeing where our fruits, vegetables, and meat come from help students develop a deeper appreciation of nature and animals.

### **Grant Updates**

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

- Visiting Artist Program (Grades PreK through 5th)
  \*October: Tai Chi
  - \*November: Drawing techniques
  - \*December: Clay work
- Skydome Planetarium Mobile School Assembly (PreK-5)
- Jenkinson's Aquarium (K-1)
- School gardening water system
- Novel sets for reading resource

# **Our Mission**

The mission of the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) is to support the students and staff of the Roosevelt Public School (RPS) by providing programs, equipment, training, and other resources that will support the mission of the school in educating our children to be independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators, and lifelong learners. We cannot do this without the generous support of our donors- we thank you for your continued dedication!

# Fundraiser Updates/ Stay Tuned

- Litter pickup earned \$200
- Stefan Martin Prints available for purchase by email or through our website <u>www.rpsef.org</u>
- Please consider donating to RPSEF. We are a 501(C)(3) charity- see our website for more information
- December 2024 Look for information concerning our End of Year Appeal



Students learn Tai Chi, the ancient art of deliberate flowing motions in the first VAP of the school year.