



❄️ Hello from the Foundation!

As the ice and frost settle across our community this chilly winter we at RPSEF are delighted to share the warmth of generosity that poured in during our end-of-year-appeal and recent fundraisers! We are so thankful for your commitment to helping us enrich the educational opportunities of our students. We raised nearly \$6,000 dollars during our appeal and your participation in our Perkins and chocolate fundraiser helped us to earn roughly \$400 more. Thank you for your continued support! And despite the cold temperatures, innovative experiences and educational discoveries are **HEATING UP** at RPS as a result of recently funded grants- read on to learn how your contributions are impacting the lives of the students in our community!

❄️ Underwater Discovery at Jenkinson's Aquarium

Our K & 1st graders went on a sea of change as they traded



the classroom for the boardwalk during an immersive trip to Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant! This grant provided a hands-on exploration of marine biology, allowing students to observe diverse aquatic ecosystems and learn the vital importance of ocean conservation firsthand. Always a popular trip, students got an up-close look at the lives of seals, sharks, sting rays,

penguins, and so many more.

❄️ Physics in Motion: The "Give and Take Jugglers"

While the laughter was loud, the learning was profound! This Young Audiences performance utilized the "Give and Take" philosophy to demonstrate the laws of motion, gravity, and centrifugal force. The foundation funded a high-energy performance that wasn't just entertainment; it was a lesson in physics, coordination, and the persistence required to master a complex skill, all delivered through the joy of the circus arts. The jugglers claim their favorite three words are "I did it" thus encouraging students to embrace a "growth mindset" – the idea that mastery comes from repeated failure and persistence. The presentation

successfully integrated STEM concepts with Social-Emotional Learning, proving that resilience is just as important as technical skill.

❄️ Mentorship and History at Allaire Village

The "Class Buddy" trip to The Historic Village at Allaire was a dual-purpose initiative. Students traveled back in time to the 1830s and toured the historic blacksmith and carpenter shops getting a glimpse into how people accomplished tasks almost 200 years ago. The grant funded trip also promoted peer



mentorship: pairing older and younger students, fosters cross-grade collaboration. Older students practiced leadership, while younger students gained confidence and a sense of belonging within the school community.

❄️ New Clubs Provide Agency & Leadership

Grant funded clubs focus on providing opportunities outside the standard bell schedule. **Student Council** has embraced a "Service and Spirit" model, members are learning civic responsibility, fundraising, and project management. **Theater Club** provides a sanctuary for collaborative problem-solving. Students are learning the "4 Cs" of 21st-century education: Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity. **Sports Club** was tailored specifically for our primary learners, focusing on physical literacy and gross motor development. The club uses team-based play to help 1st and 2nd graders master spatial awareness and fundamental movement skills. Beyond the physical, it allows students to practice pro-social behaviors – learning how to follow multi-step directions, taking turns, and navigating the emotional highs and lows of winning and losing with grace.

❄️ Honoring a Visionary

On behalf of the students whose lives you have touched we would like to thank **Mary Tulloss** for her visionary leadership and 12 year tenure as president of RPSEF. From the foundation's inception in 2013 through 2025 Mary served as president and vanguard- ensuring a generation of scholars had opportunities that would not have existed without her commitment and leadership. We are profoundly grateful for her passion, her persistence, and the indelible mark she left on our community. Thank you Mary!