



🌸 Springing Into Action!

Welcome to the Spring edition of the RPSEF newsletter! Flowers are blooming and our classrooms are equally vibrant with creativity and discovery. As we embrace the season of buds and growth we are thrilled with the growth in our gardens and in the minds of our RPS students. Thanks to your generosity we've had a busy few months turning grant proposals into blooming "aha" moments.

✅ Completed Grant Activities

The Creepy-Crawly Discoveries: What is spring time without the bugs?! Our K and 1st grade explorers took a trip to Insectopolis in Toms River, NJ. They got hands on at the "bug museum" and learned about the vital role insects play in our ecosystem.



Young Authors: The 2nd grade class officially became published authors! Each student wrote and illustrated their own autobiography presented in

a hardbound class book. These keepsakes capture their unique stories and artistic talents in a professional format.

Visiting Artist Program: Our halls and school grounds have been transformed by the presence of four incredible professionals:

Chris MacKinnon

(Potter): Guided students through the tactile world of clay and form.

Alia Bensilman

(Watercolorist): Taught the delicate techniques of lights and pigment.

Amelie Petrillo (Sidewalk Painter): Brightened our campus with temporary and permanent installations-including new four-square and hop-scotch boards. A special shout-out to our 5th graders for creating their own dragon paw prints leading into the school!



Victoria Estok (Sound Mapping):

Opened student ears to the music of the environment, teaching students how to listen to and map sounds of their world.

📅 Coming Soon: Upcoming Grants

More fun before the school year ends! We have two "Buddy Trips" on the horizon to wrap up another year of building a positive school culture and fostering mentorship and community:

- **Strikes and Spares:** A trip to Hamilton Lanes bowling alley for some friendly teambuilding and cross-grade partnerships that also sharpen math and social skills.
- **Sweet Rewards:** A visit to Lee Turkey Farm for strawberry picking and observational science experiences- where the fruit and friendships couldn't be any sweeter!

❤️ Heartfelt Thanks

We are incredibly grateful for this caring community. Opportunities like these are only possible because of your active participation. We could not do this without our donors and supporters!

We also want to thank everyone who:

- Supported our recent Scotto's Fundraiser!
- Rolled up their sleeves for the Litter Pick-Up to keep our town pristine.

👤 Join the Team: Social Media Volunteer

Are you a pro at posts? A wizard with reels? We are looking for a new member to manage our social media account. We need a creative volunteer to help share our stories and keep the community informed on what's happening through the foundation. It is a low-time commitment way to help make a high-impact difference for our kids! See the flyer for more information!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW BOARD MEMBER TO MANAGE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!



Would you like to join as a volunteer?

Activities include:

- Meet once a month virtually
- Review teacher grant requests
- Fundraising activities
- Manage social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram)

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