



From the Foundation

Congratulations to the RPS 5th Grade Class of 2024! We wish you the best as you continue your education in a new environment. We hope the foundation you received at RPS guides you towards your successful futures!

Spring blossomed with exciting experiences for RPS students and staff. Class trips, a growing garden, a new recycling program, 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! We wish all RPS students, staff, and families a safe and relaxing summer break.

-RPSEF Trustees



*Left: K & 1st Grade students visited Insectropolis in Toms River
Right: RPS's Library received 54 new books for its collection.*

Flexible Seating Grant

"This past school year I have had the privilege to incorporate flexible seating with support from the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation. As the new special education teacher for the building, I was eager to share my positive experience with this approach. Flexible seating supports different learning styles in the classroom and fosters student choice, comfort, and engagement. For example, I offer students the choice of working on a yoga ball, wobble stool, standing desk, stool, or stationary bike. Providing students with several seating options during the day gives them the autonomy to choose the best spot to help them learn. All options allow for movement, flexibility, and ownership of their learning space. It is important for students to feel that the classroom is more than just the teacher's space but theirs as well. I am extremely grateful to the RPSEF for this grant and look forward to utilizing these resources to benefit all students' needs in the classroom." -Megan McMichael, Special Education Teacher



Above: Flexible seating allows for various learning setting options.

RPS Garden/Cooking Club Grant

"Teaching is a gift of the heart. There aren't many professions that can plant a seed, cultivate it, and watch it grow to produce wonderful things. This is what happens at RPS, in and out of the classroom. We are fortunate that our school garden provides our students the ability to support academic achievement, develop a healthy lifestyle, sustain their environment, and help them develop a sense of community. Just like teaching, gardening requires patience, problem-solving, and perseverance. However, there is a bonus to what our students are experiencing, it is the joy of cooking what we harvest. When the third through fifth grade students sign up for the garden/cooking club they get to experience all the pleasure that comes with tending to our garden. This year, the students have made and created their own salad dressing, enjoyed butternut squash in a variety of ways, baked cookies and experimented with seeds. This club has an outstanding community member who volunteers his time to help our children develop a lifelong hobby, Mr. Stephen Taylor. With the generous funding from RPSEF, we have raised herb beds that add flavor and spice to the program. I extend my heartfelt thanks to RPSEF for their invaluable support and belief in the vision of this project. Together, we provided the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and contribute towards building a healthier, more sustainable future." -Donna Gazzani, 3rd Grade Teacher



*Left: An extended Pollinator Garden with new plantings.
Right: New cooking supplies to make delicious smoothies.*

Grant Updates

- Visiting Artist Program (Grades PreK through 5th)
 - *March: Marcelo Melamed, Woodworking
 - *April: Drawing & Tracing
- RPS Library welcomed 54 new books
- 4th grade classroom installed a world map
- 2nd grade 11 blank books for autobiography projects
- 2nd grade 11 bound books for class yearbook
- Garden/Cooking Club planted new pollinator garden plants & purchased new kitchen supplies
- School Recycling & Composting program managed by the 5th grade safety patrol welcomes new containers
- 4th grade trip to NJ State House & Old Barracks Museum, Trenton, NJ
- K & 1st grade annual trip to Insectropolis, Toms River
- 2nd & 3rd grade buddy trip to bowling alley

Fundraiser Updates

- T.G.I. Friday's RPSEF Fundraiser: \$221.38
- Roosevelt Litter Pick Up Day: \$200.00
- Stefan Martin Prints available for purchase by email