



RPSEF NEWSLETTER

FROM THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation wishes to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible generosity of our amazing community members during our End-Of-Year Fundraiser. Thanks to your unwavering support, we have received donations totaling \$6,100! Your kindness and dedication to our cause means the World to us. With your donations, we will continue our mission of supporting RPS teachers and providing exciting learning opportunities for our RPS students. Your contribution will have a lasting impact on the lives of RPS students, inspiring them to reach for the stars, and to achieve their dreams. We invite you to stay connected with us on social media and our website, and to keep an eye out for our newsletters, which follow the wonderful journey that your generous donations have set in motion. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of RPS students.

-RPSEF Trustees



Left: Creating window displays with VAP, Marissa Petrillo.

Right: Storytelling and music with VAP, David Brahinsky.

GRANT UPDATES

Through generous donations, the following grants were approved between 10/10/23-2/13/24

- **Visiting Artist Program (VAP):** Grades PreK through 5th
November: Ellen Silverman, Artist (2nd session)
January: Marissa Petrillo, Window Decorator
February: David Brahinsky, Musician, Singer, Storyteller
- **Jenkinson's Aquarium,** Point Pleasant: K & 1st
- **"The Boy Who Cried Wolf"** play at State Theater
New Jersey, New Brunswick: K, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd



Left: Fish Tank at Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant.

Right: "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" at State Theater NJ, New Brunswick.

IN SCHOOL GRANTS IN ACTION

How lucky are the RPS Dragons to have received grants for both the Little Free Library and The RPS Dragon Pals writing program?! Our LFL is located in the lobby of our school, and provides students of all grades the opportunity to peruse and choose various book titles. The motto is "Take a book. Share a book." Students can visit the LFL during indoor recess, with their class, or when they have the opportunity to during the day. There are a variety of titles to choose from. LFL encourages and instills a joy for reading at an early age that will continue as the students get older.

RPS Dragon Pals letter writing program is available for students grades PreK-5th, and it includes staff as well. This program assists in teaching students the importance of writing a letter and addressing an envelope. Students practice these skills by writing friendly letters to other students or teachers in the school. It helps students gain confidence and motivates them to pick up a pencil and write. This program has been met with such enthusiasm! Students become excited when it is time to write a letter.

Both programs are different ways in which we promote engagement and growth in the student. They also cultivate a sense of community and camaraderie amongst the students that will hopefully carry into the future. We appreciate the Foundation for their hard work and for facilitating these initiatives.

-Stacey Fusella, RPS 1st Grade Teacher



Above: Little Free Library

Above: RPS Dragon Pals Mail

EVENT RECAP

- **December 2023 End Of Year Appeal Donations:** \$6,100
- **Stefan Martin Fundraiser:** 48/70 prints sold raised \$4,800 thus far! 22 prints are still available for \$100.00 per print. Email rpsefdn@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing a print.

STAY TUNED

- **Thursday, March 21st, 2024 12:00pm - 10:00pm:**
T.G.I.Friday's, 319 Route 130 North, East Windsor
20% of all sales will be donated to RPSEF
A flyer will be sent home with students, posted on our website, and posted on our Facebook. Join us on this half day of school for a great cause, our students!
- **Saturday, April 20th, 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm:**
2024 Roosevelt Borough Clean-Communities Clean-Up Meet at Borough Hall and mention RPSEF.