



# Robbie's Report



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### Join our PTO

#### Facebook Group

"Robinson Park School PTO"

Get the most up to date information and friendly reminders for school activities.

### What's the PTO working on in December?

Robinson Park School is proud to support the Agawam Junior Women's Club with the "Holiday Basket Project" and the US Marine Corps with the "Toys for Tots" toy drive. We ask families of RPS to join us in the season of giving and donate stuffing and new toys to support these wonderful organizations that provide food and toys to those in need. Later this month, Santa will be visiting each classroom to drop off items on each teacher's "wish list" to help make each student's classroom experience more enjoyable.

We would like to wish all of the families and friends of our Robinson Park School community the happiest of holidays! We hope that you enjoy the holiday season and the winter break and we look forward to seeing you again after the New Year!

The December PTO meeting has been cancelled! We'll see you at our next PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30pm in the RPS library!!

### RPS Eagle Leaders

Eagle Leaders are elected by their peers to represent the RPS student body. This election takes place typically along with a government or local election and follows a curriculum based on that process. The students who choose to run are required to make "VOTE FOR ME" posters as well as a speech as to why they would be the best candidate to run for the position. Some of the responsibilities of an Eagle Leader are to attend a monthly meeting, volunteer throughout the day at various events...such as escorting staff's family to their seats at the holiday concert or helping the younger kids in gym class. They need to be students who live the RPS way: Responsible, Polite and Safe at all times and just be an overall good role model. Congratulations to the following students for being voted by their peers to represent the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class of 2019 at Robinson Park School.

★ Derek Waddell – Rm. 15

★ Scarlett Estes – Rm. 19

★ Dominic Manes – Rm. 16

★ Emma Hart – Rm. 20

### Mark Your Calendars

Important December Dates to Remember...

- December 5 (Wednesday): ½ Day of school for students, 12:20pm dismissal
- December 12 (Wednesday): PTO Meeting, CANCELLED
- December 14 (Friday): Report Cards Issued
- December 21 (Friday): ½ Day of school, 12:20pm dismissal
- December 24-January 1: Christmas Break – No school

Looking Ahead into January...

- January 1 (Tuesday): New Year's Day – no school
- January 2 (Wednesday): School is open
- January 9 (Wednesday): PTO Meeting, 6:30pm in the library
- January 18 (Friday): ½ Day of school for students, 12:20pm dismissal
- January 21 (Monday): Martin Luther King Day – No school

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Holiday Concert

We would like to invite you to join the 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Robinson and Phelps on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm in the Junior High auditorium for their annual Holiday Concert led by Mr. Paul Sawyer. The students will be performing and then the audience will be invited to sing along to some of our favorite holiday classics at the end of the night. Come join us for a fun night out with family and friends!

### Stuffing Donations

We will be collecting boxed or bagged stuffing donations to support the Agawam Junior Women's Club "Holiday Basket Project". Each year, the AJWC puts together holiday baskets and delivers them to Agawam families and seniors in need. Each school in the Agawam district is asked to donate one food for the basket. RPS's food is stuffing. Please drop off your stuffing donations at the school by **Friday, December 14**. The baskets will be delivered to the receiving families before Christmas.



What's in next month's issue of Robbie's Report?

- Help us fill the RPS recess toy box
- Staying healthy through flu season
- What are "Classroom Buddies"
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Tile Project
- Save the date for the RPS Techno Trot

### Alternate Lunches Month of December

Week of Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Wow butter and fluff or yogurt pack  
Week of Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Grilled cheese or yogurt pack  
Week of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Deluxe Salad or Sandwich of the day  
Week of Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: N/A – school vacation



Gr. 4 student, Dominic Manes pictured with Fire Chief Alan Sirois and Mr. Bernier. Dominic recently won a contest to name a new fire engine with his entry, The Red Raptor

### A message from Mr. Bernier

As we enter the Holiday season, there are so many things happening at RPS to be excited about! The week of Dec. 3 is Inclusive Schools Week, where various activities will take place that focus on inclusivity and unity. We also have our Season of Giving and Sharing, where our Eagle Leaders will take charge of encouraging classmates to donate toys or stuffing to those who are in need. Our staff will feast on two pot luck lunches in December, days that I certainly look forward to! There will be the smell of gingerbread in the air, as Gr. 2 and Gr. 4 will build gingerbread houses. Gr. 4 will perform an excellent Holiday concert at AJHS. Santa will visit RPS, and we will have an all-school sing-a-long. The main office will be decorated, and there may even be Christmas music playing in my office, if anyone wants to pay me a visit! I believe that sharing special moments and events with the RPS community, and helping those in need are great ways to build Holiday spirit. Best wishes to the RPS community during this Holiday season, and a Happy New Year!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Ornament Sale

The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class has been very busy making homemade Christmas ornaments that will be on display, and for sale, November 30-December 10. All proceeds from the sales of these ornaments will go to purchase new toys for the Toys for Tots toy drive. Last year, we collected almost \$500 from the sales of these ornaments and were able to purchase 2 bikes, 2 scooters, and countless toys to donate! We are so thankful for the generosity of the families in our RPS community and appreciate your help!

### Toys for Tots Toy Drive

RPS will be supporting the US Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" campaign. We try to collect as many toys as possible. Please drop off any new, unused, and unwrapped toys by **Wednesday, December 12**. There is a toy collection bin inside the main doors of the school.



### Gingerbread Houses at School

During the month of December, Grades 2 and 4 create a special school memory ~ making a real gingerbread house with a loved one in the classroom! Both grades complete a month long literature unit that includes reading different versions of the Gingerbread Man story, comparing and contrasting story elements, discussing character traits, and sequencing story events! Grade 4 students write their own version of the story told from the Gingerbread Man's point of view. They also use pretend money to buy their gingerbread supplies for their special house building day! Grade 2 students create crafty disguises for the Gingerbread Man and then write a descriptive paragraph about the disguises. They also try to persuade the fox to feast on a different snack! A ton of fun is had by all!

### School Cancellations and Delays

Sign up to receive real time text alerts for school closings or delays. Go to [www.wwlp.com/text-alerts](http://www.wwlp.com/text-alerts). Fill out the form (mobile number, name, e-mail address), then in the WWLPCLOSINGS box type "Agawam Public Schools". When Agawam schools are closed or delayed you will get a text message to let you know! School closings will also be communicated by the major Network TV stations, on-line, and this information will be posted on the RPS PTO Facebook Page and the Agawam Public Schools Facebook Page.



### Ways to Help Robinson Park School...

- Collect and send in Box Tops for Education.
- We collect aluminum can tabs to donate to Shriner's hospital.
- Save your coke tops and send them in or enter your codes at <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> to donate money to RPS.
- Register your Stop&Shop card in the A+ School Rewards program.
- Register your Big Y card in the Education Express program.
- Amazon: Start at Smile.Amazon.com. Choose Robinson Park School PTO as your charitable organization and start shopping as you would on your regular Amazon account.
- Clean out your closets and donate your unwanted clothing in the donation bin located behind the school.



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