



# Robbie's Report



The Robinson Park School PTO Newsletter  
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## What's the PTO working on in November?

The PTO has been very busy this month! There are several people working very hard to bring the students and their families some really fun events in the upcoming months. In order to get the funding for these events though, we need to host fundraisers. We completed our main fundraiser in October. In November, you will be getting information about our bake sale fundraiser, our wreath fundraiser, and our gift card fundraiser.

There are some really cool events planned for November! We will be offering a free Ice Cream Social for our students and their families! Come out and join us for some yummy ice cream while visiting with some of your friends. The Scholastic Book Fair will be at RPS the week of November 26-30 and will be open for shopping the night of the Ice Cream Social.

It's never too early to plan for events later on in the year! Our Enrichment Program chairs have been busy researching science shows, bird demonstrations, marionettes, zoo animals, and other cool programs to bring to our school in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information!

Join us at our next PTO Meeting on Wednesday, November 14 @ 6:30pm in the library!

## PTO Officers

### President

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### PTO Facebook Group

Robinson Park School PTO

## Mark Your Calendars

Important November Dates to Remember...

- November 1 (Thursday): 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Family Luncheon – 11:10am
- November 6 (Tuesday): District PD Day – No School (Election Day)
- November 6 (Tuesday): RPS Bake Sale
- November 8 (Thursday): Kindergarten Family Luncheon – 11:10am
- November 9 (Friday): Picture Re-Takes
- November 12 (Monday): Veterans Day – No School
- November 14 (Wednesday): PTO Meeting, 6:30pm in the library
- November 21 (Wednesday): ½ Day of school, 12:20pm dismissal
- November 22 & 23 (Thursday/Friday): Thanksgiving Recess – No School
- November 30 (Friday): Ice Cream Social and Book Fair
- November 30 (Friday): Wreath Pick Up

Looking Ahead into December...

- December 5 (Wednesday): ½ Day of school for students, 12:20pm dismissal
- December 12 (Wednesday): PTO Meeting, 6:30pm in the library
- December 14 (Friday): Report Cards Issued
- December 21 (Friday): ½ Day of school, 12:20pm dismissal
- December 24-January 1: Christmas Break – No school

### Regular School Hours

9:00am: School begins

9:05am: Tardy bell

3:25pm: Dismissal

### Car Line Drop Off

8:40am – 8:55am

### Car Line Pick Up

3:25pm - 3:40pm

## Gift Card Fundraiser

Do you have gift cards on your holiday shopping list? If so, choose from merchants on our gift card fundraiser list. These businesses will donate a percentage of all gift card sales from our fundraiser back to our school. It's super easy! You fill out the form for the gift cards that you would like and we'll drive around town collecting them for you. Any questions – contact Kristie Luke at [klucky.love@gmail.com](mailto:klucky.love@gmail.com).

## RPS Bake Sale

On Election Day (Nov. 6), Robinson Park School will host a bake sale fundraiser. We are looking for baked good donations that can be sold at the bake sale. If you are interested in donating something for the sale, or helping with the booth during the sale, please contact Aleks Wrobel [aleksawrobel@gmail.com](mailto:aleksawrobel@gmail.com). You can bake at home, buy from the store, or donate your time to help at the booth during the sale. Items needed: cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, breads, chocolate treats, fruit, water, etc. All items will be "make a donation" and not priced individually.

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

- Toys for Tots toy drive
- Stuffing donations
- Santa visits the classrooms
- Christmas Break
- Save the date for the Techno Trot 5K
- School cancellations and delays

### Alternate Lunches Month of November

Week of Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>: Grilled cheese or yogurt pack  
Week of Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>: Deluxe Salad or Sandwich of the day  
Week of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>: Wow butter and fluff or yogurt pack  
Week of Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>: Grilled cheese or yogurt pack



### Principal's picture of the month



### A message from Mr. Bernier

As we enter November, my favorite month of the year, it is important to remember what we are thankful for in our lives. Being thankful, whether for something you have or for something that someone has done for you makes one feel happier and more complete. I would like to take this opportunity to let the RPS community know how thankful I am for everything and everyone that makes our school so amazing! I am thankful for our students and for the kindness and enthusiasm they show day in and day out. I am thankful for the RPS staff, who go above and beyond to make sure our students learn in a comfortable and supportive environment. I am thankful for the parents at RPS. Your love and support for your children shows in them every day. Lastly, I am thankful that I am the principal here. I could not ask for a better school in which to lead!

### Ice Cream Social



RPS will be offering an Ice Cream Social to our students and their families on the evening of Friday, November 30. Come hang out with your friends and enjoy some ice cream with some of your favorite toppings! This event is free and sponsored by the RPS PTO. More information will come home with the students.

### Scholastic Book Fair

RPS will be hosting a Book Fair during the week of November 26-30. Students will be able to shop at the book fair during their normal library time. More information about the Book Fair will come home with the students later this month. The Book Fair will also be open to all guests during the Ice Cream Social on the evening of November 30. Please feel free to stop in and shop for some of your favorite books to take home!

### Mayflower Marathon Food Donations

RPS will be participating in Mayflower Marathon which is an event to benefit the Open Pantry Community Services of Western Massachusetts. Mr. Heney will be coordinating a non-perishable food donation collection. More details will be sent home this month. If you would like to donate, please drop off your non-perishable food items in the designated area inside the school. For more information about this organization, go to [www.openpantry.org](http://www.openpantry.org).

### The Library is in need of volunteers...



The library is looking for classroom volunteers for Rooms 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 17, and 20. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to volunteer in our library. This consists of putting away books and assisting classrooms with checkout. Please email Mrs. Laudato ([flaudato@agawamed.org](mailto:flaudato@agawamed.org)) if you are interested. All volunteers will be required to complete a CORI background check form and the Volunteer Orientation program.

### Wreath Fundraiser



RPS will be selling fresh wreaths. We were only able to get 100 wreaths so if you would like one, please get your orders in early. The order forms went home with your children last week. Please fill them out and return to the school if you would like one. These wreaths will be available plain or with a decorative homemade holiday bow. For any questions, please contact Kristie Luke ([klucky.love@gmail.com](mailto:klucky.love@gmail.com)).

### 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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