



Robbie's Report



The Robinson Park School PTO Newsletter
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Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

The Robinson Park PTO would like to welcome you to a new school year. We are a volunteer organization made up of parents and teachers dedicated to the successful education of our children. Our goals are to create a family-friendly atmosphere and to assist the teachers and students by providing enrichment programs for the school.

We are looking forward to meeting families, parents, and grandparents that would like to get involved with our PTO this school year. Whether you have 30 minutes, or a couple of hours, day or evening, we appreciate your ideas, your time, and your talents. Please feel free to reach out to us in person, by phone, email, or on our Facebook page.

The PTO will meet once a month to discuss events, plan fundraisers, and to share ideas. All parents may join the PTO and are encouraged to attend our meetings. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Robinson Park library.

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| ☉ October 10 | ☉ January 9 | ☉ April 10 |
| ☉ November 14 | ☉ February 13 | ☉ May 8 |
| ☉ December 12 | ☉ March 13 | |

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Robinson Park School PTO

Mark Your Calendars

Important October Dates to Remember...

- October 18 (Thursday): 2nd Grade Family Luncheon – 11:10am
- October 20 (Saturday): Trunk or Treat 2:00pm-3:30pm in the RPS back parking lot
- October 25 (Thursday): ½ day of school, 12:20pm dismissal
- October 25 (Thursday): Parent/Teacher Conferences

Looking Ahead into November...

- November 1 (Thursday): 1st 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

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

Change of Dismissal...

It is very important that if your child is changing how they are going home from school, that you put it **in writing** and put it in your child's backpack. Alternatively, you can send an e-mail to your child's teacher and to Mrs. Chris in the office tchrisanthopoulos@agawamed.org. If we don't hear from you, then your child will be sent home in their usual way.

Reporting your child absent from school...

If you know that your child will be absent ahead of time, you can write a note to your child's teacher and they will give it to Mrs. Chris. If the absence is unexpected, you can call the school office phone at 413-821-0582 to report your student being out.

A detailed description of the Agawam School Attendance Policy can be found on page 4 of the Agawam Public Schools Code of Conduct book.

What's coming next month...

- A message from Mr. Bernier
- Bake Sale
- Gift Card Fundraiser
- Ice Cream Social
- Book Fair
- Fresh Wreath Fundraiser

Alternate Lunches Month of October

- Week of Oct. 8th : Grilled cheese or yogurt pack
- Week of Oct. 15th : Deluxe Salad or Sandwich of the day
- Week of Oct. 22nd : Wow butter and fluff or yogurt pack
- Week of Oct. 29th : Grilled cheese or yogurt pack



Important Drop-Off Reminder

If you are dropping your child off in the car line, please be sure to drop them off in the back of the school between 8:40am and 8:55am. This year's car line is very long so it is greatly appreciated if you can drop them and leave as quickly as possible to keep the line moving so all students can get to their classrooms on time.

If your child is eating breakfast at the school, you can drop them off in the front of the building at 8:30am. If you arrive after 8:40am, please join the car line at the back of the building for drop-off, as our buses need the front of the building to drop off the children. Thank you!

Family Luncheons

This is an event that the children absolutely love! It is a chance to enjoy eating lunch with your child at school. Please arrive to the school by 11:00am. The family luncheon will take place from 11:10am to 11:40am. Grab your lunch, choose a seat, and enjoy!

- October 4: 4th Grade
- October 11: 3rd Grade
- October 18: 2nd Grade
- November 1: 1st Grade
- November 8: Kindergarten



Welcome New Staff Members...

- Mrs. Karen Albano - Lead Teacher
- Mrs. Julie DePalma - Paraprofessional, Room 8
- Mrs. Felicity Laudato - New Library Media Assistant (not new to the school)
- Mrs. Linda Lenston - Paraprofessional, Room 21
- Mrs. Vanessa Maloney - Paraprofessional, Room 21
- Mrs. Stephanie Robinson - Art Teacher
- Mrs. Jill Simpson - New Enrichment Coach (not new to the school)
- Mrs. Angela Tirone - Special Education Teacher
- Mrs. Christine Weyer - Permanent Building Substitute
- Mrs. Stephanie Woodard - Paraprofessional, Title 1

CORI Checks Needed for ALL Volunteers

All volunteers are required to complete a CORI Check through the Agawam Public Schools. If you have not completed a CORI check, or your CORI Check has expired, please stop by the Superintendent's Office, located at 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Their office is open Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm. Please bring your driver's license with you.

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 20

Back Parking lot of RPS from 2:00-3:30pm



This is open to all RPS students and their siblings. It's a great event that allows the kids to Trick-or-Treat in a family-friendly and safe environment. Bring your kids to the school between 2:00pm and 3:30pm (this is a change from previous years) to visit each of the decorated trunks in the parking lot to collect a treat from each. Don't forget to fill out the form and return it with your child to school if you are planning to attend. This helps to be prepared with enough treats for each child. Also, it's not too late if you would like to volunteer to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids! If you are interested, please contact Julie Vooyoys as soon as possible at julievooyoys@yahoo.com or call/text at 413-636-2294.

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.



Do you want something added to next month's newsletter? If so, please contact Sarah Brittain at sarahbrittain12@gmail.com.