

ROSA LEE CARTER ELEMENTARY PTO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

Dear RLC PTO Members,

It is hard to believe we are half way through the school year already! The PTO has several large events planned for the second half of the year to include STEM Night (Feb), March Madness Faculty Game (March) and Bollywood (April). We encourage all our member families to volunteer at a



minimum of 2 hours throughout the school year for a PTO event or initiative. While this volunteer minimum

is not a requirement to be a member, we hope that you will consider donating some of your time to make the second half of our year a success!

~The RLC PTO Board

SAVE THE DATE

February

Feb 9: Family STEM Night, 6pm

Feb 13: IHOP Spirit Night

March

Mar 12: PTO General Meeting, 7pm

Mar 16: March Madness Faculty Game, 6pm (at RRHS)

Mar 20: Burger 21 Spirit Night

STAR WARS STEM NIGHT

Our Rosa Lee Carter Family STEM night is on Friday, February 9th from 6-8:00 pm. This is a **FREE** event open to families who wish to explore different Star Wars themed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities. Families can also explore our collaboration lab in the library to see items we purchased with fundraising money.



We ask that families who wish to attend this event RSVP on the PTO website so we may plan for materials. We are also asking for certain recyclables for activities. More information is available on the PTO website at www.rlcpto.org.

CALLING NOMINEES

The PTO is seeking parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time as an elected PTO Board Member. The PTO Nomination committee will be sending a **call for nominations** during the the month of **February**. We ask that if you have a desire to make an impact on RLC and the mission of our PTO to please consider stepping up to run for an elected position. An email will be sent to all PTO members with details of the nomination process.

#1 COYOTE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our volunteer of the month for February is **Paula Araujo!** Paula has taken over the important task of collecting, counting and submitting all our box tops this year. She has done an amazing job making sure the box top drives each semester are successful! A huge thank you to Paula for all her hard work and dedication to our school community!

VA MATH LEAGUE

RLC PTO is providing the opportunity again this year to participate in the Virginia Math League contest. The contest is open to any RLC 4th and 5th grade student interested in exploring competition math. The VML contest covers basic 4th and 5th grade math topics and challenges students to show their understanding of basic principles through numerical and word problems that encourage an open, flexible approach to problem solving. The contest will be held April 16th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at RLC. Registration will be open from February 15th - March 31st. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/rlcpto-vml> Any questions regarding VML can be directed to Shalini Pochiraju at Shalini@Pochiraju.org.

PTO DOLLARS AT WORK

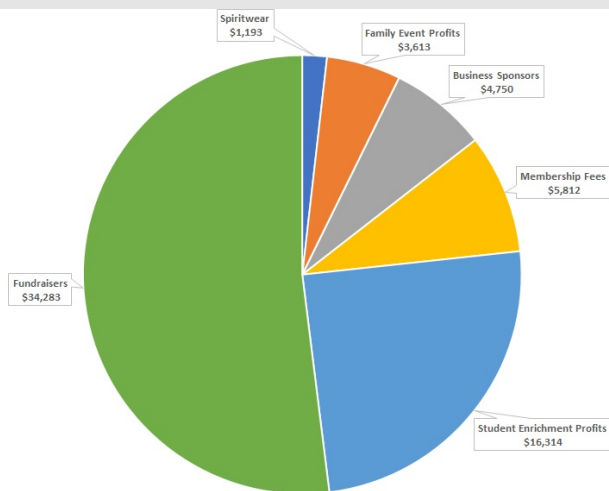
The RLC PTO is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide our school with funds, programs, resources and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child. In order to support this mission, the PTO Board along with the school administration define each school year a budget outlining the planned expenses and projected income for the PTO. Our budget focuses on funding many of the programs and initiatives that are desired by our school, but unfortunately are not supported by the budget of the Loudoun County School Board.

As identified in the PTO budget that can be found on our PTO website (www.rlcpto.org), to support these programs and initiatives we must raise tens of thousands of dollars. In order to have the required funds to support our budget we conduct fundraisers (to include a membership drive), hold family friendly events and offer enrichment opportunities throughout the entire school year. We also have sought donations from area businesses to supplement our fundraising efforts. The chart provided to the bottom left, 'How is the PTO Funded?' provides a snapshot of the major sources of funding for this school year.

The funds raised are utilized to realize the items for which we have budgeted to include technology, free family events, staff appreciation, general operating expenses and donations to other non-profits. The 'Where do PTO Funds Go?' chart to the right below captures the major categories of expenditures for this school year.

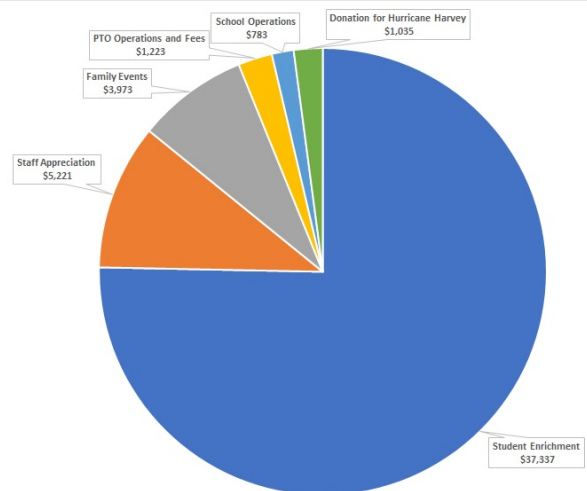
We appreciate all the support that our community has offered to obtain the funds required to meet our budgetary goals. Your continued support will ensure the PTO's success in fulfilling the needs of RLC in the future.

How is the PTO funded?



Note: The categories displayed represent major sources of funding. See the PTO website for RLC Financial Report details.

Where do PTO funds go?



Note: The categories above represent major expenditures. See the PTO website for RLC Financial Report details.

BOX TOPS



We are in full swing for our winter Box Tops drive! Every student who submits at least 10 box tops will be eligible for a drawing to win a **\$5 gift card to Five Below**. We will have 3 lucky winners. In addition, the class who submits the most Box Tops will win a popsicle party.

***Please submit the box tops in a clear bag with the student and teacher name.**

***Check to see if they are expired before you turn it in.**

CHAIRS NEEDED

We are **seeking committee members** for various events and initiatives. Our spring schedule is full of events such as **March Madness, Bollywood** and our **Outdoor Classroom** planning. Please contact Jessica Behlke, our VP of Events, at jessicabehlke@rlcpto.org if you are interested in serving as a volunteer on one of these committees

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