

ROSA LEE CARTER ELEMENTARY PTO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

Dear RLC PTO Members,

Happy New Year!! We hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing Winter Break. The PTO closed out the year with a bang! We had a successful Movie Night where we collected non-perishables for Loudoun's Mobile Hope. Mobile Hope was extremely grateful to the RLC Community for all the food that was donated. At our annual Snowflake Shop our



RLC students proved to be proficient holiday shoppers. The shop raised significant funds that the PTO will use for school needs and activities. Moving into the

year new despite the fact that the cold weather is upon us, we have still a lot of fun and exciting activities planned for the coming months. Please be on the look out for communications from us seeking volunteer help. We hope that all of you have a great start to 2018!

~The RLC PTO Board

SAVE THE DATE

January

Jan 8: PTO General Mtg, 7:00 p.m.

Jan 20: RLC Ice Skate, 3:40 p.m.

Jan 23: Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night

February

Feb 9: Family STEM Night, 6:00 p.m.

Feb 13: IHOP Spirit Night

JOIN US FOR FAMILY STEM NIGHT



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Save the date for our annual STEM Family Night on Friday, February 9th. We are changing the format of the Family Science Night this year and making it an evening for the whole family to enjoy. The staff at

RLC along with volunteers will be organizing activities that engage our students in educational STEM related learning experiences. This event will be sponsored by your PTO and our sponsors. Admission will be FREE for all RLC families. More information will be available on our RLC PTO website in the coming weeks.

PTO BYLAWS AND ROLES FOR REVIEW

The PTO Board has spent a significant amount of time reviewing and updating the RLC PTO Bylaws document that was last adopted in 2014. The goal of the updated bylaws are to provide clearer and more concise policies and guidelines to which the RLC PTO as a whole should adhere. Additionally, a new Roles and Responsibilities document was established to better define the roles of each Executive Board Member and key PTO volunteer positions. In order for the amended bylaw document to be adopted as well as the induction of the roles document, a vote must be conducted to seek approval by RLC PTO members. The vote will be conducted via email over a 3-day period beginning Friday, January 5th. Copies of the updated bylaw and roles documents, as well as the 2014 version can be found on the RLC PTO website for review.

#1 COYOTE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our volunteers for this month are our wonderful After School Activity Team. We want to thank our coordinator, **Manoj Behera** and our Liaisons, **Deepika Josyula**, **Monica Ranjit**, and **Tusi Pal**. They have volunteered numerous hours to coordinate and organize engaging and educational after school activities that our children love. We are so thankful for their time and dedication to our school community.

ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

The PTO Board is seeking up to three RLC parents/guardians to serve as volunteers on an accounting committee. This will be a newly formed committee whose purpose is to assist the PTO Treasurer in ensuring that the PTO is in good financial standing in preparation for our annual audit. Members will be required to review with the PTO Treasurer twice during the school year (e.g. Jan/Feb and May/Jun) the financial details of the PTO. The committee will serve as advisors to the Treasurer on financial processes, but will not serve as decision makers for how PTO finances will be handled.

Members of the Accounting Committee must be current paying PTO members. Ideally, the volunteers would have accounting or financial experience, but not a requirement. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this committee should send an email to Sarath Kolla at president@rlcpto.org with your contact information. If selected, the position will be for the remainder of this school year.

FLOWER SALE

A Valentine's Day Carnation Sale will take place in February to help raise money for the 5th grade promotion party. Parents can purchase carnations for their student/teacher/staff and children can purchase carnations for teacher/staff and other students. The cost of the carnations will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. A flyer and order form will be provided mid January.



Start thinking about those special individuals to who you want to show your appreciation!

RLC ICE SKATE EVENT



Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the RLC Ice Skating Event sponsored by the 5th grade promotion committee. The event will be at the Ashburn Ice House on January 20th, 3:40-4:40 pm. Enjoy ice skating, a fully stocked hot chocolate bar, and an exciting silent auction.

Tickets are \$11 per skater advanced sale and can be purchased on the Events tab of the PTO website (www.rlcpto.org). Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 per skater (CASH ONLY will be accepted at the

event for tickets and concessions). A ticket includes the hour skate and rentals. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. The skate is for the hour block only, so please arrive prior to the start to ensure you have time to get your skate rentals. All proceeds support the 5th grade promotion party.

Volunteer opportunities will be available for this event for 5th grade parents only. Please note, that during the promotion party, parents can only attend if they are volunteering at the event. Those coveted volunteer spots will go to parents who have helped with planning throughout the year, so consider working at the Ice Skating event. If you have any questions, please reach out

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad is a friendly competition designed for students in grades 3-5 to experience Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Virginia Science Olympiad Division A is a sister organization to the Virginia Science Olympiad (VASO). It is a great introduction to middle school (Division B) and high-school (Division C) Science Olympiad programs. The VASO-A program provides an introduction for students into the fields of science - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy etc. - in a fun way through experimentation. It also encourages team work, planning, presentation and creativity.

VASO-A comprises of three event categories - Study Events (10 Events), Building Events (8 Events) and Team Events (3 Events). Each event in a given category has a limit of team size and number of teams from a school. For example, the Building Event 'Enigma Engineering' has a limit of maximum 3 teams with a team size of 2 students from a school. The actual competition is a one day tournament. The top 10 performing pairs of students in each event earn medals.

The maximum team size from Rosa Lee Carter would be 45 students. The registration for Science Olympiad will open in early January. Further information about the Science Olympiad can be found on RLC PTO website.

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