



Monday, April 19, 2021

Dear RPSA Families,

FIRST EVER PTO WALK-A-THON!

WHAT: This year, in lieu of our annual carnival and raffle fundraiser, the Rams PTO is holding our first ever socially distanced walk-a-thon! This will be a fun event to motivate us to get active outside and enjoy springtime weather, all while supporting the RPSA community.

When: April 23rd-25th: Walk-A-Thon, April 30th: All Pledge money due to RPSA

Where: Be Creative and Safe! Use your local parks, your stairs, your yard or driveway!

Why: This is a PTO fundraiser to raise funds for classrooms, staff, and families.

Families should have received the Walk-A-Thon flyer and pledge sheet last week both in print and through Seesaw. If you are in need of additional pledge sheets or did not receive the full flyer, please let us know and we will send home another. Here is a list of area parks that would make wonderful locations for your walks. Lace up those walking shoes and enjoy the great outdoors.

County and City Map Links

- [Mt. Pleasant Parks And Recreation Parks](#)
- [Deerfield Nature Park](#)
- [Meridian Park](#)
- [Chippewa Watershed Conservatory](#)

SPECIAL THANKS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT

Families knocked it out of the park assisting with drop off and pick up when we returned from spring break. Not only did we add 50+ cars every morning and afternoon, but the township threw us a loop and decided to start road construction. Now we need to keep following the procedures so everyone is kept safe.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS IN MIND THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:

- Do not enter the parking lot before 3:15. This includes arriving at 3:13 and parking in the drive. It simply is not allowable and those who arrive early will be required to turn around and return AFTER 3:15.
- Do not enter the parking lot through the exit. We have students using the parking lot for recess throughout the day and their safety is our first priority.
- Adults must remain in the loop and in their cars. Please do not park and get out of your car. Our safety plan does not allow adults to walk up to pick up a student.
- **WE NEED ALL CARS TO HAVE THEIR NAME SIGN CLEARLY DISPLAYED AT EVERY PICK UP. If you need a new sign, please let your teacher know and one will be printed. When it rains, only those with signs will be able to pick up their children efficiently.**

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

A team of RPSA staff are working to put the final touches on summer learning opportunities for RPSA students. We will not be offering a daily RAMS Camp again this year. Instead we will be hosting a summer reading program through the library and keeping the library open all summer. We will also host

weekly family activities that families will be able to register to attend. Every activity we host this summer will include books, supplies and activities to continue the learning at home. Our goal is to spark joy every time students come to the school this summer and fill their arms with books each time they leave. More info coming soon.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Bergman
Executive Director, RPSA

ADDITIONAL NOTES INCLUDED IN EACH NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NON-STUDENT DAY - Wednesday, May 12
- MEMORIAL DAY/NO SCHOOL - Monday, May 31
- LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR 20/21 - Thursday, June 10

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS

In cases where your child needs immediate assistance or the matter is confidential, we have set up a phone line specifically to meet those needs. You may contact Mrs. Anderson, our Dean of Students and School Social Worker, by leaving a detailed message at 989-492-8328. Mrs. Anderson will return your call as soon as possible.

NUTRITIONAL NEEDS

Weekly food distribution will take place every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will offer contactless, curbside pick up at the front of the school. We offer a week's worth of food for every student in your family. If you have special needs or are seeking additional nutritional support, do not hesitate to call the school office 989-773-9889. We are ready to support our families to ensure our students are warm and fed so they can learn.