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2022-2024

General PTA Meeting

May 2025

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School

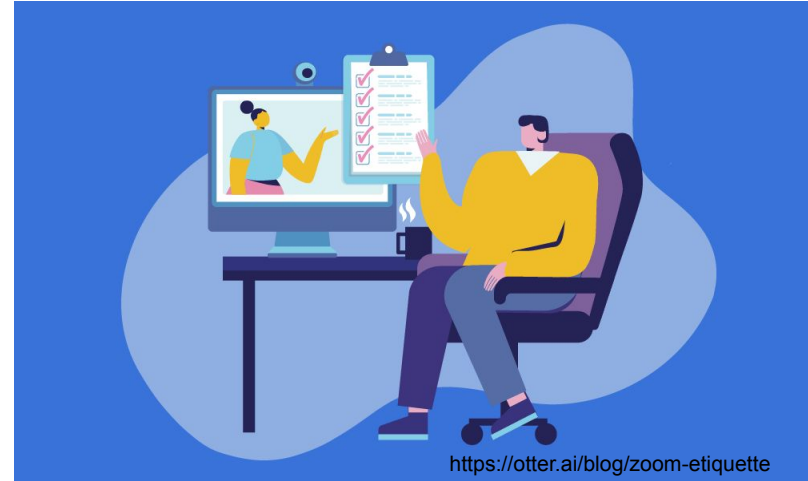
Mrs. Lavina Carrillo
Principal



Ms. Shemeka Ivy
Assistant Principal

Housekeeping

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- Please keep yourself muted at all times.
- For the sake of time, please add questions to the chat.



Who We Are

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- [National PTA](#) → [Free State PTA](#) → [Montgomery County PTA](#) → [RCF PTA](#)
- Volunteer led and run
- National PTA School of Excellence (again!) 2023-2024



Our Mission

- Build and foster a community of committed parents and staff
- Support and enrich our students' education, environment, and social well-being at school
- Encourage learning opportunities at home
- Encourage enrichment opportunities for staff at school
- Raise funds in support of these goals

Year in Review



Hannah Sloss, PTA President

Multicultural Night Success!



Thank you to our wonderful
Multicultural Night team,
without whom this would not be
possible:

Karen Santiago
Anitha Ibrahim
Andria Wilkerson



Meetings



5 PTA Meetings

- September 10, 2024
- December 3, 2024
- February 4, 2025
- April 1, 2025
- May 6, 2025

1 Special Session

- 5th Grade Middle School Progression & Magnet Process

6 Cafecitos

- Finding new ways to engage parents: *Everyone is welcome!*

8 NAACP Meetings

- Working meeting of the Board.

10 Executive Committee Meetings

- Working meeting of the Board.

20+ Meeting with RCF Administrations

- Bi-weekly meeting with RCF Presidents.
- Every other meeting included our NAACP and Cafecito community reps.

Countless Event Planning Meetings

- By chairs and volunteers across all events, programs, and initiatives.

Events & Community Engagement



TINY TIGERS PLAYDATES!

Please join us this summer for some playdates for our newest Rock Creek Forest Tigers! This will be a low-key opportunity to connect with other Kindergarten families.

- Playdate 1: Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Playdate 2: Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Playdate 3: This will be the whole school "Popsicles on the Playground" event currently



Events & Community Engagement

Tiny Tigers Playdate

- 2 Rising Kindergarten Playdates
Summer 2024

2 PTA Engagement Fairs

- Held during Back-to-School Night

Multicultural Night

- Huge community turnout and
engagement!

Movie Nights

- Two nights!

Ready, Tech, Go!

- Community workshop
funded by National PTA grant.

RCF Day @AU Basketball

- Kids attended free!
Thank you Andria Wilkerson

Helped Fund

- Literacy Night
- STEAM Night

Spring Fair

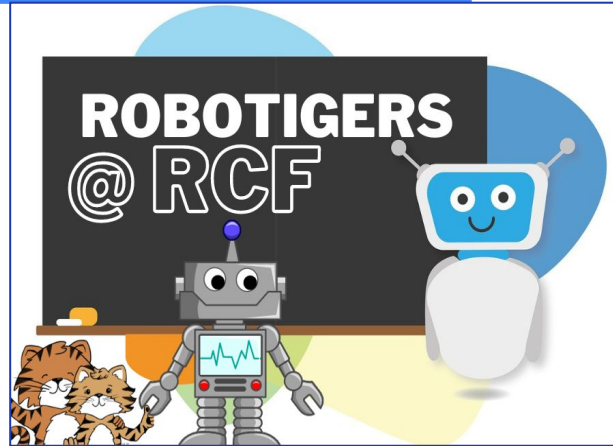
- Coming soon!

Book Swap

- Coming soon!



Programs & Initiatives





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Room Parents (Coordination & Participation)

- Recruitment, training and coordination for over 60 room parents volunteers & 6 GLCs. *Thank you Emily Strunk and team!*

Enrichment Programming

- Solicit and coordinate over a dozen vendors for before and after school enrichment programs. *Thank you Samantha Tuttamore!*

RoboTigers

- For 3rd grade. *Thank you Josh & Jenilee Singer!*

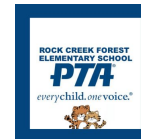
Holiday Drive

- 100+ RCF families supported. So many donations! *Thank you Tiffany Decker and team!*

Black History Month

- Incredible collaboration led by NAACP Rep, school and PTA volunteers for several events and grants. *Thank you Andria Wilkerson and team!*

Fundraisers



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BOSS Kits School Supply Sale

- Provided 125 kits to school.

Spirit Wear

- 6 Pop-Up Shops & 1 Flash Sale. *Thank you Yvette & Ellyn!*

Dine Outs!

- 4 Dine Out! Fundraisers across local eateries. *Thank you Kelly Habig!*

Membership Drive

- All Teachers & Staff FREE

5th Grade Promotion

- Snack Shack, Bake Sales & Bundles
- *Thank you Emily Mallozzi and team!*

Book Fair

- Incredible turnout!
- Gifted over \$5,000 in books to the Media Center and school community.
- *Thank you Kate Rios & Karen Santiago!*

Read-A-Thon

- 13th Annual (we think!) **\$18K Raised!**
- *Thank you Laura Osuri, Shana Jacobs, Daphne Tanouye!*

Sponsorships & Individual donations

- *Thank you, Shana Fajardo!*

Parent-Powered School Events

Fall Festival

- Coordinated chaos and fun!

Recess Volunteers

- Making recess possible 30 minutes at time!

Kindness Parties

- Coordinated chaos and fun!

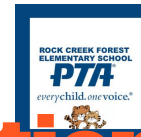
Student of the Month

- Photos, board and awards.

Field Day

- Volunteer Sign-up Coming Soon!





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Communications & Administration

Launched a school-wide WhatsApp Community

- To streamline communication, enabling timely, centralized announcements.
- Established dedicated grade-level and affinity group chats within the Community to support more focused, inclusive, and connected conversations across our school community.

Weekly Bilingual PTA Updates/Newsletter

- Released every Sunday & Tuesday
- Translated into English & Spanish.

Behind the Scenes Administration Support

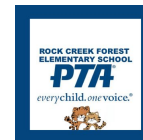
- Website
- All financial requirements and platforms.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

PTA established Teacher Appreciation
WeekSM nearly 40 years ago

**Teacher Appreciation Week 2025:
MAY 5 -9**

THERE IS NO
WRONG WAY
TO **PTA**



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Showing Appreciation All Year Long at RCF!

- + Breakfast and Lunch during In-Service Week
- + Dinners during Back to School nights.
- + Stocked breakroom **ALL** year long.
- + Holiday cookie boxes for all staff.
- + Most room parents organized classroom gifts for the holidays.
- + Working with the school to process supplies requests.

Big thanks to Sunny Widman, Kristi Martinsen, and Tricia Wigden Casella, for leading our wonderful Staff Appreciation Committee.

