



RFIS PTO Newsletter

April 2023

Seeing our kids blossom this spring



April is finally here!!! Welcome Spring, officially!!! Well, the RFIS PTO is ready to finish out the year with a big sprint, so I hope you're still with us as we keep the

momentum going for our kids! We have our BOGO Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation week, Dine out at Bistro 55, RFIS Movie Night, 5th Grade Activity Night, keeping those Color Run registrations coming, and so much more!!! We cannot keep thanking you enough for supporting us and coming out to all that we keep offering for the kids. The support that you've shown makes us so proud to represent your school's PTO. Keep getting your kids involved, volunteer, bring them with you to help, and showing your school spirit through all these great events and socializing opportunities for them. It all makes a difference every time!!

We have a few more months to go and we still have SO MUCH more yet to come. So please join us as we keep the excitement moving these last few months. We want these kids to have a memorable 5th and 6th grade experience. Thank you for your continued commitment to your kids and us. We are ready to finish this year off with many more memories to come!

Meet your RFIS 2022-2023 Team

Kristen Boyce, President
Jen Wyatt, Vice President
Robin Krog, 6th Grade Treasurer
Susan Reznak, 5th Grade Treasurer
Crystal Sliva, Secretary
Michele Deremer, 6th Grade Liaison
Josh Jones, 5th Grade Liaison
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MEET THE PTO Partners

Principal, Dr. Anthony DeMarco

I would like to introduce you to our very own RFIS Principal, Dr. Tony DeMarco

This is Tony DeMarco's seventh year as the principal of RFIS. Prior to being a principal, Tony held positions in FRSD as a vice principal at J.P. Case Middle School, and the supervisor of science and social studies for the district. Before joining FRSD as an administrator, Tony taught middle school social studies (grades 6-8) for ten years.



Tony lives in South Brunswick with his wife Lisa, and their children Leo (10th grade) and Angelina (7th grade). Outside of school and life as a principal, Tony is an active member of Kairos Church in South Brunswick (where Lisa is a pastor), enjoys playing saxophone and bass guitar, and time outdoors caring for the yard and his garden. At this stage of life, a lot of time is spent figuring out family schedules to be able to attend Leo and Angelina's activities which include soccer, volleyball, band, musical theater, and church youth group events.

Tony enjoyed the portion of his career spent as a classroom teacher. One of the best parts of his current job as principal is when he is able to be in classrooms interacting with students and discussing teaching and learning with the staff of RFIS. Tony values the ongoing partnership he has had with the RFIS PTO each year since he has been principal. The PTO generously sponsors events that recognize and support the staff of RFIS, funds activity nights and trips for RFIS students, and organizes gatherings outside of school that allows students to socialize and engage in new experiences. The culture of RFIS would not be the same without the support of the PTO!

Spring into Spring with Us!!

Ways to Help

*There are many ways to support us throughout the year.
Every little bit helps!*

- Support the PTO by **making a donation** via Venmo - **@RFISPTO** (business account) or by check payable to RFIS PTO



- Follow us on our **Facebook** pages

- [@RFIS PTO - Flemington, NJ](#);
- [@RFIS Class of 2030](#) (5th Grade 2022-23);
- [@RFIS 6th Graders - 2022/2023](#)



(send us some 👍 & ❤️ to increase reach!)

Check us out on Instagram now!!!!



RFISPTO @rfispto • Instagram photos and videos

- **\$\$\$\$\$Don't forget** if your company offers matching for your donations, that we are considered a non-profit organization and have a tax ID that we could share so you can double each of your donations to us. **Contact us** at rfispto1@gmail.com if we can help coordinate the matching donation.



Do You Match?

Many companies will match their employees' donations. See if you can double your donation now!

- Attend our public **PTO Meetings at 7pm** via Zoom!



- May 10th
- June 7th

- Purchase **RFIS gear and swag** at www.readingflemingspiritwear.com



- **FREE SHIPPING** 5/26 thru 6/12

- Scan receipts for **Box Tops** <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



It's super easy to download the Box Tops app, register with your email address, designate Reading Fleming Intermediate School PTO Inc. then scan grocery, Costco, BJ's, etc. receipts – the app scans the relevant items and credits the PTO! Easy!

- Sign-up to volunteer (Keep an eye out for our **Sign-up Genius** requests)





Past Fundraisers

Thank you for all your help in March!

Thank you, Dream Dinners!!!!

DREAM DINNERS.

Thank you to all of you who ordered from Dream Dinners. You helped us raise some money for the PTO and took a night off from cooking. It was a win, win for everyone!!!



Past Events

Student Variety Show was a huge success!!! The kids did such a great job!!!! We are so proud of them and so glad that you all came out to support them and the PTO.



Past Events Continued....

Music in our Schools

Thank you for coming out and supporting our local partners in music, the ***Whitehouse Wind Symphony*** and ***The Hunterdon Harmonizers***, and our own student performers from RFIS. It was a really wonderful opportunity for our students and local musical organizations. What a great night had by all!





Fundraiser Events

Your continued support goes a long way!!

HILLSBOROUGH CINEMAS

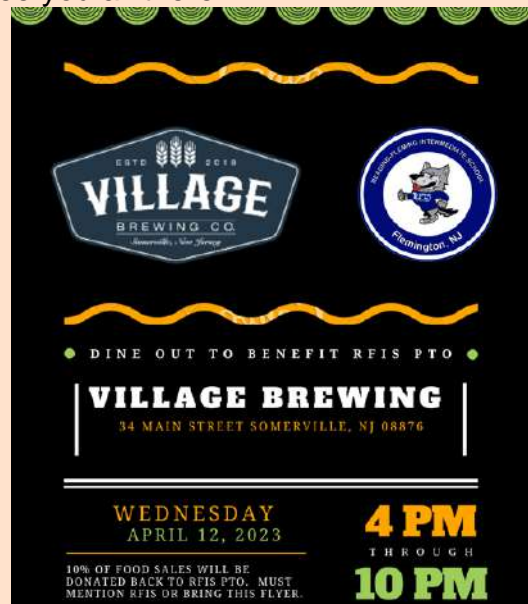
RFIS Night at the Movies on **April 12th @ 7PM** at the Hillsborough Cinemas. Bring your friends, your family and join us for a fun night out at the movies. Tickets are only **\$10**. We make **20% off** all ticket and concession sales, so have a great night out! Sit back, relax with some popcorn and good friends while enjoying **Super Mario Bros!!** You must sign-up in advance here [HERE](#)



Village Brewing Dine Out

On **April 12th** from **4PM-11PM**, come hang out for a bite to eat and a drink at **Village Brewing** in Somerville, NJ. 10% of all food sales will be donated back to the RFIS PTO.

This would be a great event to pair with our RFIS Movie Night above. Have a great night out with the Family or some friends!!! We hope to see you all there!!!



Pair a Night Out at Village Brewing with our RFIS Movie Night for a great night out with the family! It will be a great night out on the town over Spring Break!

Upcoming Events

Week of April 24th is the BOGO Book Fair Week

The PTO will be giving EVERY SINGLE student \$10 toward their BOOK ONLY purchases as a "thank you" to all of our RFIS families!!



We will need volunteers to help run the Book Fair during the day with the teachers. Please join us and help make this year's Book Fair a big success. [Sign up here](#)

Cash and Venmo will also be accepted the day of the fair as well. Click here [It's Book Fair Time!](#)



6th grade field trip

On June 1st the 6th graders will be taking their field trip to Eagle's Landing Day Camp. The kids will get to enjoy the property amenities and have a great time with their friends! Check

out the camp and all the fun the students will get to have. Watch for an email with details on the trip coming soon.

[Eagle's Landing Day Camp – Eagle's Landing Day Camp \(eagleslandingdaycamp.com\)](#)

5th Grade Activity Night

The 5th Grade Activity night is a night of fun, freedom and friends. As our 5th graders come together in a Beach themed night with music, activities, dancing, games, and treats. If you have a 5th grader, save the date of **Friday May 12th**. Details forthcoming.



Week of May 1st is Teacher Appreciation Week



Upcoming Events

Attention Incoming 5th Grade Families

On June 5th we will be hosting the incoming 5th grade orientation. Spread the word to all of the 4th graders that you know. We're excited to show off our school and begin welcoming our new families.



RFIS Family Fun Day at Northlandz



On June 24th we will be planning a Family Fun day at Northlandz. Northlandz will donate 20% from all proceeds of the day to the PTO. Details on tickets **coming soon**.

Upcoming Fundraisers



As a special Father's Day June fundraiser, we will be selling Shammy Shine gift cards. Be on the lookout to grab dad some awesome gift cards so he can get his car all shiny and bright for his special day! **Details coming soon.**



**Spirit Wear
Sale**



Purchase **RFIS** gear and swag at
www.readingflemingspiritwear.com

Free Shipping 5/26 to 6/12



RFIS Yard Sign Sales

Husky Graduation Yard Signs

Congratulations
RFIS Class of 2023!



Good Luck at J.P. Case!

Celebrate your RFIS Husky's move up to J.P. Case with a yard sign. On sale now through **Friday, May 19th. \$20 per sign.**

Signs will be available for pickup Friday, June

2nd from 3:00pm - 6:30 pm at a home near RFIS. The pickup address will be emailed to those that purchase yard signs. Please mark your calendar now.

Thank you for all your support!

Click here or follow the QR code below to pay through Zeffy

Click here to order and pay by Cash, Check or Venmo



Support our Upcoming Dine Outs

Dine outs are local fundraisers that support a local business and our school when you dine out or use their business on a dine out day.

We have the following upcoming Dine out that we hope that you'll check out.

So mark your calendars and don't miss them.....

- **May 12th @ TICP**
- **May 13th @ Bagel Club**
- **June 7th @ Little Egypt Oasis**
Try the Boba tea and rolled ice cream – both are delicious treats!



RFIS Spring Flower Sales



RFIS PTO has partnered with **J&J Landscaping and Garden Center** to bring you a wide variety of spring plant offerings perfect for your yard, flower beds, or even Mother's Day!

Our plant sale is from now until **April 21st**. Plants can be picked up from J&J Landscaping Garden Center on **May 5th – May 7th**. When you pick-up your plants, J&J will also give the PTO an additional **15% off** any purchases that you make that day (excluding Landscaping work).

Order here or via the QR code below to view the images of the plants.

****ORDERS DUE by APRIL 21st****



Upcoming Events Continued....

FRSD Color Fun Run/Walk

You can register via the QR code or [HERE](#)

RFIS is competing for the trophy for the most registrants. Help us win the School Participation Trophy this year. We are currently in 2nd place. Get those registrations in today, RFIS families! Get your friends, family, and neighbors to come join us on **May 21st**.



The poster features a central circular logo with the text "FRSD 5K" at the top and "COLOR FUN RUN / WALK" at the bottom. Inside the circle are cartoon characters: a dolphin, a bear, a raccoon, and a tiger. The background is decorated with large, colorful paint splashes in red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

The Color Run is Back!

May 21st 2023
JP Case Middle School

8:00am Registration
9:30am Race Begins

Event Rain or Shine!

Early bird price (until 4/1):
\$25 for students/teachers
\$30 for adults

Regular Price (after 4/1):
\$30 for students/teachers
\$35 for adults

**Register Early
for a chance to win
local prizes!**

Scan QR Code
to Register



For More Info Visit:
tinyurl.com/FRSDColor

Proceeds will benefit the Parent-Teacher Organizations for: Barley Sheaf, Copper Hill, Francis A. Desmares, Robert Hunter, RFIS & JP Case Schools.

Student Information

Meningococcal Vaccine & Tdap

Required for all incoming sixth graders (current 5th grade class)

Children born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade 6 beginning September 2008 are required to have a Meningococcal vaccine and Tdap vaccine (given no earlier than the 10th birthday).

Please check your child's vaccination status. If you have a physician documented immunization record for either of these vaccines, please forward it to the Reading-Fleming Intermediate School health office - leigh.koch@frsd.us. **These records can be submitted at any time between now and September. Ms. Koch will happily accept them as soon as you have them as it saves her many many follow up phone calls and emails.** If your child does not have these vaccinations, we recommend you schedule an appointment in fifth grade, after their 11th birthday to ensure your sixth grade child is immunized before school opens in September.

Please note: if we do not have this immunization documentation prior to the start of your child's sixth grade school year, your child will be denied entrance to school until these requirements are met.

Support the Student Council....

*Help support our young leaders
with their mission to try and leave
this world better than they found
it.*

Go Green with the
RFIS Student Council

- 1- Collect plastic caps and lids which will be transformed into tables and benches.
Collection boxes are in RFIS classrooms



- 2- Turn off your car when waiting for the bus or at parent-pick-up! Student Council is partnering with Go Hunterdon and learning all about how to keep our air clean

- 3- Use your reusable water bottle at the filling stations! Let's keep our one time use bottles to a minimum.**
- 4- Use a reusable shopping bag!**

ORDER YOUR FRSD REUSABLE BAGS!

Help us protect the environment!

1) Use the QR code to place your order



2) Pay through Venmo Click Business Account @REISPTO



This effort is coordinated by the REIS Student Council. Bags are mailed to each lockerroom for easy delivery!

PTO Community News

2023-2024 RFIS PTO Board Elections



All current 4th & 5th grade parents are invited to run for office on the RFIS PTO Board for the 2023-2024 school year.



Because our kids are only at RFIS for two years, our PTO Board leadership has a higher rate of turn-over than the elementary schools. We rely on the involvement of each year's incoming 5th and 6th grade families to keep the PTO vibrant and strong.

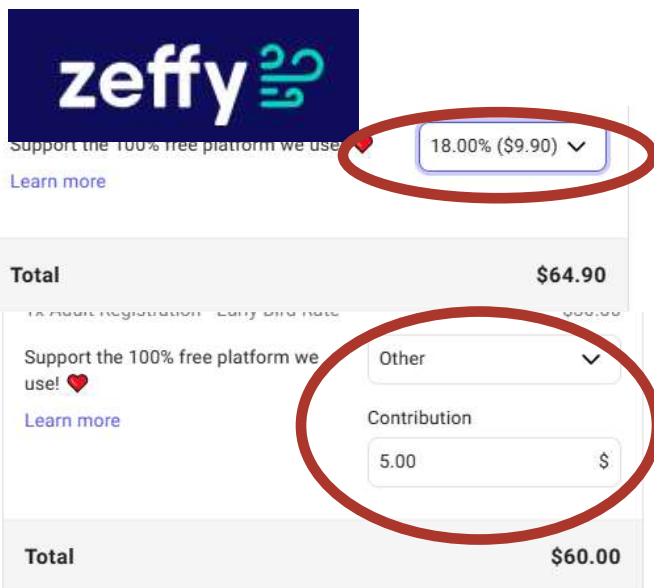
Please consider running for a position on the RFIS PTO Board for the 2023-2024 school year, and voting in our election on June 7th: **President, Vice President, 5th Grade Treasurer, 6th Grade Treasurer, Secretary, 5th Grade Liaison or 6th Grade Liaison.**

You must email your self-nomination by **May 15th** to rfispto1@gmail.com to be placed on the ballot.

There may not be homeroom parents in 5th and 6th grade, but the PTO provides many of the same experiences for teachers and students. We sponsor student activities and assemblies, organize teacher appreciation gifts and events, and work with the school to promote Husky Pride. We look forward to our rising 5th and 6th grade parents' involvement in making great memories for all of our RFIS Huskies!

 With thanks, 2022-2023 RFIS PTO Board 

ATTENTION PARENTS



You have seen that we are using a new platform fundraising site called **Zeffy** for the **Color Run**. This site does not charge us any fees, assists with direct deposits and tying out all of our payments vs. registrants. It's a useful tool for us as a volunteer charity organization.

However, they do try to ask you for a donation to help offset their costs, which appears at the checkout line, which if you're able to support from time to time is much appreciated.

It is an **OPTIONAL** donation though and you can change the donation amount to anything you want in the example attached.

PTO Community News Continued...

Attention 6th Grade Parents

Below is a Message from the JP Case PTO
Get your JP CASE PTO membership in early

Mail your check to

JP Case PTO

301 Case Blvd

Flemington, NJ 08822

PayPal = @JPCasePTO

Zelle = jpcasepto1@gmail.com

Anyone interested in joining the JP Case PTO next year,
get your self nominations in....

J. P. CASE PTO WELCOMES YOU!

All families of incoming 7th
and 8th grade parents are
invited to join the PTO

SUPPORT OUR KIDS, AND JOIN NOW FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR

- Membership dues are \$10 per family (PayPal, Zelle or Check)
- Pay dues now, and be a member until June 2024
- Members can run for PTO Board
- Members can vote in PTO Elections

Email jpcasepto1@gmail.com
with questions

JPC PTO ELECTIONS

JOIN THE PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD

NOMINATION & ELECTION INFO

- Self-nominate by April 30th
- Email jpcasepto1@gmail.com stating the board position
- Elections will be held in May
- Paid PTO members may vote one vote per household

EMAIL [JPCASEPTO1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jpcasepto1@gmail.com) WITH QUESTIONS

PTO Community News Continued....

Be sure to mention the RFIS PTO sent you!!!

GET REWARDED FOR YOUR DRIVER REFERRALS

For every
successful
referral
comes a
great
BONUS!

Help Your
PTA Earn
\$500
EACH

Refer your friends,
previous colleagues and
even your neighbors.



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Call for more information
908-319-7043
jobs@krapfbus.com

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April

- 4/5 Bistro 55 Dine Out
- 4/12 RFIS Movie Night at Hillsborough Cinemas
- 4/12 Brew Night @ Village Brew
- 4/21 J&J Flower Orders DUE BY
- 4/24 week - Book Fair BOGO
- 4/24 Social Studies 5th Grade Field trip to Samuel House (walking)
- 4/25 Social Studies 5th Grade Field trip to Samuel House (walking)
- 4/27 Book Fair – LAST DAY
- 4/30 JP Case PTO Board Self-Nominations DUE

May

- 5/1 6th Grade yard sign sales begin
- 5/1 Social Studies 5th Grade Field trip to Samuel House (walking)
- 5/1 to 5/5 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/2 Social Studies 5th Grade Field trip to Samuel House (walking)
- 5/5 J&J Flower PICK-UP and RFIS Discount DAY
- 5/6 J&J Flower PICK-UP and RFIS Discount DAY
- 5/7 J&J Flower PICK-UP and RFIS Discount DAY
- 5/10 General PTO meeting at 7:00pm (zoom)
- 5/12 Fifth Grade Activity Night
- 5/12 Thee Ice Cream Parlor Dine Out
- 5/13 The Bagel Club Dine Out
- 5/15 RFIS PTO Board Self-Nominations DUE DATE
- 5/19 RFIS Huskie 6th Grade Yard Sign Sale ENDS
- 5/21 – FRSD Fun Color Run/Walk
- 5/26 Spirit wear FREE SHIPPING Begins

June

- 6/1 Sixth Grade Field Trip
- 6/2 Sixth Grade yard sign pick up
- 6/5 Incoming 5th Grader Orientation
- 6/7 RFIS PTO 2023-2024 Board Elections
- 6/7 Little Egypt Dine Out
- 6/8 Field Day (6/9 rain date)
- 6/12 Spiritwear FREE SHIPPING LAST DAY
- 6/24 Northlandz RFIS Family Day