

# Panther Press



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## PTSA

Dear Parents and Teachers

On behalf of the 2011-2012 PTSA, thank you for your membership donations. The students at RMS will benefit from your donation both now and in the future. In times of limited resources, contributions such as yours make an incredible difference in what's available to our students. Your donation resulted in profits of \$15,845.00 that exceeded our goal of \$15,000.00!

Thanks again for your continuous support!

**Reflections** - Congratulations again to the 8 winners from RMS who will be representing Forsyth County schools by moving onto the State level of competition for Reflections!!! The judging will take place by February with the reception to be held in March 2012. Your artwork is amazing!

## Fundraising



Ipod Day on October 7th was a big success thanks to you, raising approximately \$2,803. A portion of the money raised will go toward a "CRCT celebration" on the last day of testing.

Your participation helps us provide YOUR school with what it needs for YOU to achieve academic success and to have FUN along YOUR journey.

**Volunteers** - PTSA would like to say "thank you" again to all the parents who have generously volunteered their time and have made donations. Book Fair, Refreshments for Sneak Peek at the Book Fair and Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6th Grade Spirit Night, Group Photo Day, Turkey Trot, Duty Free Lunch for Teachers and Staff are just to name a few of the events.

RMS is very fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents who are willing to make a difference at RMS. You can join our General Volunteer List (which staffs a variety of events, from dances to the book fair and also makes a variety of donations for many activities) by contacting Suzanne Granger at [grangermom@comcast.net](mailto:grangermom@comcast.net) or see the PTSA page under Parents and Partners on the RMS website for a Sign up form and return the completed form to the office. It is never too late to make a difference!

**Committee Chair Recognition** - Committees at RMS: Membership, Fundraising, CRCT Bags, Reflections, Directory, Book Fair, Hospitality and Appreciation, Honoring our Heroes, Parent Education, Eighth Grade Semi Formal and Eighth Grade Picnic. On Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> the RMS PTSA provided the committee chairs with a special "thank you" breakfast for their time, commitment, and dedication provided for RMS. Each committee chair was also presented with a gift as a token of our appreciation. Once again...We could not make a difference without our volunteers!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**PTSA Parent Education Committee** - Parenting in today's world is confusing, challenging and often very hard work. Remember when your kids were small you had playgroups where you got together with other parents and compared notes? It was a way to check to see if you were in the "norm", ask questions about how to handle things, and sometimes just to vent. *"The Price of Privilege"* by Madeline Levine is an excellent book filled with sage advice and anecdotes for the parents of young teenagers. The preteen and teen version, complete with discussion questions is a first rate read that you might find very helpful. Read more about this book on the website... [www.thepriceofprivilege.com](http://www.thepriceofprivilege.com)

If you would like to purchase a new, hardback *Price of Privilege* book for only \$7.00, please contact Cyntra Gibson at [cyntra@comcast.net](mailto:cyntra@comcast.net) to get your copy. Limited issues are available. Book sales benefit RMS PTSA.

***Please continue to share your ideas***

**Georgia PTA Member Benefit Providers** - **Alliance Theatre** offers a 20% discount on tickets for some events. Tickets must be purchased in groups of six or more. **The Atlanta History Center** offers a 10% discount for new members on Student/Teacher, Individual and Family membership levels. For more information, contact the Atlanta History Center Membership Department at (404) 814-4101. **Chattahoochee Nature Center** offers PTA members a 10% discount off a family membership. Take a nature walk together. **Fernbank** offers PTA members a 10% discount off any level of membership when you present your PTA membership card. **The Southeastern Horticultural Society** has signed a partnership agreement with Georgia PTA to cooperatively develop a program and offer parent and/or student educational activities. **Zoo Atlanta** Membership has extended its educator discounts to Georgia PTA members. Mention Georgia PTA when purchasing a Zoo Atlanta Membership by phone (404.624.5662) or in person to receive \$10 off a companion or family membership. Please note that the discount is not valid for online purchases. The discount also applies to Rare Care Sponsorships made by phone or on grounds. Sponsorship levels and benefits are at [zooatlanta.org/support\\_us\\_rare\\_care.htm](http://zooatlanta.org/support_us_rare_care.htm), and funds raised by Rare Care help support the care and conservation work the zoo provides threatened and endangered species. Learn about interactive field trip programs that are available.

**PTA Members Save 10% at OfficeMax®**

**Save 10% on your next purchase at OfficeMax** - including supplies, furniture, ink & toner and Print Center services. As a PTA member, you now receive exclusive savings at OfficeMax all year long. That means you can stock up on school supplies for the kids, organization essentials and furniture for your home or office, and ink and toner for all your printing needs. Saving is simple: Log on to the [PTA Member Benefits Page](#) and get your online coupon code for purchase on [www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com). And, be sure to pass along this great offer to all of the PTA members you know. Savings will be available throughout the year and always accessible on the [PTA Member Benefits Page](#).

**Honoring Our Heroes** - Riverwatch Middle School has some incredible writers and 244 participated in the PTA writing contest to Honor Their Heroes! Because it was so difficult to select just 1 winner from each grade, the judges decided to recognize a winner and runner up. The winners and their heroes will be invited to a county reception in March. Everyone who participated will receive a certificate and a special yummy treat from Great Harvest Bread Company. Congratulations to all!

6th Grade

Winner – Emily M.

Runner Up – Chris D.

7th Grade

Winner – Kiana K.

Runner Up – Sayuj S.

8th Grade

Winner – Sabrina K.

Runner Up – Debby S.



Special Thank You to **Great Harvest Bread Company** for providing the cookie coupons and to our wonderful judges; Pam Nichols (parent), Amanda Thrower (Media Specialist), Randolph Thrower (Social Studies Teacher), De Ann Yates (PTSA Vice President).

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Calendar —

January 30 <sup>th</sup>	LSC Meeting 9:00 AM 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament Begins
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus to Capitol Angel Training for Parents 10:00 AM Media Center
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Groundhog Day 4-H Club 8:00 AM FLAG 4:15 PM
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	District Honor Band/Chorus
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	District Honor Band/Chorus
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	National School Counselors Week Math Club 8:00 AM Student Forum 8:00 AM
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Tryouts Golf Tryouts
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Post 4 ½ Week Grades Builders Club Meeting 8:00 AM 5K Club 4:30 PM Carnation Sales Begin
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club 4:15 PM Comic Book Creators Club 4:30 PM
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Robotics Team 4:15 PM  6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Valentines Day Dance Oratorical Contest 6:30 PM Media Center
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Student Forum
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Carnations Delivery
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Davison re: High School Transition 9:30 AM Parent Angel Training 6:30 Media Center
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	FLAG 4:15 PM
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Student Holiday/Professional Development Day
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	President's Day/No School
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Inclement Weather Day #1
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday Track Meet at FCHS
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jr. Beta Club 8:15 PM Comic Book Creators Club
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hoops for Heart Robotics Team

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*Proudly Thanks*

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*Partners In Education*

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# Riverwatch Middle School Intramurals



## Spring Intramurals Volleyball & Lacrosse Girls and Boys



Wednesdays & Fridays

7:45-8:30

**Volleyball:** Feb. 8, 10, 15, 22, 29, and Mar. 2, 7 and 9<sup>th</sup>

**Lacrosse:** Mar. 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and Apr. 25, 27, and May 2 and 4<sup>th</sup>

### The purpose of intramurals is:

- ◆ To provide students with an opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational activities.
  - ◆ To increase the students' level of fitness while having fun.
- ◆ To give students a chance to make new friends by working as a team. **The guidelines for intramurals are as follows:**
  - ◆ Students are expected to abide by the school rules and the school dress code.
    - ◆ Students must have a good attitude and display good sportsmanship.
    - ◆ Students are required to dress properly including proper athletic shoes.

Spring Intramurals will begin on **Wednesday, February 8, 2012** in the RMS gym.

Please fill out the form below and **return** it to Mrs. Gill by **Monday, February 6th** to be placed on the intramurals class list.

*Please cut and keep the top portion for your reference*

## Permission Form

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in 2012 Spring Intramurals at Riverwatch Middle School.

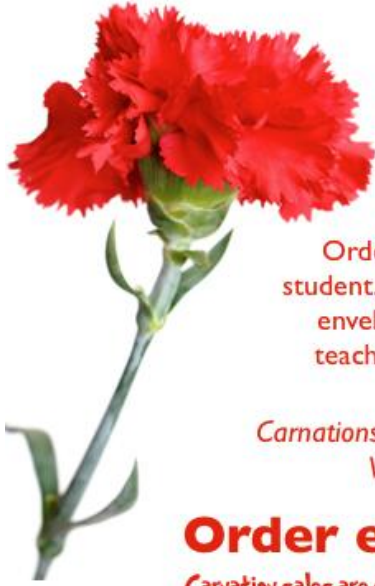
Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Any physical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information and agree to abide by the guidelines for Spring Intramurals.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Pride Time teacher \_\_\_\_\_

# Valentine Carnation Sale

February 8, 9 & 10  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
\$1.50 each



Order a beautiful red carnation with a personal note for your favorite student. Orders are taken in the Rotunda before school, or you can send an envelope with the recipient's name by February 10<sup>th</sup> with \$1.50, PRIDE teacher's name and a greeting. Envelopes will be accepted in the office.

*Carnations with their notes will be delivered during a special PRIDE time on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.*

**Order early! We've sold out every year!**

*Carnation sales are sponsored by RMS Musical Theater's production of Seussical, presented March 8-10*