



# REDEEMER PARENT COUNCIL

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

**Welcome Parents!**

**We can't believe summer is half way through and school will be here soon. We have prepared some information to help you better understand the Parent Council's role at Redeemer and to outline volunteer opportunities. Please find the following in this packet:**

- 1. Parent Council mission statement, key dates & overview**
- 2. Volunteer interest form: includes all the opportunities in one place for your convenience**

**We are grateful for any amount of time you are able to volunteer and hope to see you at the 1<sup>st</sup> parent council meeting of the year, Thursday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Hale auditorium. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill in the volunteer interest form attached and return via email or mail to Jen Rakes (contact information is listed at the top of the interest form). If easier, feel free to return to the school office with your other summer forms.**

**Thank you for choosing Redeemer! We are so excited to have you join our community.**

**Parent Council Chairs:**

**Jen Rakes** (Caroline – 3s)

**Emily Pfeifer** (Bayla – 3s)



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our Parent Council's mission is to support our children's education by bringing faculty and families together through meaningful events and activities.

## CALENDAR of PARENT COUNCIL EVENTS

### Fall Events

Back to School Family Playdate	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 – 5:30pm (Fri)
Parent Wine & Cheese Social	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 – 9:00pm (Fri)
Fall Family Festival	Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> , 10:30am – 1pm (Sat)
Holiday Scholastics order	Oct
Holiday Greens order	Nov

### Winter Events

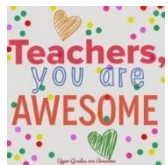
Cookie Baking Project	Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30am-10am (Sat)
Girls Night Out Bingo	Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm (Thurs)
Donuts at the Day School	Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00am (Fri)
Boots for Baltimore Drive	Feb

### Spring Events

Adult Social & Auction	Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm – 10pm (Fri)
Pedal for Pediatrics	Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00am (Fri)
Teacher Appreciation Week	Apr 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 4 <sup>th</sup>
End of Year Family Picnic	May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 pm (Thurs)



**CAN'T WAIT TO GET INVOLVED!!!**  
Learn more about how.....



## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

## TYPE of ACTIVITY ICON

Requires some regular communication ranging from weekly to monthly to quarterly

Emails



Order/  
Collect Items



Errands



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parents per  
class



### Parent Council Class Reps (monthly communication)

Act as a liaison between Parent Council and the parents in your class

- Email correspondence
- Attend monthly meetings (when possible)
- 1 Class collection in the Fall for teacher gifts & auction
- Organize 1 teacher luncheon

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### Community Service Committee (2-3 annual events)

Our community service committee supports several campaigns that benefit the community.

- Develop flyers/communication
- Organize the school community for 2-3 major drives throughout the year
  - **Community Cookie Baking Project** (December)
  - **Boots for Baltimore** coin collection for boots for the homeless (February)
  - **Pedal for Pediatrics** benefits Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology (April)

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### Scholastics (4-5 Drives/Year)

Allows us to order award-winning books at bargain prices. Using our RPDS code, we also earn free books for our classrooms & holiday gifts for our kids.

- Drive book orders via email / flyers
- Place orders & distribute books
- Easy to manage from home/work with a few drop ins to school.

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### Library Scheduling (organize volunteer sign up)

We are so lucky to have a great library for our classes; and rely on parent readers & volunteers to keep it in tip top shape!

- One volunteer manages the weekly sign-up for parent readers.
- Another volunteer manages the sign up for Friday library clean-up.
- Managed via signup genius & email.

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### Box Tops for Education (2-4 Collections/Year)

Box Tops for Education can be found on the packaging of consumer products. They are brought to school by our students throughout the year.

- One volunteer submits box tops collected by our students.
- RPDS earns \$.10 per BT
- Flyers or simple promotional events are organized 2-4x a year to drive collection

## SMALLER EVENTS

## TYPE of ACTIVITY ICON

½ day events (mostly)...plan, shop, execute, then done!

Emails

Order/  
Collect Items

Errands



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### Welcome Committee (2 events in the fall)

Love to throw a good party?! You will plan 2 welcoming events for families & parents of RPDS.

- **Back to School Family Play Date** An afternoon on the playground of popsicles and lemonade for all PDS families (August 25)
- **Parent Wine & Cheese Social** A breezy evening of fun apps & cool beverages enjoyed by the parents and faculty of RPDS. A perfect way to start the year! (September 15)



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### Holiday Greens (Fall planning, ½ day at school)

Fresh holiday greens are sold to spruce up homes for the festive winter season.

- Coordinate pricing and orders with florist at your convenience
- Collect orders from the parents, schedule delivery to RPDS, bundle orders & organize pickup by parents



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per event

### Girls Night Out (1 evening)

Organize a night of Bingo for the moms and RPDS faculty.

- Send flyer, collect RSVPs & plan/shop for apps/drinks
- Coordinate with class reps on basket creations



### Donuts at the Day School (1 morning)

Welcome all the superheroes, dads, grandpas, and super friends to a morning of fun with their RPDS children.

- Send flyer, organize coffee & donuts & hang with all the special guests

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### Teacher Appreciation Week (1<sup>st</sup> week of May)

Plan & coordinate this super fun week to thank our amazing teachers!

- Determine theme of the week!
- Decorate the hallways and teacher doors
- Schedule a special event / treat for each day
- One of the most fun weeks of the year! Parent volunteers will be needed to help.



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### End of Year Picnic (May 10)

Organize simple playground party with the RPDS families!

- Send flyer & pizza order form to families
- Order pizzas and lemonades!
- Set up & Clean up & Have fun!



## MAJOR EVENTS

**One day events that require long-term planning, event coordination and school-wide support.**

**These roles require planning and a team that manages everything including errands, emails and coordinating volunteers.**



### Fall Family Festival

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 10:30am – 1:00pm**

A great event you won't want to miss! This outdoor festival is open to the community with games geared toward children ages 2-7, including food, music and vendors.

Event chairs plan activities/games, secure vendors, purchase food and organize volunteer support. This is a super way to meet and work with parents from the entire school.

**There are so many ways to help:**

- **Parents:** Each class will have a chance to volunteer
- **Teen volunteers:** We will need teen volunteers (earn 3-4 service hours)

### Spring Adult Social & Auction

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 7:00pm – 10:00pm**

Join RPDS parents, teachers and friends for a fun night out as well as an opportunity to raise funds for the school. This is our BIG annual event, and it never disappoints! Great food, drinks, raffles and auction items make this a "must attend" event.

Event chairs bring this night to life by organizing the caterer and beverages while working with our local community & family donors for the "must win" prizes.

**There are so many ways to help:**

- **Parents:** There will be plenty of opportunities to contribute: help decorate for the party, donate auction items, come and party with your friends!

This event truly makes a difference: your attendance and donations raise funds for major enhancements to our school facilities and programs.

Thank you RPDS families!