Message from the PTSA President!

On behalf of the Roberto Clemente Middle School PTSA, I welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. I am honored to be serving as your PTSA President and counting on your encouragement and support to make this a successful school year. I would like to thank the 2015-16 PTSA Board and Chairpersons for their service to the school, as well as the numerous parents and teachers who are the backbone of our organization.

Why is it important to be a part of the PTSA? The PTSA fulfills the role of providing support to the school so that we can help maximize the benefits the school day brings to our children. PTSA provides a voice to Parents, Teachers and Students to articulate their diverse needs within the school community. It provides the structure within which parents, students, faculty and staff can help the school to enhance and enrich the education they provide. It allows us to bring opportunities to students that exposes them to new ideas, experiences and skills thereby building a strong school community. We are a valuable partner and resource to the school and a strong advocate for our children within MCPS.

This year, PTSA will continues to sponsor the various Staff Appreciation events, the three IB special events – ‘Passport Through China’, ‘Journey to Africa’, ‘Maryland: Then and Now’, the year-end events and celebrations for each grade and many more school-wide events. PTSA also partnered with the school during the summer to fund promethean boards for the new portables this year. We are committed to making sure that our classrooms are fully equipped and our students have access to all the resources needed for their academic success.

RCMS is one of the largest middle schools in MCPS and brings with it the diversity that is the hallmark of our county. To reach our large and diverse community there is a need for clear, consistent, and comprehensive multi-channel communication to the parents from administrators, teachers and the PTSA. To speak with one voice, the PTSA board now includes the leaders of the various parent groups – AAPA, PALA and PAC – as vice-presidents. This not only fosters more dialog, cooperation and understanding between each of these groups but also ensures that their voice is included in the PTSA communication.

Please join the PTSA so we can continue to provide learning, leadership and community service opportunities for students, and continue to recognize and celebrate the many achievements of our school community.

Thank you,

Minita Benipuri
RCMS PTSA President
Email – rcmsptsa2016@gmail.com
Dues: $15 per family and includes an online RCMS School Directory! (Membership includes one registration in the State and National PTA)

**Primary Family Contact:**

Name_______________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________Phone________________________

Email* (please print clearly) ______________________________________________________________________________________
(Email is required for access to online School Directory)

Email* (please print clearly) ______________________________________________________________________________________
(Email is required for access to online School Directory)

Student Name ___________________________________________Grade____

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Membership with Online Directory: $15

PTSA Tax-deductible Donation: $_______
(100% of donations directly fund PTSA projects. Only PTSA donations are tax-deductible; membership dues are not tax-deductible.)

Total Payment (Mail checks to ‘RCMS PTSA’) $_______

**How to Submit:**
- Drop off the completed form and payment (cash or check) in the RCMS front office or
- Complete and Mail this form along with payment to: RCMS PTSA Membership, 18808 Waring Station Road, Germantown, MD 20874.

Visit the PTSA website for more information at www.rcmsptsamd.org.
## 2016-2017 RCMS PTSA

### 2016-2017 RCMS PTSA Executive Committee

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2015-16 RCMS PTSA Committee Members

We understand everyone has different schedules and preferences. Let us help you find that volunteer opportunity that best fits your needs. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, or just have questions, please email us at: RCMSPTSA2016@gmail.com.

Here’s a list of our current committee volunteers, more are always welcome and appreciated.

**Book Fair**
- Chetan Paul

**Staff Appreciation Committee**
- Jeri Crist

**Student Directory**
- Minita Benipuri

**CUPF/ICB Scheduler**
- Munaiza Matin

**Fundraising Committee**
- Evelyn Joe (Giant Bonus Bucks)
- Pallavi Donthi (Kohls Grant Writer)
- Pallavi Donthi (Boxtop for Education)
- Evelyn Joe (Restaurant Fundraisers)
- Root Teklemariam (5K Run - AAPA event)
- Minita Benipuri (Clemente Classic – PTSA event)
- <OPEN> (Clemente Concessions)

**Membership Committee**
- <OPEN>
- <OPEN>

**Volunteer Coordinator**
- <OPEN>

**Communications Committee** (Facebook, Twitter, Website, Weekly Email)
- Webmaster – <OPEN>
- Weekly PTSA Email Updates – Evelyn Joe
- Quarterly Newsletter - <OPEN>
- Facebook – <OPEN>
- Twitter – <OPEN>

**Awards Advisory**
- Lisa Murglass

**8th Grade Promotions and Celebrations Advisory**
- Lisa Murglass
6th & 7th Grade Celebrations Advisory

- <OPEN>
- <OPEN>

Reflections Art Program

- <OPEN>
- <OPEN>

CONTACT INFO

RCMS WEBSITE - http://www.rcmsptsamad.org/

RCMS TWITTER - https://twitter.com/rcmsptsa

Email - RCMSPTSA2016@gmail.com

PTSA MEETING DATES

Meetings are held on 2\textsuperscript{nd} Tuesday of the month, in the Media Center.

- September 13, 2016 (Welcome, Membership Drive)
- October 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 (State of School, Voting on the budget)
- January 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2017 (Planning Meeting)
- February 14\textsuperscript{th}, 2017 (State of School)
- May 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2017 (Voting next year officers)
- June 13\textsuperscript{th}, 2017 (State of School)
The RCMS PTSA School Directory is the best way for you to get in touch with other students and parents for group projects, carpools, playdates and homework help. All PTSA members will receive access to a free online searchable school directory.

If you do not want your child’s information in the student directory, fill and return this form to the school office by Friday, September 9th, 2016.

Only send this form back if you DO NOT want your information in the directory.

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Deadline for Return: Friday, September 9, 2016

**If this form is not returned by the deadline (9/9/16), all your information will be included in the PTSA School Directory**

Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Guardian Name:__________________________________________________________

Grade:_________________________ Teacher:________________________________

○ Please DO NOT include any of my personal information in the RCMS PTSA School Directory. This also means that my child will not appear in the class list of the RCMS PTSA Directory.

You may use this form or the MCPS form 281-13 for more comprehensive opt-out options and information at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/281-13.pdf

Questions? Send an Email to RCMSPTSA2016@gmail.com. In the Subject line, please use: PTSA Directory Opt-out Request 2016-2017.
Sign-Up to Be in Our Volunteer Pool

Let us know your interests and availability! No commitment required with sign-up!

Roberto Clemente PTSA welcomes you to another great school year! The PTSA is continually working closely with the staff to provide extra support and assistance throughout the school year. Please become involved through the many PTSA opportunities available. Review the list of PTSA needs and check the areas that interest you. If you have any special talents, interests, or areas of expertise you would be willing to share, please list them so we may draw on the experience of RCMS’s amazing community!

Check out these volunteer opportunities: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4cadaf2ca31-rcms](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4cadaf2ca31-rcms)

By signing up, you are not committing to anything. Instead, your sign-up gives us a pool of potential volunteers who might be interested. The PTSA will simply e-mail you when opportunities arise that match your survey responses. If you find that you are interested in the opportunity, just reply to the contact information provided in the e-mail...that’s it!

*Please note, this sign-up is for adults only; not for student SSL opportunities.*