

**RKA Parents Association
General PA Meeting
February 6, 2017**

- Principal's report
 - Updated calendar is available on school website for February-June; Ms. O'Mara distributed hard copies to meeting attendees
 - Made spots available on 11th grade college trip to 10th and 12th graders; visited Temple and Lafayette
 - Advance registration for parent/teacher conferences opens February 13
 - Making good progress on meeting CEP goals
 - Many active clubs
 - Encouraging students to attend clubs and tutoring Tuesday afternoons
 - Alvin Ailey program
 - 30 spots available for 10-week program (meets 2 days/week)
 - Open to 8th and 9th graders

- Riverdale Community Center – Kathy Gilson guest speaker
 - RCC began in 1972
 - Offers Adult & Youth Education Classes (Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings)
 - Offers test and tax prep classes
 - After-school program
 - Free for middle school students
 - 3 sessions/year
 - Variety of classes available; students select
 - Requires commitment of min 3 days/week (funding is based on attendance)
 - Summer program
 - 4-week, free summer program
 - Open to rising 6th graders through rising 9th graders
 - Friday field trips
 - Holiday program
 - Offers in-school program on days when school is closed
 - High school programs
 - PM school
 - Credit recovery for high school students
 - Science Olympiad
 - Mission I'm Possible
 - Career readiness
 - College application assistance
 - 12th graders; Monday and Tuesday
 - Middle school sports programs
 - Feed into high school varsity teams
 - Current/former offerings: softball, volleyball, wrestling, baseball
 - Open to 7th and 8th graders
 - Student theatre program
 - 35-year program
 - 2 programs each year
 - Fall – drama/comedy (high school students)
 - Spring – open to 6th-12th graders
 - Talent show
 - Event set for Saturday, March 18, at 2p
 - 25 acts expected

- General meeting
 - Yankees ticket fundraiser
 - Ticket sales going well!
 - \$25/ticket; game is at 1:05p on Sunday, April 30
 - Posting flyers around the neighborhood and on school website
 - Middle school dance
 - Thursday, March 2 – 5-8pm
 - Theme is Around the World
 - Volunteers welcome
 - Parent/teacher conferences
 - Thursday, March 16
 - PA will sell merchandise and auction tickets
 - Volunteers welcome afternoon and evening
 - Advance registration opens on Monday, February 13
 - RCC registration
 - Wednesday, March 22 – Thursday, March 23 – 6:15p
 - PA will sell refreshments; food donations accepted
 - Volunteers welcome
 - Auction & Gala Event – first time RKA event
 - Saturday, March 18 at 6p
 - Cost is \$25/person in advance; online purchase available
 - Look for invitations and catalog soon
 - Film festival – first time event
 - Saturday, April 1 in RKA auditorium – anticipate 2pm start
 - Theme is “Teen Life, an Inspiration”
 - RKA Middle and High school students are eligible to submit films
 - Prizes include internships at BronxNet and showing of winning film at Seton Park movie night in September, additional cash prizes for being considered
 - Treasurer’s report
 - No treasurer’s report this month due to emergency absence of treasurer
 - Direct Appeal update
 - Goal is \$8,000
 - Please donate if you haven’t; checks to the RKA PA & online donations accepted
 - 6th grade parent committee
 - Parent night out in September to welcome new parents to RKA
 - Follow-up evening on January 31
 - Discussed community involvement and student adjustment to middle school, relaxing event with wine and pizza
 - Plan to continue informal meetings headed up by new 6th grade parent committee
 - Community liaison committee
 - RKA representative attended Chancellor’s Town Hall and Community Board meetings

- Chancellor's Town Hall featured discussion of a range of school issues
- Merchandise committee
 - New members welcome!
 - Merchandise revamped with new designs this year and new items offered, vendors changed and added, merchandise sales profitable
 - Online orders accepted this year, offering sales all year beyond major events
- Fundraising committee
 - Upcoming events
 - Auction, 3/18
 - Film Festival, 4/1
- School trips
 - Chaperones welcome, consider volunteering
- March PA meeting is Monday, March 6, at 7p in the RKA Library

Respectfully submitted,

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3rd Vice President*