

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

- Principal's and Parent Coordinator's reports (delivered by Julie Prince, Parent Coordinator)
 - Parent/teacher conferences, 3/16
 - 1-3 pm and 5:30-8 pm
 - Online registration closes Friday, 3/10
- Parent surveys
 - Distributed at parent/teacher conferences
 - Due by Friday, 3/31
 - Can be mailed in or completed online
- College kick-off meeting
 - For 11th grade parents
 - Thursday, 3/9
- HS letters
 - Delivered on Wednesday, 3/8
- March Into Reading
 - Middle school reading initiative
 - Challenge is to read as many books as possible during the month of March
 - Individual grade-level prizes
 - Winning class gets a pizza party
- Participatory budgeting
 - Yearly public process whereby individuals may cast votes for community projects seeking city funding
 - RKA will be a voting site
 - Voting takes place on Monday, 3/27
 - Older students may vote
 - Opportunity to teach all students about importance of voting
- Riverdale Y – Dara Garcia, Director of Camp, Family & Youth Services guest speaker
 - Camp Twelve Trails
 - Collaboration among Riverdale Y, Washington Heights Y, and JCC on the Hudson
 - Camp is in Peal River; busing is available from Riverdale
 - K-2nd
 - Traditional day camp
 - 3rd-6th
 - Choice program
 - 5 "neighborhoods" children may select to focus on each week
 - 7th-10th
 - Teen Travel
 - At camp 2 days
 - Travel 3 days (some overnights)
 - Counselor-in-training program
 - Open to 10th and 11th graders
 - Those who complete program will be asked to apply as counselors
 - \$250 stipend for successful completion
 - Tween/teen programming ideas
 - Y would like to be community center for this age group
 - Seeking ideas of what tweens/teens are looking for in a community center
 - Would like to form focus groups (parents, tweens, teens) for feedback
 - Please contact Dara Garcia with any ideas you have

- General meeting
 - Middle school dance, 3/2
 - Enjoyable and profitable
 - Over 220 students!
 - Parents donated international food items and sold refreshments
 - Parent/teacher conferences, 3/16
 - PA will sell merchandise and auction tickets
 - Volunteers welcome for afternoon (1-3 pm) and evening (5:30-8 pm)
 - Advance registration closes on Friday, 3/10
 - RKA PA Auction & gala, 3/18 - first time exciting RKA PA event!
 - 6-9 pm at Riverdale Country School
 - Cost is \$25/person in advance (\$30 at the door)
 - Online purchase available; may also pay by check (payable to RKA PA)
 - Look for invitations and catalog soon
 - RCC registration, 3/22-23
 - Registration begins at 6:15 pm
 - PA will sell refreshments; food donations accepted
 - Volunteers welcome
 - Party & prom popup shop
 - Items accepted through 3/22
 - Gently worn formal/dressy wear and accessories
 - Box near front door by security desk
 - Shop is open from 2-6 pm in room 158 on Saturday, 3/25
 - Volunteers welcome
 - Film festival, 4/1 – first time exciting event!
 - Film festival in RKA auditorium (2 pm)
 - Theme is “Teen Life, an Inspiration”
 - All students are eligible to submit films; up to 10 minutes long
 - Films due by Sunday, 3/19
 - Prizes include internships at BronxNet (high school students only), \$100-200 cash prize, and showing of winning film at Seton Park movie night in September
 - Treasurer’s report
 - Treasurer absent due to emergency
 - Direct Appeal update
 - Goal is \$8,000
 - Donations always welcome; online donations accepted
 - Advertising & publicity committee
 - Parent newsletter available online – first time RKA Roar PA Online Newsletter!
 - Corporate sponsorship committee
 - Working with sponsors for a variety of events (e.g., auction, film festival)
 - 6th grade committee
 - Outreach to 6th grade parents regarding upcoming events

- Technology committee – first year online capabilities for payment available!
 - Online payment option implemented over the summer beginning this school year
 - Online signup for volunteers available for the first time this year and welcome
 - Always email the PA at pa@rka141.org to volunteer or donate to the PA
 - Check the parent section for upcoming events, flyers, volunteering, and payment

- Nominating committee
 - Committee will identify individuals to run for officer positions for 2017-18 school year
 - Those on the nominating committee may not run for officer positions
 - Positions include:
 - Co-president (2)
 - Vice president (3)
 - Treasurer (1)
 - Corresponding secretary (1)
 - Recording secretary (1)
 - If you're interested in participating contact the nominating committee
 - Election at May PA meeting

- RCC open house, 3/13-17

- April PA meeting is Monday, 4/3, at 7p in the RKA Library

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Carr
3rd Vice President*