



Welcome to  
**ROBERT  
HUNTER!**

At Robert Hunter, our mission is to cultivate a **safe** and **respectful** community of critical thinkers and problem solvers who are **responsible** and **kind** citizens.



# 414 students

- 21 Preschool
- 70 Kindergarten
- 85 Grade 1
- 78 Grade 2
- 81 Grade 3
- 79 Grade 4
- 19% Economically Disadvantaged Students
- 12% Multilingual Learners receiving ESL
- 21% Special Education students



**We are  
the Raccoons!**

We have

83

dedicated  
staff  
members.





Staff volunteers at a PTO Social



Birthday Bags for the Flemington Food Pantry.



School-wide Staff Halloween Costumes



Family Olympics Volunteers

Educator of the Year:  
Rebecca Carr

Educational Services  
Professional of the Year:  
Veronica Fetzer



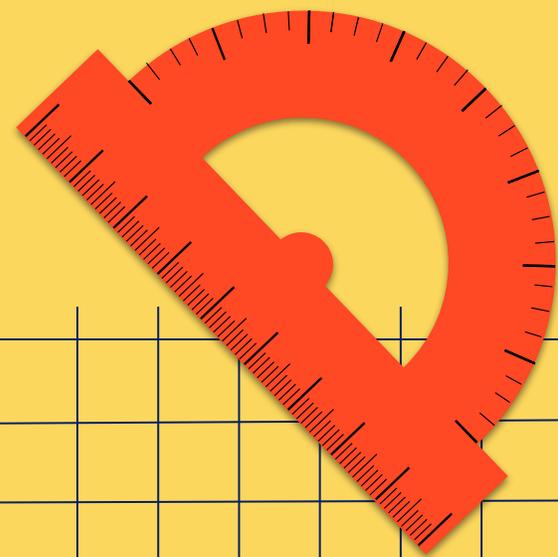
# Staff Recognition

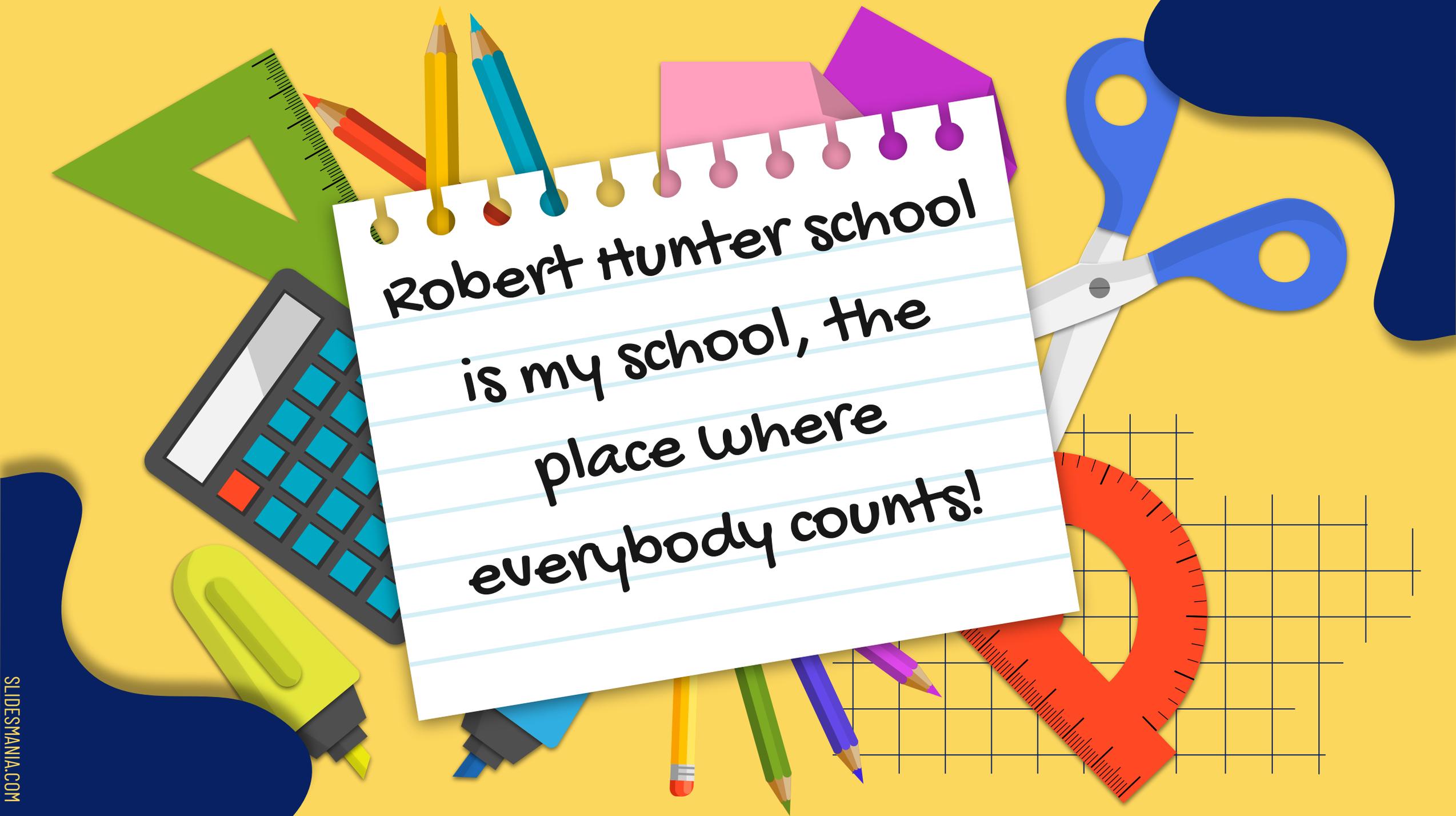


Jenn Smits,  
Anton Banko  
Science Education  
Award Winner



DREAMS Team  
Teacher  
Champions,  
Erin Zarzecki  
Sarah Fontanez  
Noelle Mazzaferro  
Michelle Hilke  
Stephanie Kubu  
Becky Reilly

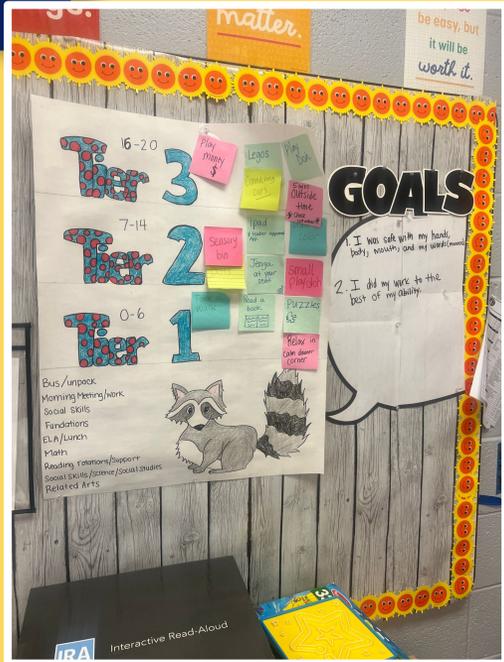




Robert Hunter school  
is my school, the  
place where  
everybody counts!

# Project Success

Project Success is a special education program that supports students' emotional regulation and prosocial behavior.



# Inclusion

Inclusive classrooms in every grade level are co-taught by general education and special education teachers.



# Diversity at Robert Hunter

## Diversity Night

Ms. Martinez and Mr. Quinn organize this event where the food, dance, and culture of all families at RH are celebrated.



## Multicultural Representation

A bulletin board is displayed each month in our cafeteria to represent various cultures.



## ¡Vamos! Kindergarten

VAMOS is a summer program, run by RH teachers, for incoming ESL Kindergarten students.

# Social Emotional Learning and Support

## Social Emotional Learning Lessons

Mrs. Fontanez and Mrs. Severino teach classroom and grade level lessons, as well as lunch groups.



## Global Play Day

We recognize the value of play in children's development.

## DREAMS Project and the Nurtured Heart Approach

Through a partnership with NJDOE and NJ Division of Families, Nurtured Heart mentors meet with the Rt Champion team to support professional development and implementation. The Nurtured Heart Approach supports positive behavior and relationships.

## Therapy Dog

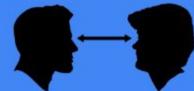
Students love reading with our therapy dog, Tango!



# Whole School Books

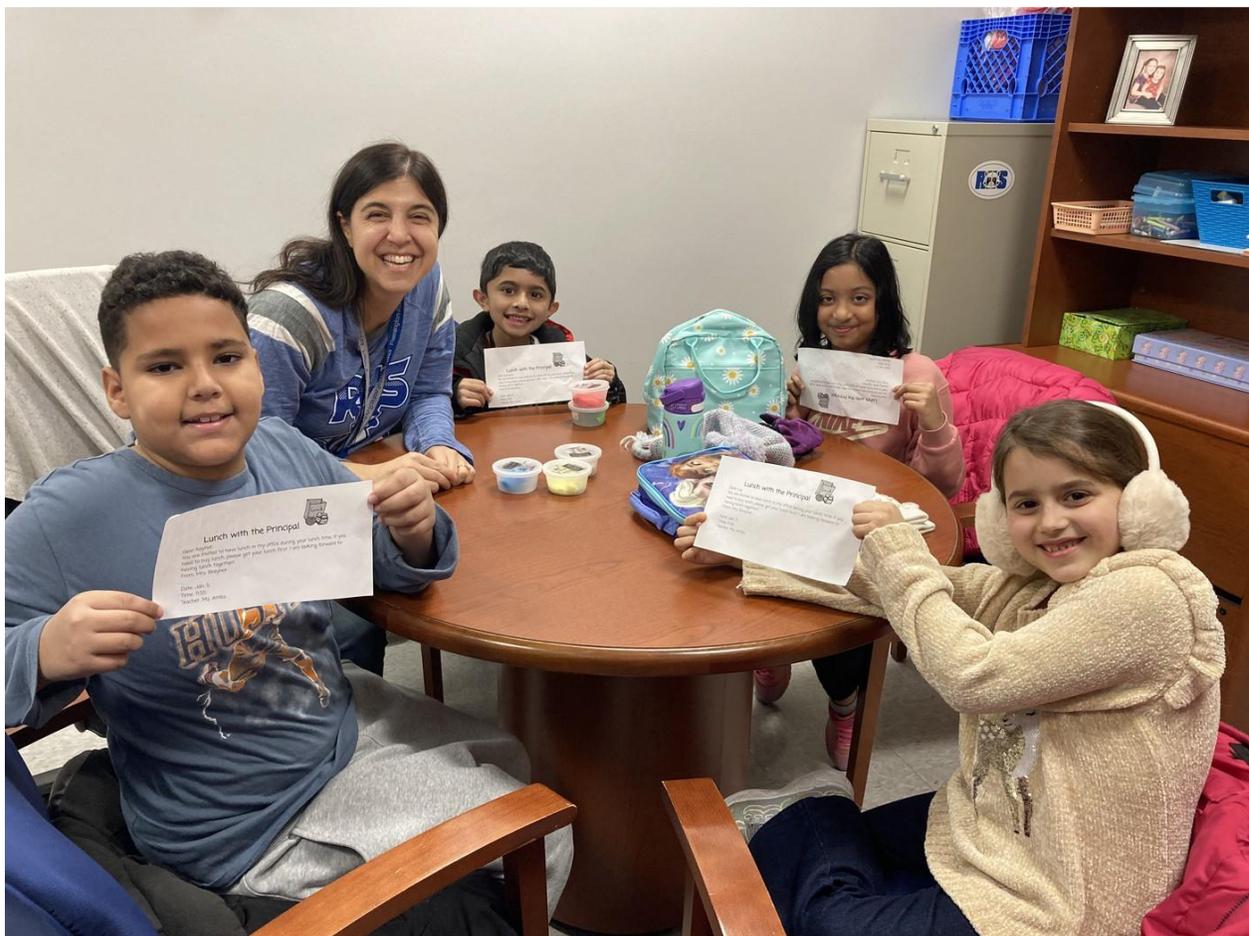


Sharing  
Who is in your circle?  
How can you bring others into  
your circle?





# Lunch with the Principal!



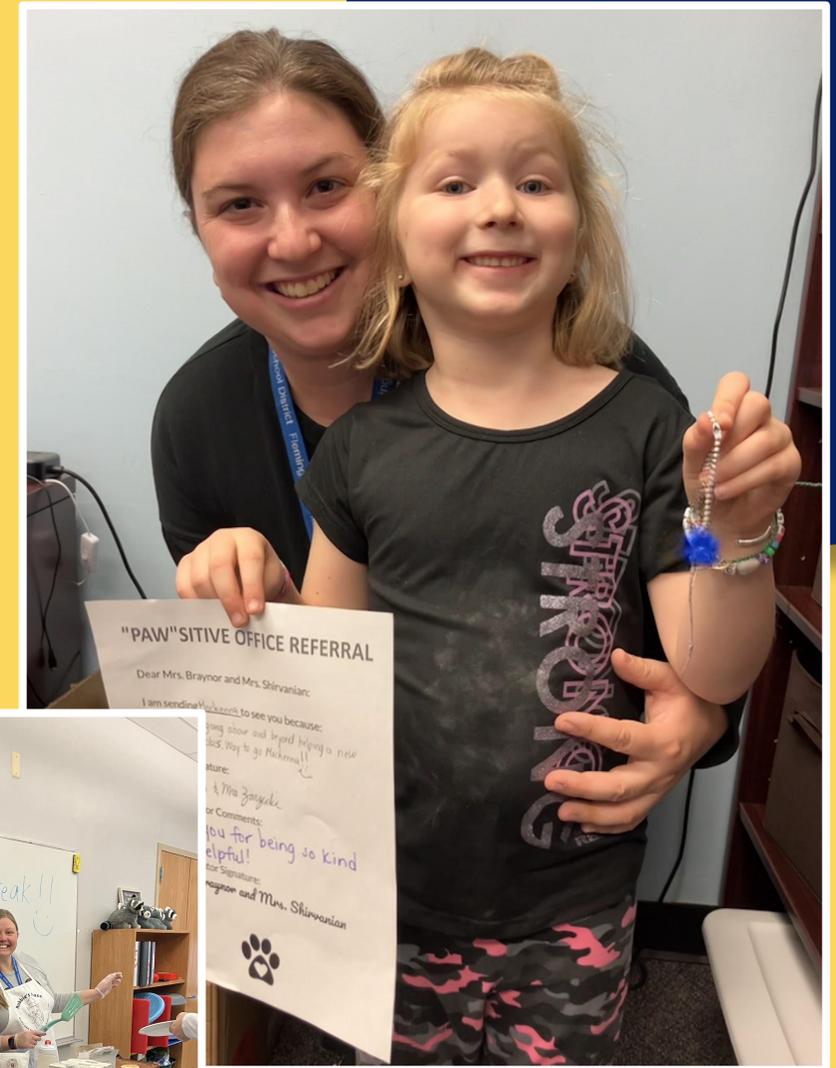


Contagious smiles go  
on for miles and  
miles, and we are  
proud to announce...

# We are proud of our staff and students!

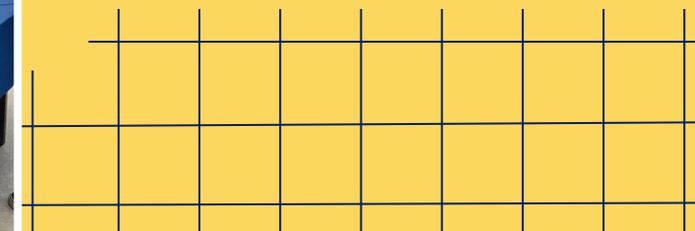
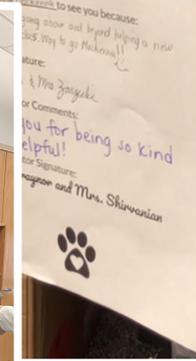
## Paws-itive Office Referrals

Students are recognized by staff for being safe, respectful, responsible, or kind. They receive a paw keychain as a sign that they are a role model for others, and they are recognized on the morning announcements!



## Robbie's Recognition

Staff can be recognized by one another and by students and their families for all of the great work they do at Robert Hunter!



# Student-led Morning Announcements

# 4th Grade Service Corp



# Talents and Accomplishments



Kindergarten  
End of Year  
Celebration

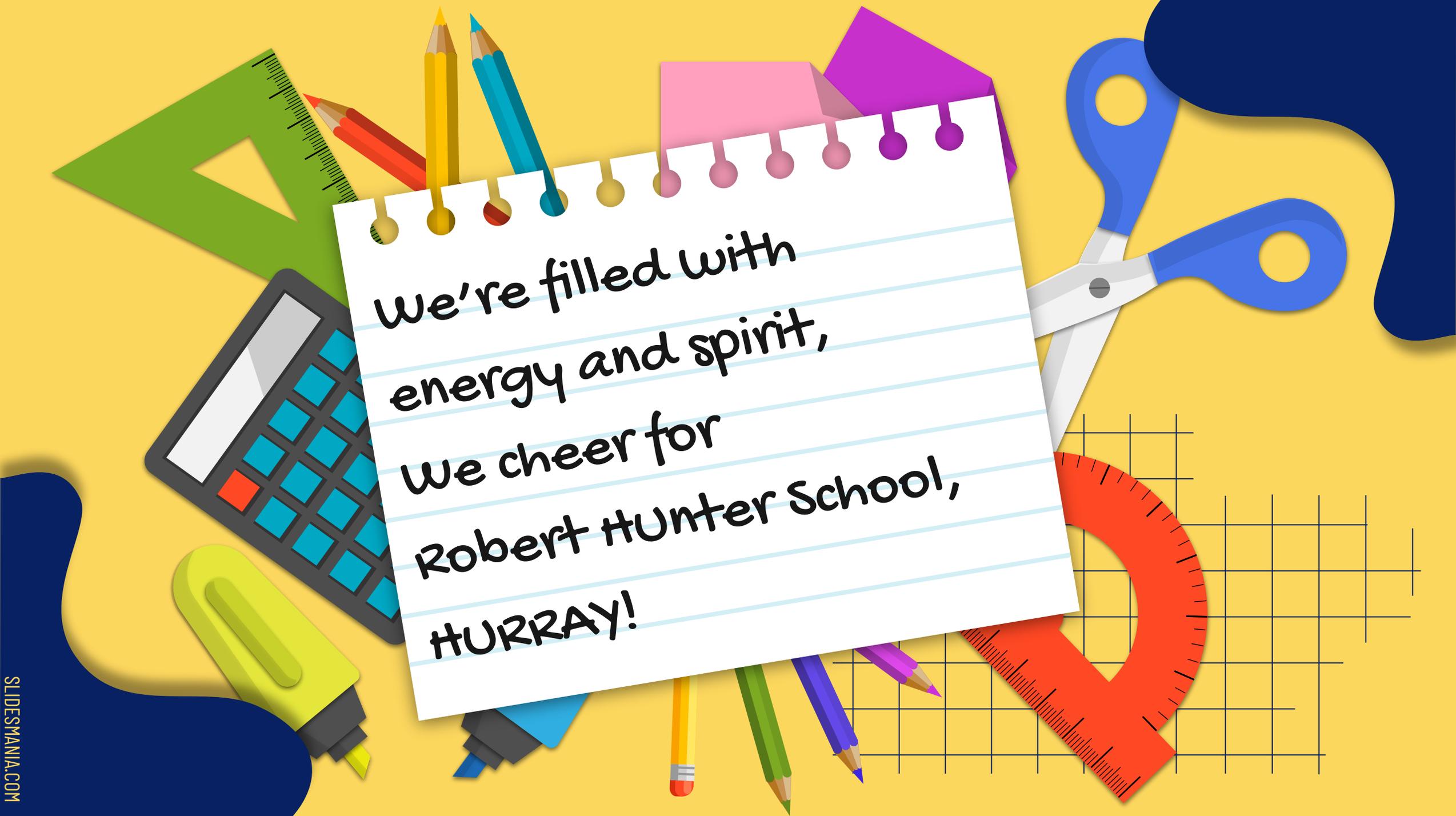


4th Grade  
Concert



4th  
Grade  
Talent  
Show





We're filled with  
energy and spirit,  
we cheer for  
Robert Hunter School,  
HURRAY!

# Whole School Meetings!



# Spirit Days!



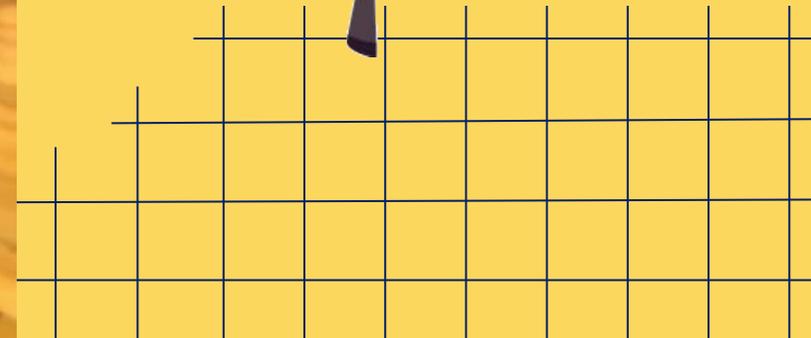
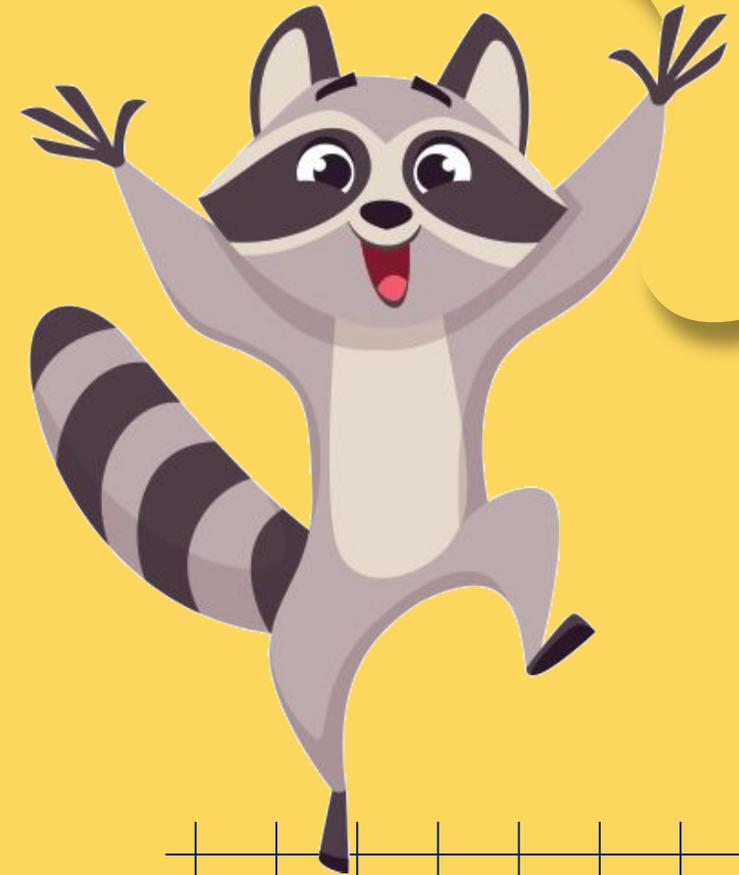
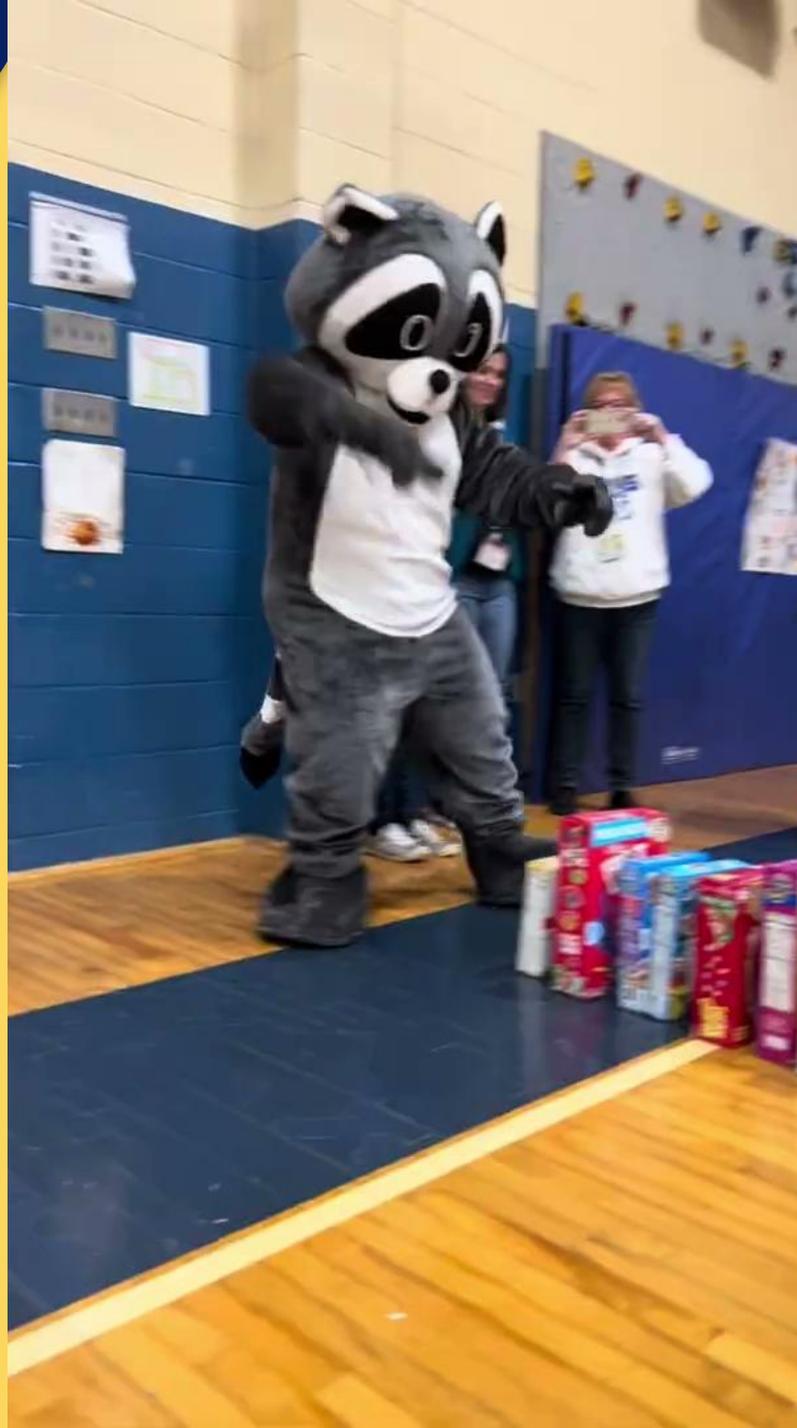


# School Connectedness!



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Robert  
Hunter  
created a  
domino chain  
of 326 cereal  
boxes that  
were  
donated to  
the  
Flemington  
Food Pantry



# Family Olympics

- Staff Organized Event
- Prize baskets donated by the staff
- All Proceeds to the PTO
- All Families invited!



# Robert Hunter Traditions

## Winter Sing-Along

We gather together before winter break for a whole school sing along. We love to sing Snow Pants!

## Trench

We have an annual 4th grade students vs. staff trench game!



## 4th Grade Handprints

4th grade students leave a lasting impression on our walls and in our hearts before they move on to R.F.I.S.

## Field Day

Students enjoy a fun-filled field day complete with a visit from the firetruck!





It's the place we  
do our best, a  
family of learners!

# Our Family of Learners

## High Impact Tutoring

We have over 65 students in our High Impact Tutoring Program. 40 of these students are tutored in person by staff members.

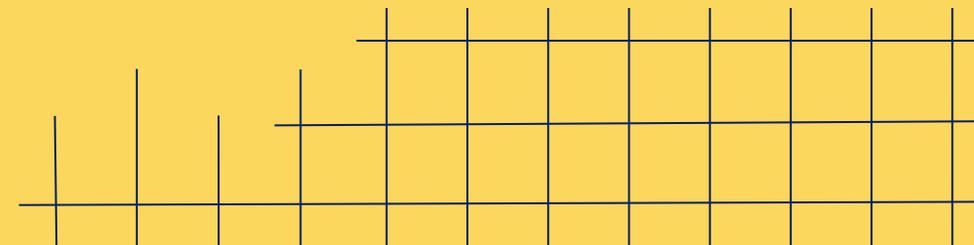


## Coaching and Teacher Led PD

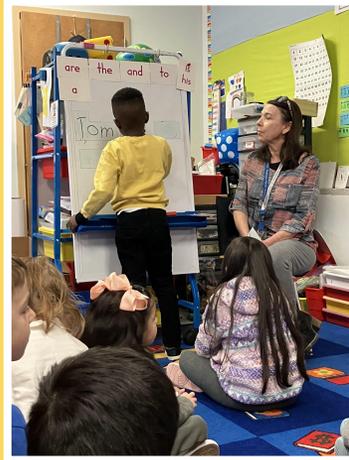
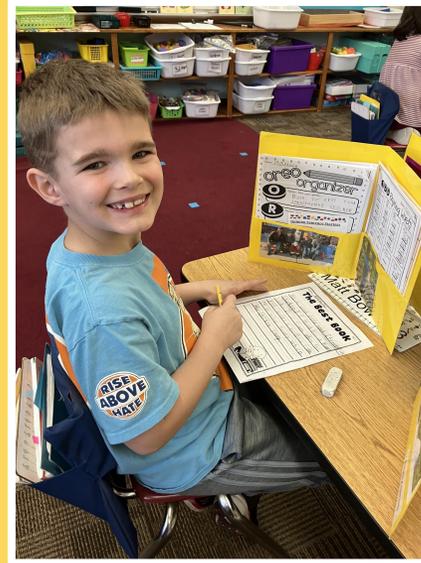
Staff members present PD on various topics that support our school goals at faculty meetings. Our literacy coach models lessons for teachers, provides feedback, and guides in lesson planning.

## Teacher Collaboration

- Professional Learning Community teams
- ESL and Classroom Teacher Planning Meetings



# English Language Arts



# Math



# Science and S.T.E.M

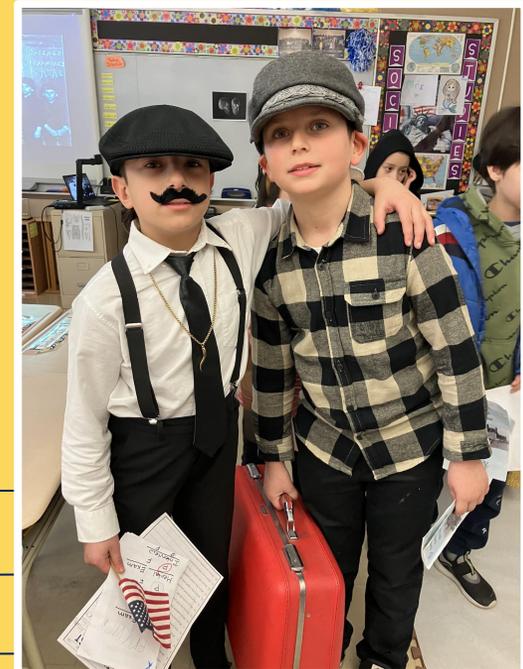
N6SS Teacher Leaders



# Social Studies

Ellis Island Simulation

Student Service Projects



# Related Arts

- Physical Education
- Health
- Art
- Music
- World Language
- Library
- Technology/Robotics



# Outdoor Learning

## Walking Path

- An idea created by 3rd grade students
- PTO Funded
- Built by an RH Family
- Used at recess, P.E., and throughout the day!

## Bird Watching

- Sign funded by Anton Banko Award presented to Ms. Smits
- Binoculars and Bird house funded by the PTO

## Outdoor Classroom

- PTO Funded
- Used by classes for all subjects

## Free Little Library

- PTO Funded
- Open to all!



## Garden

- Garden Boxes donated by Walmart
- PTO Funded Rain Barrell
- Donated Top Soil
- Used to connect to NGSS Science Standards
- Garden Club



## Courtyards

- PTO Funded Tables and Pergola
- Pollinator Garden Coming Soon!



# Family Engagement

- Parent Information Nights for families of students in support programs
- Nurtured Heart Approach Parent Night for all families
- Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)
  - Teachers and selected families meet 3 times a year to review student data and learn and apply student strategies for success!
- Weekly School Newsletters
- Family Literacy Calendar



Stand  
tall for  
Robert  
Hunter  
School!



**Meet our  
P.T.O!**

# Robert Hunter PTO

Megan Pacyna, President

Madison Rosa, Vice President

Sarika Wahi, Corresponding Secretary

Open Position, Recording Secretary

Allison Pelletier, Co-Treasurer

Stacey Yalenti, Co-Treasurer

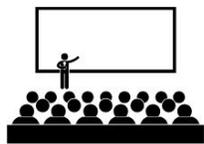


# Robert Hunter PTO

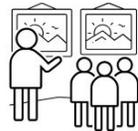


Our PTO provides cultural and recreational opportunities to enhance the educational experience of all children attending Robert Hunter School. Through fundraising activities, the PTO provides educational resources and new technology, school supplies, classroom and playground equipment, cultural and athletic enrichment programs, and after school programs to Robert Hunter students.

## PTO PROGRAMS & PURCHASES FOR RH



ASSEMBLIES



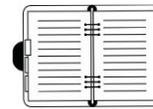
FIELD TRIPS



HOMEROOM PARENTS



BOOK FAIR



SCHOOL PLANNERS



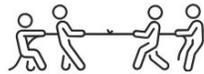
SCHOOL SUPPLIES



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT



SCHOOL PICTURES



FIELD DAY



SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM



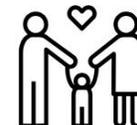
YEARBOOK



TEACHER APPRECIATION



OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES



FAMILY EVENTS



4TH GRADE EVENTS



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

## FUNDING SOURCES

Membership Donations | Dine Out Nights | Walk-A-Thon | Basket Auction | Gertrude Hawk Sale | Enrichment



# The PTO is supporting our RH school community with \$60k+ in '23 - '24 school year

**\$15,000**

## Outdoor Learning Spaces

*Gaga pit, outdoor library, umbrellas, birdhouses, walking path display boxes, binoculars, front door mat*

**\$9,000**

## Field Trips

**\$8,000**

## Technology + School Supplies

*Smart boards, folders, agenda books, etc.*

**\$8,000**

## RH Community Events

*Back to School Social, Halloween, Diversity Night, Field Day, End of Year Parties, etc.*

**\$6,000**

## Staff Appreciation

**\$5,000**

## Teacher Grants

**\$4,000**

## School-wide Assemblies

**\$3,000**

## Insurance + Other Administrative Expenses

**\$2,000**

## Author Visit

**\$1,000**

## Helping Hands + Charitable Giving





# Spotlight: Field Trips

We are THRILLED to fund memorable educational experiences for our young learners



4th Grade Trip to Davinci



3rd Grade to Howell Living Farm



2nd Grade to Echo Hill



1st Grade Trip to RVCC





# Spotlight: Walk-A-Thon

\$16,241 raised this year for our Robert Hunter Raccoons!





# Spotlight: Gaga Pit

Request brought to the PTO by Ms. Hadzimisichalis's 3rd grade class of 2022-2023 persuasive writing project!

## OUR PROPOSAL

Dear Mrs. Braynor and Mrs. Shevavian,

Did you know that gaga is super popular and having a gaga pit will make students happier? The three games would like to request a gaga pit here at Robert Hunter.

Having a gaga pit would give all students another option at recess. As a third grade, the blacktop and playground are starting to get boring. Not everyone likes the playground and blacktop. A gaga pit would be an exciting addition to Robert Hunter.

Having a gaga pit at Robert Hunter School would make recess more fun. For example, the game of gaga has a set of rules. A set of rules would keep everybody together instead of arguing. Having a gaga pit would have students come in from an exciting recess. Since a lot of people in the school like it, recess would be more exciting. You can play gaga with your friends and it can help you get more friends. If there was a gaga pit then, whenever doesn't like the walking path, playground, or black top, they can go in the gaga pit.

These reasons show why we should have a gaga pit here at Robert Hunter. Please think about putting a gaga pit here at Robert Hunter. Please have this into consideration.

From,  
Mrs. Hooge's Third Grade Class

## WHAT IS GAGA?

## HOW DO YOU PLAY?



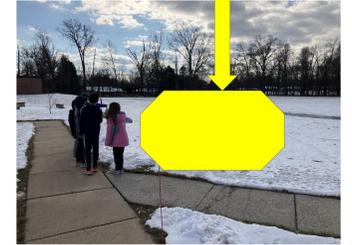
**GAGA BALL RULES FOR TEACHERS**

- Any number of players can join, as long as everyone can fit on the pit. This includes getting hit by a ball when it bounces off the wall or another person, even if you bounce it yourself!
- The ball hits above the knee, the player stays in.
- A player hits the ball out of the pit, they're out of the game.
- Using the wall: Some rules allow players to use the wall to jump higher while others state that if you do, you're out. Decide in advance which you prefer! It may depend on how stumpy your pit is!
- Players cannot kick, throw, or scoop the ball, only bounce or roll it off the ground or wall.
- A player can only hit the ball once, unless it first bounces off the wall or another player.
- If someone catches the ball, game is over. The person who hit the ball is out and must leave the pit.



## WHO WILL USE THE GAGA PIT? WHERE WILL IT GO?

- The Gaga pit will be used by students in grades 2-4.
- We suggest that it goes behind the school in the space between the school and the walking path.



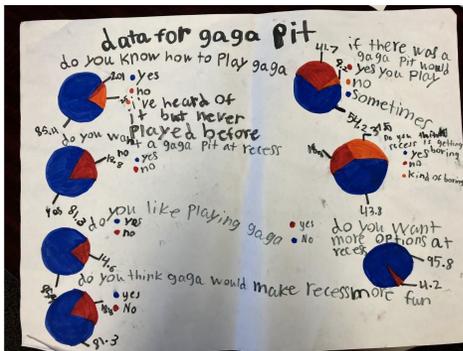
## GAGA PIT DETAILS

- SIZE
- PRICE

| 15' Gaga Pit                                                                                                                                  | 20' gaga pit                                                                                                                    | 26' Gaga pit                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Details</p> <p>44.65<br/>112 Custom Black Borders<br/>20012 Black Border<br/>1000000<br/>42336 Custom Green Ball<br/>Do you like this?</p> | <p>Details</p> <p>2115<br/>Children's Adult<br/>1000000<br/>1000000<br/>1000000<br/>1000000<br/>Which one do you like best?</p> | <p>Details</p> <p>12' Black border<br/>12' Black border<br/>36" Custom gaga ball<br/>Does this convince you?</p> |

## WHY DO WE WANT A GAGA PIT?

\*DATA COLLECTED FROM ALL 2022-2023 3RD GRADE STUDENTS



## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- SAFETY
- MAINTENANCE





# Spotlight: RH Community Events



# Sponsors & Community

## Partners

\$1,000



\$1,000



Ciocca



of Flemington

ongoing support



ongoing support



ShopRite®

\$400

gardening supplies

Walmart 

# Spotlight: Fall, Spring & Summer Enrichment

## Robbie Raccoon's Adventure Camp

Robert Hunter's PTO Summer Enrichment Camp 2024  
FOR ROBERT HUNTER STUDENTS ONLY

### About Robbies Adventure Camp

Exploration and play leads to learning at Robert Hunter's Adventure Camp! Students **entering** grades 1-4 will kick off their summer immersing themselves in activities promoting social skills, cooperation, problem solving and a theme each week. This enrichment camp will foster play-based learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom. We've created a variety of activities so children can have the chance to dive into fun learning activities each day. Every week students will have STEM challenges, crafts and more. Each Thursday will be water fun activities such as sprinkler day. Throughout the summer there will be special activities you will learn about at the start of the week you pick! Students will be led by dynamic and fun certified teachers who will share their passion for learning and exploring. Activities will be planned around learning concepts so children can experience the deepest, most genuine learning while having fun at the same time.

### Camp Days and Times

Half Day: 8:30 - 11:30 Full Day : 8:30 - 2:30  
 Week 1 - June 24, 25, 26, 27  
 Week 2 - July 1, 2, 3, NO CAMP 7/4  
 Week 3 - July 8,9,10,11  
 Week 4 - July 15, 16, 17, 18  
 Week 5 - July 22, 23, 24, 25  
 Week 6 - July 29, 30, 31, Aug 1

Sign up for one week or six!  
 \*For Robert Hunter students only

### TO REGISTER

Register Online by Wednesday May 22nd  
 via the link below:

Roberthunterelem.membershiptoolkit.com

**Refund policy:** Please note, refunds for camp registration fees will be provided up to 2 weeks prior to the first day of the camp week. Within 2 weeks of camp week start date, we can only provide a credit/swap towards another week of summer camp. Please note refunds will be provided via check and will be reduced by the transaction/credit card fees if applicable. Thanks for understanding!!

### Sign Up for 6 Weeks and Save!

Individual Weeks: Half Day \$125 Full Day \$225  
 4th of July Week: Half Day \$100 Full Day \$200

6 Weeks Half Day - You pay \$600  
 6 Weeks Full Day - You pay \$1200

### Early Registration Bonus!

Register by March 27th to be entered into a raffle for a \$25 gift certificate to Amazon. Winner will be drawn at the Robert Hunter Basket Auction on April 26th.

**Questions?** Contact the PTO at  
 Roberthunterpto@gmail.com

Teachers for these enrichment sessions:  
 Erin Zarzecki Colleen Ewing  
 Rebecca Carr Jaclynn Murray  
 Noelle Mazzaferro Brigid Casey

\*We reserve the right to cancel the program due to low enrollment.

Rain or Shine we will have a great time!



Robert Hunter PTO After School Enrichment Program

Registration Dates- Wednesday October 4th (8:00am) - Friday October 6th(11:59pm)

\*All classes will run at the school on the below dates from 3:45-4:45 pm  
 Visit: <https://roberthunterelem.membershiptoolkit.com> to register!  
 No late registrations will be accepted\*

| Club Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Grades | Staff                                  | Dates                                             | Cost |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------|
| <b>Arts &amp; Snacks Around the World:</b> Students will virtually travel around the world learning about different countries and cultures. Students will make a culturally authentic craft each week and also enjoy a culturally authentic snack! **Open only to students who did not participate last year**                       | K-2    | Senorita Kubu & Ms. Alexanderson       | Mondays 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20   | \$50 |
| <b>Games Club:</b> Unplug and come join us for an hour of games and fun. Along with team-building and strategizing, the game club encourages students to work together in a social setting. We will have a variety of board games, puzzles, and interactive group games. Feel free to bring in your own game to share with the club! | 3-4    | Ms. Mecanko & Ms. Edelsberg            | Mondays 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20   | \$50 |
| <b>Musical Theatre Mania:</b> Sing! Dance! Act! Each week we will explore a new musical, learning new songs, choreography and stories from your favorite musicals..                                                                                                                                                                  | 1-4    | Mrs. DiStaulo, Darling Theatre Company | Mondays 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20                 | \$35 |
| <b>Busy Builders:</b> Build with blocks, Legos, and More! Put your building hats on! Students will engage and collaborate to build structures using different materials.                                                                                                                                                             | K-2    | Mrs. Zarzecki & Mrs. Murray            | Wednesdays 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29 | \$50 |
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| <b>Author's Club:</b> Calling all authors! Students will work to develop characters and storylines working independently or collaboratively to create a published story.                                                                                                                                                             | K-4    | Mrs. Robertson & Mrs. Fernandes        | Wednesdays 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29 | \$50 |
| <b>Chess Club:</b> Learn the game of Chess and play the most popular game in the world! We will watch short helpful videos to support beginners. If you already know the basics the videos are a great review. Then sit down with a partner and play!                                                                                | 2-4    | Mrs. Ashey                             | Thursdays 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30 | \$50 |
| <b>Stay and Play:</b> Play improves the cognitive, physical, social and emotional well being of children. Through play, children learn about the world and themselves. Join this club to stay after and play games with peers.                                                                                                       | K-2    | Mrs. Zarzecki                          | Thursdays 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/15               | \$35 |
| <b>Robbie's Runners:</b> An after school running club that is full of fun and fitness! We will participate in stretches, relay races, games, and laps! Students will have the ability to earn token "feet" at the end of every session!                                                                                              | K-4    | Ms. Migliore & Ms. Whalen              | Fridays 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1    | \$50 |

Please contact Allison Pelletier at [atdpelletier@gmail.com](mailto:atdpelletier@gmail.com) with any questions!



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 • Stacey Weiss • Julie Wilk • Samantha Woolf • Stacey Yalenti • Chelsea Young • Jennifer Ziolko

**JOIN US!**



**ROBERT HUNTER PTO  
BASKET AUCTION &  
PICTO NIGHT**

**APRIL 26, 2024**

**6:00 - 8:30 PM**



**Thank you!**

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