
November 2015

Russell Elementary Parent Teacher Cooperative (PTC) Newsletter

Dear Parents, Teachers, and the Russell Elementary Students
and Community;

November brings the start of a busy few months for most
people and the PTC is no exception. The PTC is actively
planning many exciting events for both our students and
families. Please see our listing of upcoming events and stay
tuned for future thrilling events. We are always looking for
additional assistance and fresh ideas and encourage you to
join us for our next meeting.

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reach us at russellelementaryptc@gmail.com

More Important News!

Coins for Kids

As a reminder, during the month of November, each classroom will
be collecting coins as part of a community service effort. The
funds will be used by the school administration to purchase winter
and holiday items for Russell Elementary families in need.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a family during the upcoming
holiday season, may reach out to Tina Howe at 413-642-7130
x69100, or t.howe@schoolsofwestfield.org for more information.



Upcoming Events

November 12

Title 1 Family Night:

Bingo for Books!

6:30-7:45 pm

November 18

November PTC Meeting

6:30-7:30pm

November 25-27

**No School – Thanksgiving
Recess**

December 10

PTC Enrichment Program:

Springfield Symphony Orchestra
Musical Petting Zoo

December 22

Early Release Day

December 23-January 3

No School – Holiday Recess

January 15

Family Movie Night

Election Day Bake Sale

Thank you to all who baked or volunteered their time to work the table at the recent bake sale in support of the PTC. We brought in approximately \$400 to support PTC programs for our kids.



Springfield Symphony Orchestra Musical Petting Zoo

Our next planned enrichment program will be held on December 10th for grades K-2. The SSO Musical Petting Zoo is a fun and informative traveling hands-on exhibit of musical instruments. After an introduction, participants get a chance to bow a violin, blow a horn or tap out a rhythm on a drum. We will be looking for volunteers to help assist with this event.

Family Movie Night

The PTC is planning a family movie night to be held Friday January 15th. The PTC will be reaching out soon to the parents/guardians of the 5th grade students in order to coordinate the concession sales. The money raised by the students will be used towards their end of year trip. If you have not yet filled out a PTC contact form, please submit your contact information to the PTC email address.

Box Tops

A big thanks to everyone that sent in Box Tops. We made close to \$400 with our submission this round. Please continue to collect and save your Box Tops as the next submission deadline is March 1st. We will be sending something home early 2016 with more details.

In the Community

Russell Elementary Food Pantry Reminder

Please continue to send in or drop-off non-perishable food items preferably in non-breakable containers or health & beauty items.

Volunteers in Public Schools of Westfield (VIPS)

All volunteers in the school (including PTC sponsored events) are required to have an approved CORI and completed VIPS application. If you haven't already done so, please contact Tina Macy (VIPS Volunteer Coordinator) at t.macy@schoolsofwestfield.org to complete the volunteer application and CORI.

Title 1 Family Nights

Title 1 Family Nights are fun, educational activities for the whole family. To see a full listing of all Title 1 Family Nights being held in the Westfield School District, please visit www.schoolsofwestfield.org/departments/Title_one