

Welcome Back! We hope that you and your family had a great summer and are excited to begin another school year. A package containing PTO information for this upcoming year will be coming home with your child. It will be used to set up the database of volunteers, our email distribution list, and creating an RMS Directory for distribution. It is extremely important that you send this information because it is our goal to communicate with the parents via email and our website. It is the best form of communication since the region has gone green and often the papers don't make it home. All correspondences will also be posted on the PTO Website. Go to [www.region15.org/rms](http://www.region15.org/rms), and then click the PTO link. Our PTO email address is: [rmspto@region15.org](mailto:rmspto@region15.org). We will send all school wide distributions under a blind copy, so your email address will not be given out.

I am thrilled to report that we have every Executive board position filled this year. We still have some Committee Chairperson roles open as well. We are still looking for chair people for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, Art Show, Board of Ed liaison, Family Night out, Garden Club, and Plant Sale,. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Sharon Gustenhoven at [sgustenhoven@yahoo.com](mailto:sgustenhoven@yahoo.com).

Congratulations- last year with your support, and our 2nd teacher breakfast, The RMS PTO purchased agenda/assignment books for every student, 9 smartboards, equipment for PE, and many other supplies needed. Thank you to the countless volunteers and your generous contributions to support our fundraising. As we move forward in the shadow of more budget cuts, fundraising is again a critical component to educational opportunities at Rochambeau. We begin the year with our Direct Donation Campaign. The form is included with this letter. Please return it with your donation when the school year begins. We look to set our grant donations by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be hosting another clothing/household linen drive this fall and spring, as well as our teacher breakfast in the late winter, or early spring. Anyone willing to help with the breakfast please contact Sharon Gustenhoven at [sgustenhoven@yahoo.com](mailto:sgustenhoven@yahoo.com).

Enjoy the remainder of the summer! We look forward to seeing you at the first PTO meeting, September 7th, 9:30am, in the AP Room.

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