



# QUARTERLY NEWS

## WELCOME BACK!

Carmel Flores as Families, Student & Staff Organization (FSSO) as Head Representative am speaking in behalf of the team. RMDS has been off to a great beginning of the school year. From my observation, I'm delighted to see happy students returning back to school along with some new students. It's always a pleasure meeting new families along with familiar faces during both the registration and open house days. I'm thrilled about the fact RMDS is growing in enrollment. We in FSSO look forward to getting to better know each one of you and your family throughout the school year. Please be sure to attend at least some of the FSSO events throughout the school year so we can get to know you.

### FSSO? What's happening?

FSSO - Families, Student & Staff Organization. The name has changed from the old one (PTO) after several discussions with parents and participants during the last meeting last spring. We talked about improving the insight of the organization itself. We wanted the organization to recognize the participation of EVERYONE, not just parents but family members (grandparents, aunt/uncle, siblings etc.) of RMDS student. We also wanted to include students during our organizational meetings where they can share their thoughts, request support and leadership empowerment. We changed to a name that better embraces all the contributors to promoting a successful year for all of our RMDS students. Community support and involvement is always welcomed.

### Who are part of FSSO committee?

- \* Carmel Flores - Head Representative
- \* Kristen Blomgren - ECE/Elementary Family Representative
- \* Damita Bookman - High School Family Representative
- \* Erin Quinn & Julie Moers - Staff Representative

**Seeking for:** Middle School Family Representative & Adoptive/Foster Family Representative



FSSO started updating new **social media** pages where the team will be posting events, photos and sharing anything that benefits toward RMDS families & the community. If you have something you would like for us to post and share; please do email us at [pto@rmds.co](mailto:pto@rmds.co) In order to keep in the loop with FSSO & RMDS, you can find us at couple social media platforms:

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/RMDSFSSO](http://www.facebook.com/RMDSFSSO)  
TWITTER: [www.twitter.com/RMDS\\_FSSO](http://www.twitter.com/RMDS_FSSO)  
INSTAGRAM: [www.instagram.com/RMDSFSSO](http://www.instagram.com/RMDSFSSO)

In this mega newsletter released quarterly, you'll see couple new events added related to FSSO. Please feel free to join us for entertaining times. We would **LOVE** to meet you, get to know you and build a strong connection within our RMDS community.

## ADOPTIVE/FOSTER FAMILIES OF RMDS

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Exciting news! We have seen the enrollment of students at RMDS growing; many thanks to the expansion families of RMDS who foster / adopt Deaf child into their family. The ratio of students enrolling at RMDS who are adopted/fostered is at 20%! We are fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful students at RMDS. Per request by families, they wanted to have a support group; Betsey Tinker who's an adoptive mother herself will be taking over this amazing support group for second time around. If you are interested to be part of the group, please do feel free to attend the gathering. Any questions, you can contact Betsey Tinker [betseytinker@com-cast.net](mailto:betseytinker@com-cast.net) The flyer will be send out soon on date and location for the meet up.



## FIELD OF DREAM BUDGET

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When RMDS was first built, the budgets were set up in several categories. The builders credited back a large amount of monies for some of the overcharged projects related to outdoors on the campus. FSSO was given the opportunity to discuss with parents/students/staffs what the credit balance could be used toward. The funds need to be related to outdoor needs and activities for staff/students at RMDS. After gathering the information/feedbacks, FSSO came to a better understanding what the school needs would be.



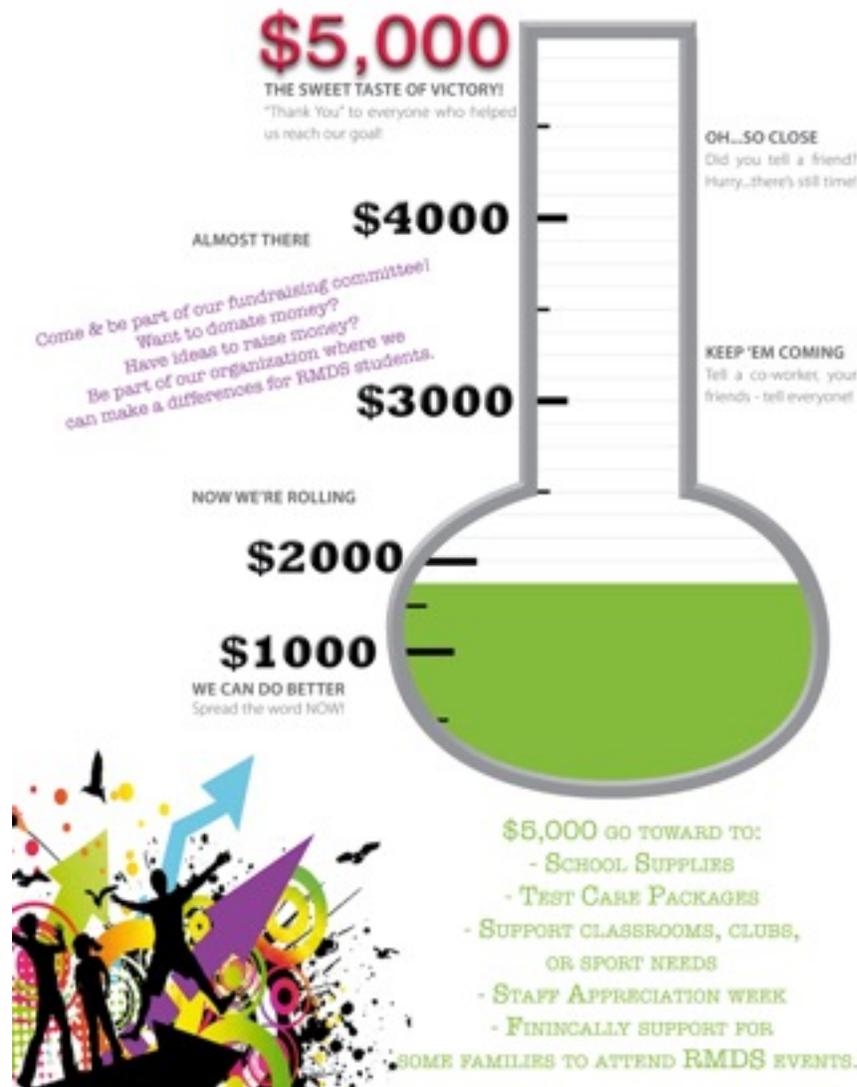
When you next time visit RMDS, you will be noticing some new items positioned outside around the school campus. There are new shed by the cafeteria, picnic tables, bench, and bleachers for soccer field, playhouse for young ones, portable disc golf, foosball, ping pong, and many more activities for students to play with during recess time.

We would like to thank to everyone who has contributed toward the Field of Dreams budget before the construction of this school began. Without the fund, RMDS wouldn't be able to purchase the amazing things students will enjoy. If you wish to donate toward certain needs, FSSO will be happy to discuss with you the fundraising we are doing to improve and expand outdoor activities



## FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR PTO

I know fundraising isn't always fun however the fact of having students attending charter school with a limited budget provided is often challenging. That is where doing fundraising comes in the picture. Fundraising is a great way to provide more for the RMDS students who can benefit from small to large things in the short/long run. Currently FSSO has a balance of approximately \$1,500. FSSO challenges everyone to help raise the balance to \$5,000 by end of the school year. After the discussion with Amy Novotny, RMDS Executive Director, FSSO has agreed on a list of where the money will be used: school supplies for 2018-2019 so families and teachers won't need to pay out of their pocket and test care packages for students. Additional funds for classroom needs, clubs, sports, student organizations, staff appreciation week is always a great way we can show our gratitude to the RMDS staff, and provide discounts for families who would love to attend one of RMDS events but can't afford it. There are many more opportunities we would like to offer for RMDS students, which means we need your help to contribute by hosting an event, spread the word to families and friends who can help out, companies who can donate and attend RMDS FSSO fundraising events. We would love to see this accomplish by end of this school year. Throughout the year, we'll post where FSSO stand with the goal of \$5,000!



**LEAD VOLUNTEER NEED:**

You may see new things we are adding on our list of FSSO activities. Those activities FSSO believes will bring the joy for the RMDS student in each area. With those new activities about to happen, we would need volunteers to take the lead in order to make it a success.



**Vocabulary Bee** is a Spelling Bee event where FSSO will be hosting and working closely with the elementary department. FSSO team felt this would be a great way to recognize RMDS wonderful elementary students who have potential to compete against other Deaf schools across the country in the finals. Plus this program will build up the students' self-esteem, confidence, and skills to build on for further competition in middle school (Battle of the Books & Math Competition) and in high school (Academic Bowl). FSSO is seeking someone who can take the lead with our very first vocabulary bee.

**Read-A-Thon** is a fundraising event where RMDS/FSSO have families, friends, community who donates money toward books/materials for students or/and classroom for the month of reading. The total donation we receive by end of the month will go directly to FSSO where the team will make the purchase of books, kindle, resources need for the literary and many more to RMDS. This event is expected to occur in March. FSSO is seeking somebody who could take the lead.



**Winter Formal Dance** is a wonderful school event where the whole families, staff, community are welcomed to enjoy the evening at RMDS under the winter starlight. The event brings entertaining opportunities bring the joy to the student where they can dress up, have fun with their friends, siblings join the good time, grandparents dance with grandchildren, staff mingle with families, community joining the good time. If someone who enjoy hosting a social event, this may be the one for you!

**Professional Sports programs** are the key of community connection. We are already in process of working with two pro sports by having players visiting RMDS, for us to attend their games, mingle with variety of people and for our students to participate doing national anthem. We need someone who can do the contact with Broncos, Rockies, Nuggets, Avalanche and Rapids. Rockies and Nuggets are already in the process; if anybody is interested in taking over, reach out to FSSO for more information. This is best fit for someone who have the love for sports, want to host group section at one of the home games and schedule the same event where our RMDS student can perform National Anthem.



If you are interested or question to do any of what listed out, please contact Carmel at [pto@rmds.co](mailto:pto@rmds.co)

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# RMDS COMMUNITY DAY!



September 29, 2017  
6:10pm

SPECIAL EVENT TICKETS - \$14 per person  
(Section U345, Row 12-16)

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 ARE EXCITED TO HOST A  
**Mom's Night Out**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**  
**6:00 - 9:00PM**  
**DINNER & SOCIAL AT THE CARBOY WINERY**  
 Hope to see many of you at the Carboy Winery.  
 Any question, Email [PTO@RMDS.CO](mailto:PTO@RMDS.CO)



Carboy Winery  
 6885 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120

 **Save The Date**  
**Mom's Night Out**      **DAD'S NIGHT OUT**  
 September 15              October 20  
 November 17              January 19  
 February 16                March 16  
 April 20                      May 18

Monthly event flyer will be posted 2-3 weeks prior to the event.

If you want to host or recommend a location, please feel free to contact Carmel Flores at [pto@rmds.co](mailto:pto@rmds.co)





MONEY PRIZES  
FOR BEST  
TRUNK DECORATIONS  
& COSTUMES  
1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE

FSSO PRESENTS

# TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 27, 2017  
RMDS PARKING LOT ~ 5-7PM ~ FREE

TRUNK CONTEST  COSTUME CONTEST  
GREAT PRIZES  CONCESSIONS

IN ORDER FOR THE WHOLE EVENT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE WOULD NEED AS MANY VOLUNTEERS TO HAVE THEIR VEHICLE DECORATED IN HALLOWEEN SPIRITS. MAKE SURE TO HAVE TREATS AVAILABLE FOR KIDS TO GATHER AS THEY STOP BY YOUR "TRUNK" TO DO THEIR T&T. THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!

CHAIRPERSONS - PATRICK & CARMEL FLORES ~ PTO@RMDS.CO