

ROSWELL NORTH ELEMENTARY FOUNDATION



ANNUAL REPORT

2016 - 2017

About Our Foundation

The mission of the Roswell North Elementary Foundation is to raise funds to enhance the educational experiences of students at Roswell North Elementary. The Foundation is committed to expanding learning opportunities, increasing academic achievement, and helping students reach their full potential. The Foundation engages faculty and staff, students and families, and business and community members with the goal of providing resources to support the objectives and strategic initiatives of the school.

Letter from the President

Greetings Roswell North Families and Community,

As the 2017-18 Foundation President, it is my privilege to present the 2016-17 Annual Report. To begin with, thank you to all the families, faculty, and Roswell businesses who support our school through the RNE Foundation. Thank you to Michelle Vincent for serving as Foundation President for the past two years and to the board members who give of their time and effort in fundraising for the school. Most of all, thank you to the teachers, staff, and administration who make RNE the school we want our children to be a part of.

Last year's Fall Pledge Drive raised \$30,000 and the Spring Soiree brought in nearly \$37,000 in ticket and auction sales. Generous support from The Tolbert Yilmaz School of Dance and other corporate donations brought our contributions to approximately **\$74,000** last year.

We are completing our outdoor learning / active play initiatives of the past two years. The outdoor classroom is in regular use and the additions to the playground have been installed. We are partnering with the Passion Foundation to build a shade structure over the playground and raised \$5,000 at the Spring Soirée toward this effort. The Licata Science Lab expanded to **4 days per week** last year, which allowed all classes to visit the lab every other week. Ms. Howard has continued to work with our teachers in aligning the labs with the classroom science curriculum. Lastly, our student-led fundraiser raised almost \$600 to welcome Hank the Octopus to the lab.

Looking forward, we have three initiatives for the 2017-18 school year.

- Maintain Licata Science Lab at 4 days per week. At \$400 per day, the extra day has strained the Foundation's budget and we are in jeopardy of dropping back to 3 days per week next year unless we are able to increase donations and business sponsorships.
- Provide 6 iPads per every class for Kindergarten-2nd Grade. SPLOST is supplying the upper grades with laptops but it is up to RNE families to ensure our K-2nd graders have equal access to technology that enables personalized learning and access to research and enhanced learning. We need to raise \$11,200 to meet that goal. We will also replace outdated devices on the 3rd-5th iPad carts.
- Permanent endowment for the Licata Science Lab. The Lab is a great legacy funded by donations from Dr. Licata and others. We want to ensure the long-term funding for the lab and a permanent science teacher so the Foundation will pursue corporate sponsors to start the endowment. If you have suggestions for corporate sponsors, please email rnefoundation@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Eric House

2017-2018 Roswell North Elementary Foundation President
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Updates from the Licata Science Lab

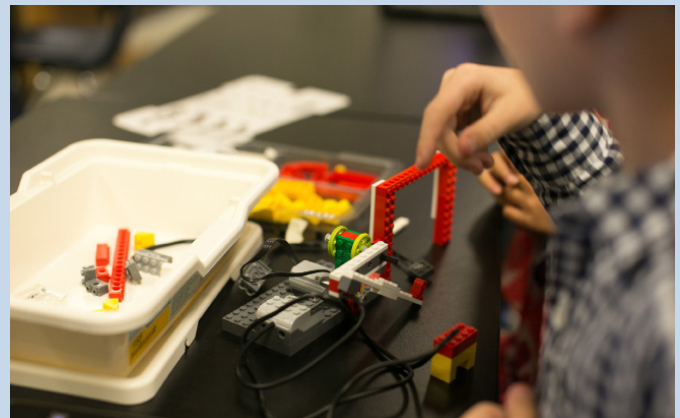
During the 2016 -2017 school year, our students visited the Science Lab as part of their regular specials rotation every other week. This consistency enabled the classes to build upon concepts they explored in each session. Here are just a few of the things our children experienced last year:

- Hatched baby chicks and butterflies to observe life cycles.
- Held regular instruction in our outdoor classroom –observing the world above, below and around
- Added a Lego construction and robotics curriculum, including Lego WeDo's, to several grade levels
- Invited parents to help and become involved in the Lab by offering volunteer opportunities for special lab activities.
- Hosted a successful family science night displaying examples of hands-on learning for parents
- Welcomed Hank the Octopus and learned about their habitats and the anatomy of these tricky escape artists!



We have several core science ideas planned for each grade to explore this coming year. Take time to go outside and talk to your children about some of the exciting concepts they are learning.

- Kindergarten -- explore motion, day and night sky, physical attributes of plants, animals, rocks and soil, and the garden.
- 1st grade -- observe and document weather and climate patterns and what properties of water result in rain, sleet, snow and hailstones, along with in-house field trip to a weather van. They will also investigate light and sound, magnets, the needs of plants and animals and the garden.
- 2nd grade -- investigate physical attribute of stars, the position of the sun and moon in relation to earth, changing states of matter and explore the life cycle by hatching baby chicks and butterflies.
- 3rd grade -- explore Georgia ecosystems, animal adaptations for survival, rocks, soil and minerals, heat and temperature, pollution and ways to protect the environment.
- 4th grade -- explore light using mirrors, prisms, lenses and different types of materials. They will explore ecosystems, weather prediction and instruments, the solar system including planets and stars, the water cycle and force and motion.
- 5th grade -- explore plant and animal cells, chemical and physical change, static and current electricity, electrical circuits, bar vs. electromagnets, the effects of constructive and destructive forces on earth and inherited vs. learned characteristics.



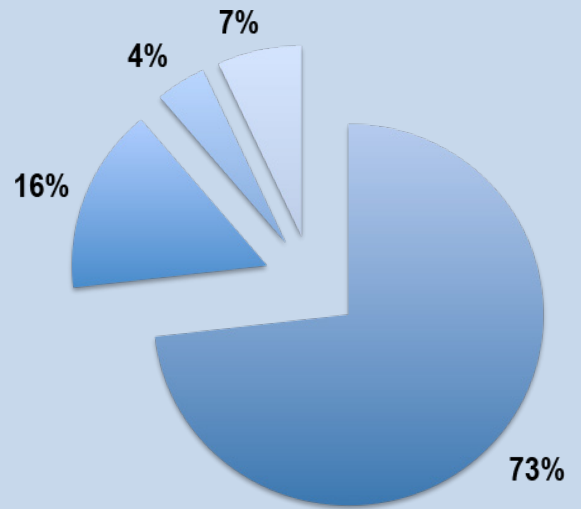
Foundation Plans for 2017-2018

The Foundation raised \$74,000 in 2016-2017 from our annual campaign, spring soirée event and business sponsor contributions. We must exceed last year's donations in order to continue operating the science lab at four days per week. We ask that every family ideally donate **\$125 per student**, however no donation is too small and every dollar counts.

While we will continue to fund the Licata Science Lab as our main priority, we are heavily focusing on expanding the level of technology at Roswell North Elementary this year.

The budget breakdown for this coming school year is as follows:

- 73% - Science lab operating expenses and teacher salary
- 16% - Technology expenses for supplemental iPads
- 7% - Support for special initiatives, such as pedometers
- 4% - Playground shade structures



Testimonials

"RNE students and teachers are so lucky to have the support of the RNE Foundation. Being able to visit the Licata Science Lab twice a month to get the hands-on approach with our science curriculum is tremendous. Learning by doing is a huge part of education."

- **Summer Hayes, 4th Grade Teacher**

"We are so grateful to have such opportunities for hands-on learning at RNE. As parents of two dyslexic learners, having these different ways of study [science lab and technology devices] have helped make our children more successful."

- **Lindsay Lockery, Parent**

"Students have been able to use this new technology to research, plan, and produce quality work that they are proud of. They are also very protective of this new technology and are taking magnificent care of the new devices. We are so grateful to have received these resources that our students so desperately needed."

- **Missy Trice, 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year**

"Technology allows for personalized learning and helps to give our kindergarten students the skills needed to be successful in the 21st century."

- **Linda Maples, Kindergarten Teacher**

"iPads and technology have allowed the students to become active participants in their learning and more engaged in the classroom. iPads have helped to bring learning to life for my students. The app Flipgrid, allows my students to engage with their peers from home or school to communicate and respond to ongoing discussions. We use the iPads to travel on virtual fieldtrips with Nearpod, Facetime with museum curators, and iMovie and other production apps to allow students voice and choice when creating end of unit products."

- **Jessica Sevin, TAG Teacher**

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Spring Soirée Donations

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Atlanta History Center
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
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Red Door Playhouse
Roswell Wine Festival
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TPC Sugarloaf
Trader Joe's
Tryst Hair Salon & Boutique
Upcountry Camp
VIN25
Young + Tanner General Dentistry
Young Life Academy
Your Pie - Roswell
Zoo Atlanta

Statement of Income

INCOME

Company Matches	1,020.00
Individual Contributions Annual Campaign	30,970.01
TOTAL DIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT	31,990.01
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	12.75
Business Sponsor Income	2,082.75
Spring Soirée	39,690.00
TOTAL INCOME	73,775.51

EXPENSE

Annual Campaign Exp	3,686.85
Foundation Initiatives	
Science Expenses	64,417.16
Other School Support	293.55
TOTAL FOUNDATION INITIATIVES	64,710.71
Business Expenses	449.98
Spring Soirée Expenses	11,001.62
Operations	2,690.12
Other Types of Expenses	700.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	83,189.28
Net Ordinary Income (loss)	(9,463.77)