

Agenda: Thursday March 19, 2026
7:00pm [Zoom link](#)

- Welcome/Attendance
- Old News/Previous Events
 - You Put the Heart in Teaching” - February 11, 2026
 - Accepted Families Day - March 11, 2026
- Upcoming Events
 - Middle School Game Night - March 27 @ 6:00-7:30
 - Stock the Breakroom - April - Google Form?
 - Teacher Appreciation Week - May - decide on events
 - New Families Welcome Event - June (discuss at later point)
- Other Notes
 - New Email Address: rtfamilygroup@risingtide.org
- Follow Up Notes for Next Time

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome/Attendance	Nicole Sykes (6th) Laura Hoag Hay (6th) The Mugherinis (5th) Abby Berejik (6th) Michael O’Keefe
Previous Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You Put the Heart in Teaching” - February 11, 2026 	-thank you to those that assisted & donated!! It takes a village and our teachers deserve it!! -for next year: Abby reported the teachers didn’t know it was happening, and the teachers didn’t know who provided the items -next year ensure either emails/signage -maybe a little low on items given the number of staff (they have 100 staff in all)
Previous Events	-postponed a week due to snow day week

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted Families Day - March 11, 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -changed the format this year versus last year so not as clear on how best the family group could assist this year -Laura & Michelle (6th) did speak at the end to welcome families -for next year: maybe a table, maybe a brochure with email/events etc.
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle School Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -next Friday March 27 @ 6-7:30 -possible idea: can a student mention it at school or classroom morning meeting? -possible idea: can the image be sent in an email blast the day before? -post it to FB group (RTCPS Parents Page) -link to Signup Genius (families bring board games and snacks and have fun!)
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stock the Breakroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -week of Wed-Fri April 15-17 2026 (conferences) -Abby mentioned Stock the Breakroom to a teacher - didn't want specific items, just appreciation of anything; seltzer was popular! -Laura will make a Google Form about requests -a bonus was we can just drop off items in the office and staff take care of organizing items
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teacher Appreciation Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -week of May 4-8 2026 -3 layer idea: catered lunch; 2 daily gift card drawings M-F of that week (random); themed gift baskets that staff have tickets to put in for the raffle <u>Lunch: (done, with date to be secured!)</u> -Laura contacted Texas Roadhouse and it will be held Wed. May 13 (TBD) as Wed. May 6 was booked -includes baked potato bar w toppings including a few that are vegetarian/vegan -last year they did deliver; hoping they will do so again this year, but otherwise Abby volunteers to pickup -might send armadillo for photo/thank you for the free food <u>Gift Cards: (done!)</u> -gift card drawing: 5 gift cards to different places (Jersey Mikes, Panera, Starbucks, Chickfila, Dunkin') -Abby: will buy 4 (2 Chickfila, 2 Dunkin')

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Muergherinis will buy 5 (3 Starbucks, 2 Panera) -Laura will buy 2 Jersey Mikes -FYI you can get a donation receipt for gifting things to the school (ask in office?) <p><u>Baskets (will start materials request at Game Night):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nicole will work on basket ideas for a Friday drawing (each teacher will get X number of tickets and they can put them in basket)
Michael O'Keefe input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -can announce events for the family group at morning meeting (happens Mon, Fri) -will have Ms. Tew do it tomorrow re: board game night for middle school families -from email regarding teacher appreciation: promote the "we" of our entire staff in the building. We have approximately 100 staff members including teachers, paras, support staff, direct service providers, leaders, and custodians
Other Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -new email address for group: rtfamilygroup@risingtide.org -good time for rebranding as a family group versus a parent group to be more inclusive -family directory is still a work in progress due to staffing absence
Follow-up Needed for Next Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -3 families buying the gift cards we need for teacher appreciation (thank you!!!) -Michael will make sure the Family Group events are better shared with students (at morning meeting) and perhaps with staff (as needed) -Laura will followup with TRH re: the meal on the 13th -Laura will make a Google Form for teachers re: wishes for 'Stock the Breakroom' -Nicole will brainstorm & email regarding the baskets for Teacher Appreciation; will make Signup for it when the time comes -need someone to take on making the labels/envelopes for the 100 staff members (I have the computer printer stickers, but someone needs to enter the names/print & stick :) **Michelle Rankin will take on this task -next meeting Tuesday April 7th 7-8:30 and focus on Stock the Breakroom and Teacher Appreciation Week

	*Next meeting on Google Meet , link here:
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