

## **FAQ ABOUT THE REBO**

### **What is the REBO?**

The REBO (Robious Explorers Booster Organization) is a parent group established to support the teachers, the students, and the families involved with the three gifted teams. The REBO works to support and enhance Gifted Education curriculum and experience. The REBO works with the PTA to coordinate parent and student activities at Robious.

### **Another fundraiser? What will you use this money for?**

All funds raised by the REBO money are dedicated to support the two teams. Donations support the purchase of classroom materials, curriculum, and supplies. At the beginning of each year, the instructors are given start-up funding to select a program or product that they want to use in teaching. The REBO also pays for technology not covered by the school or PTA. It is planned that REBO fundraising can go toward the support of teacher and parent conferences.

### **How does a teacher use their start-up funding?**

Teachers use their funding to purchase subscriptions, national programs, science materials, enhanced social studies curriculum, as well as supplies that are needed for special events and field trips.

### **How much am I expected to give a year?**

If every family donated \$20 annually, the REBO could support the eight instructors and meet other programmatic and travel needs. However, a voluntary fund drive is just that, and families should give what and how they want in order to strengthen gifted education learning resources at RMS. By donating to the REBO, parents increase our ability to attract the best teachers and offer more opportunities (such as Future Problem Solvers) to our children.

### **Why is the REBO separate from the PTA?**

The PTA's mission is to strengthen the entire school community. The REBO is separate because of its narrow focus on just two teacher teams and on the particular needs of families of gifted learners.

### **How does the REBO work with the teachers and administration?**

The REBO meets monthly with members of the RMS administration. Additionally, members of the REBO periodically meet with the PTA president, the principal, and the teacher teams.

### **What sorts of educational opportunities does the REBO offer me?**

The REBO announces news of local conferences on parenting and education. The REBO website is a resource of links to academic articles, gifted education associations, policies affecting gifted education, and gifted education conferences.

### **How can I serve on the REBO board?**

All families are "members" of the REBO, but it takes a core group of dedicated volunteers to keep the whole thing running smoothly. If you want to help build these teams, represent our school in county efforts to meet the needs of gifted learners, or you just like sharing your ideas – we need you! Contact Samantha Marrs at [swmarrs@vcu.edu](mailto:swmarrs@vcu.edu).

**I just have a few hours - how can I help?**

At the beginning of the year, we will ask you if you want to get involved and how. We will also ask if your family has special expertise that you can share – professional or creative. The teacher teams also like to know if they have a marine biologist parent, for example – so we'll ask you for expertise information too. The REBO occasionally requests donations, help, food drives, etc. Contact Pam Benos if you want to sign up as a volunteer at [pbenos@villageconceptsinc.com](mailto:pbenos@villageconceptsinc.com)

**What do I do if I have more questions?**

Contact any member of the REBO – all listed on the [www.cbgms.org](http://www.cbgms.org) website.