

Council Connections

Parents, Teachers, All of Us

Message from Our Council President

Hope you had a restful Spring Break!

This year has truly been like no other. First COVID then SNOVID. It presented unprecedented challenges and hardships and yet, our leaders at every level stepped up to the challenge, and turned the challenges into opportunities working together, serving our community, and delivering the PTA mission at its best! Each one of our dedicated PTA leaders, teachers, administrators, staff, parents, students, community members, and partners has gone the extra mile this year, and together we have consistently delivered awesome every single time!! Make sure to take a moment to give that well-deserved pat on the back and celebrate your team!!

Your Council PTA Team has been working hard too! We were awarded two National PTA Grants this year which helped us take on some initiatives that will create a community wide impact for years to come. When the winter storm messed up our advocacy plans, we didn't let that stop us. The thunderous PTA voice needed to be heard and we had some of the most meaningful conversations with our legislators for the same. Our Reflections program was a huge success this year with the most entries advancing to Texas PTA and to National PTA than any other council in Texas! This year, a record FIVE entries from Round Rock ISD went to the National PTA level! What a proud moment for all of us indeed!!

As we get ready to wrap up this year, take some time to reflect on what worked well this year? We got to see such wonderful creativity this year, how can we continue using it going forward? Keep notes for your PTA board and share them with us too! We would love to hear from each of you!!

Thank you all once again for choosing to back the future and doing it in truly #RRISDPTA way in these historical times! You all are #AWESOME!!

Sincerely,
Snehal Phirke
President, RRISD Council of PTAs

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2020-21 Council PTA Officer Assignments

If you are in need of assistance, please contact the Officer listed for your campus. Our officers have or are currently serving as local PTA board members and are eager to help you succeed. Please also feel free to contact Council President, Snehal Phirke, 972.375.6377.

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Message from District Leadership

Acting RRISD Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Daniel Presley



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break and was able to find some time for rest and relaxation. It's hard to believe this school year is just weeks away from being complete. This last part of spring is jam packed with activities, even in the unusual circumstances of 2020-2021, as we recognize our students and teachers for their hard work this year and, most importantly, honor our strong, resilient graduating seniors.

I want to address a few issues that have become hot topics across the state and Round Rock ISD. As I'm sure you all know, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has lifted the statewide mask mandate, effective March 10. As we communicated through email and on our website, Round Rock ISD's mask requirement for staff and students at our District facilities will remain in place at this time.

Like all of our decisions, this one was made after careful consideration and with the guidance of our local and state health authorities, as well as the Texas Education Agency. Through this collaboration, we believe we have developed and implemented the best protocols and mitigation strategies possible to protect our students and staff while providing our families with the teaching and learning they have come to expect in Round Rock ISD. It's important to us to keep our campuses open and help our community continue to gain ground in the fight against COVID-19 as more and more people have access to vaccinations.

While we remain focused on the current school year, we have already begun planning for the 2021-2022 school year. We are optimistic that, as vaccinations ramp up and we work to provide staff with access to the vaccine, we will return to fully in-person classroom instruction and activities. But we are also continuing to explore the possibility of providing educational options that could serve our families who may still have health concerns. This includes asking our community to give feedback on their interest in virtual learning options, if permitted by the Texas Education Agency, next fall. We sent a survey to parents and guardians earlier this month and will use that data to make plans for next year. As I write this, we are still calculating the results, but it appears the vast majority of our families are currently planning to send their students back to campus in the fall.

Our celebrations will look different this year as we close out 2020-2021, and we are disappointed that our seniors won't be able to celebrate with a school-sponsored prom. However, we are working very hard to make commencement celebrations significant and memorable and will have news on that to share soon.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that our Board of Trustees has selected a search firm to launch a national search for our next Superintendent of Schools. We will be looking to you, our parents, and our students, and our community members, to help us develop a profile and determine the characteristics you would most like to see in our next leader. We will be sharing opportunities soon on how you can participate and engage.

We have much to look forward to in Round Rock ISD. Please stay connected with our District for the latest news and updates regarding COVID-19 and keep partnering with us so that together we can create the best environment possible for our students today, tomorrow, and beyond.

Message from District Leadership

RRISD School Board

Amy Weir, President, Place 5



ROUND ROCK
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

On March 1st, the Board of Trustees chose Ray & Associates to conduct the search for a new superintendent for Round Rock ISD. We are now in the process of setting up stakeholder meetings and the online form for the community to give feedback on what they are looking for in a new superintendent. Please watch for your opportunity to contribute to the process.

Legislative Update from Trustee Vessa:

The Texas Legislative session is in full swing, and your help is needed to advocate for Round Rock ISD and public education. Please contact your state legislators and share how critical it is for our schools to have the resources to recover from this pandemic and attract and retain the talented and committed education workforce Round Rock ISD needs.

Legislators have been emphatic that the commitments made in last session's school finance reform will be maintained this session, which heartens us. A significant part of that commitment concerns increasing teacher salaries. Prioritizing funding for increasing salaries to attract and retain the best possible teaching workforce was a constant refrain. The state must honor this commitment by providing districts with the resources to give teachers raises over the next biennium, especially needed given teachers' heroic efforts to meet students' needs during the pandemic.

Additionally, just maintaining the same funding commitments from the last session will not be sufficient to remediate the pandemic's impact on learning loss and social/emotional strain on students. Many federal dollars are available to help schools recover from the pandemic's effects, but the Texas Legislature has not decided how it plans to use those dollars. Texas initially received \$1.3 billion in stimulus funding in Spring 2020. But state leaders supplanted that money (meaning they swapped out state funding for federal funding). Resulting in school districts not receiving any additional dollars under the program. Now, \$17.9 billion from the second and third rounds of federal stimulus money awaits dispersal. We need our legislators to give those additional dollars to districts like ours.

Please help Round Rock ISD and all Texas districts by sending an email or making a call to your state legislators. An easy way to do that is using the Action Alert by Texas PTA. Your voice is powerful. Please use it in the coming weeks to advocate for Round Rock ISD.

Council PTA News

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

PTA leaders, Principals, District Leadership, District Partners, Business and Community PTA members, are all encouraged to submit a written contribution to our Council Connections Newsletter.

If you would like to be included, email a brief, 1/4 page length, article to the Council Connections PTA Newsletter Editor, Sara Gandaría-Escamilla at newsletter@rrisdpta.org

**Submission for the next Newsletter is due
Friday, April 23, 2021**

A hard copy of the newsletter is distributed at each Delegate Luncheon Meeting and sent electronically to all executive board members whose names have been uploaded to Texas PTA Two Step. During the months when we do not have a Delegate Luncheon Meeting, a digital edition will be published and distributed by email.

**Have you joined the private
RRISD PTA Facebook Group?**

**Find it by searching:
RRISD Local PTA
Board Q&A**

**It's a great place to share
ideas and ask questions.**

Stay Connected with your RRISD Council of PTAs



Website: <http://rrisdpta.org>



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RRISDPTA>



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RRISDPTA>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rrisdpta/>

Council PTA COVID-19 Highlights

Tackling COVID-19 Together   

[RRISD COVID-19 Webpage](#)

[RRISD Home Learning HUB](#)

[RRISD Behavioral Health Support](#)

[Tips on Talking with Elementary Students](#)

[Tips on Talking with Secondary Students](#)

[Family Resources from National PTA](#)

[Guidelines for Meetings per Texas PTA](#)

[Virtual Meeting FAQs](#)

[Texas PTA Guidelines for Virtual Meetings](#)

[Overview of Guidelines Video](#)



Parents ... Teachers ... ALL of us!

Council PTA Highlights

Message From Our Treasurer

by Liz Cantrell, Treasurer
RRISD Council of PTAs

Hello, Fellow Treasurers, and Happy March!

As we approach the last meetings of the year, its time to start thinking about budget planning for next year and preparing for financial reconciliation.

Regarding the budget process, check your bylaws and standing rules for requirements on forming your budget and finance committee and have your committee chairs start putting plans together for next year. Even if they aren't returning in that position, suggestions for next year will go a long way towards helping the new chair get started and remember that you must have a new budget approved in order to do any business at all come the start of next year. I have already started holding Q&A training for treasury topics, open to all Presidents, Principals and Treasurers, so check your emails for invitations to those sessions and bring your questions! If you have not received my invitations, please email me at treasurer@rrisdpta.org so I can make sure I have you on my mailing list. To help you get a head start, I have put together a guide with steps and tips on creating your budget. You can find that document here: [Creating Your Budget for Next Year](#).

Now is also a good time to start preparing your books to be examined at the end of the year. Start going through your books to make sure you have supporting receipts, email communications, deposit detail and bank deposit slips, etc. for every transaction. I recommend making a transaction checklist, or you could simply print out your general ledger to make sure you have documentation for each item. Don't forget you also need to include minutes and financial reports from every meeting, as well any budget amendments in your book, all tax information and a copy of your current membership roster. For more information on Financial Reconciliation requirements and procedures, visit txp-ta.org/financial-reconciliation. We'll touch more on this next month. As always, feel free to email me anytime!



Keep an Eye Training Coming Soon

Have questions about training or suggestions for topics reach out to Jill Strode, VP of Training training@callisonpta.org

Honor Your Volunteers

Flower in Our Garden

The purpose of this award is to recognize leaders at the local or council level who have demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in their dedication to fulfilling their positions, and have had a positive impact on PTA.

This award will be presented during the RRISD Council of PTAs April Delegate Meeting.

Submit this Nomination
Form (<https://forms.gle/WKfhA3CQh1bgXye28>)
by March 31, 2021 to be eligible.

Pebble in Our Pond

The purpose of this award is to honor a parent whose volunteer effort/program directly affects children in RRISD. The contribution of this recipient should have a rippling effect throughout their school(s) and RRISD. Therefore, it is not necessary to give this award each year if a recipient is not found.

This award will be presented during the RRISD Council of PTAs April Delegate Meeting.

Submit this Nomination
Form (<https://forms.gle/Js6YdQmGLFnLCoqq9>)
by March 31, 2021 to be eligible.

If you have any questions, email us
at president@rrisdpta.org

Council PTA Highlights

Round Rock ISD Council Advocacy, Rally Day 2021 Wrap-Up

by Heather Lawrence,
Advocacy Chair, RRISD Council of PTAs

Legislator Conversations

As the super-storm rolled through Texas, laying more hardships at the feet of our community, Round Rock ISD Council PTA Advocacy team had to make the decision about keeping our Rally Day Legislator Conversations on February 22nd. We knew that the legislators were extremely busy during this trying time. However, we decided to go ahead and use the opportunity to advocate for our community's legislative priorities, as well as address the added hardships of the weather event on the community and its impact on schools.

Three Legislators (of the 4 booked) were still able to meet despite the winter storm: Rep Bucy, Rep Israel, and Rep Talarico. They gave us permission to record the webinars so that our community could access the conversations at their convenience. Each of the conversations are very meaningful and insightful. We highly recommend you take the time to watch them all. Click on the pictures below, or go to rrisdpta.org for the recordings, transcriptions, and translations.



[Watch Rep. Bucy](#)



[Watch Rep. Talarico](#)



[Watch Rep. Israel](#)

As The 87th Texas Legislative Session Continues

The bills and amendments are flying fast now that the Texas Leg is in and the committees are working. A good way to stay on top of Bills that impact all of us is to check Texas PTA's Bill Reports, as well as join their Facebook Page. Remember, Round Rock ISD Representatives are:

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As the legislative session moves forward, I am sure that we are all fielding questions from our communities on the best way for PTA leaders to utilize our PTA communications platforms to advocate on issues.

What to share via email or on social media?

You can share advocacy posts from Council PTA, Texas PTA, and National PTA. You can also share any posts from Round Rock ISD.

You can also share any of the promotional materials from the Rally Day Toolkit or the legislative priorities from Texas PTA's Legislative Priorities.

What if you learn about an issue that your community resonates with, however it is not shared by any of the above?

Depending on the nature of the action you would like to take or the content that you would like to promote, you need to make sure that it is appropriate for you to do so as a PTA. Please reach out to the Council PTA Advocacy Chair, Heather Lawrence advocacy@rrisdpta.org, or Council PTA President at president@rrisdpta.org and we will be happy to help you.

Council PTA Highlights

RRISD Council of PTAs

Noel Grisham Scholarship

Noel Grisham was RRISD Superintendent from 1957-1979, for 22 years, and helped lay the foundation for RRISD to become the academically successful district it is today. Grisham oversaw the consolidation of RRISD and Pond Springs School District - located in the west side of Round Rock - and the construction of more than ten of the district's schools. Following his exit from public education, Grisham served as representative of Texas House of Representatives, District 52 during the 1983 state legislative session, serving on the House Committee on Public Education. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Round_Rock,_Texas).

In his honor, each year, RRISD Council of PTAs awards one \$500 scholarship to a graduating student at each of our high school campuses - Cedar Ridge, Early College, McNeil, Round Rock, Stony Point, Success & Westwood.

The Noel Grisham Scholarship will be awarded to one Senior student at each of the 7 RRISD Schools. The link is here <https://forms.gle/yFWu6yswVF2yPGXm9> and is also available on the Council PTAs website www.rrisdpta.org. Please encourage your Seniors to submit an application. We would like to have submissions from each of the high schools and at this time we don't have representation from each school. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at scholarships@rrisdpta.org. Best of luck to all of our 2021 graduating Seniors!

Scholarship application will include:

1. Completing a resume listing school activities, community involvement, work experience, special awards and recognition throughout their high school career,
2. An essay, in 300 words or less, addressing the following: "Describe your contribution to PTA/PTSA. How has that made a difference in your life or a difference in your school community?"

3. A complete counselor's report (weighted/unweighted GPAs, Class Rank (if applicable), SAT/ACT scores),

4. All of the above must be fully completed and submitted no later than March 31. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

We encourage all high school PTSA's to promote this scholarship opportunity with your seniors and share it with your school counselors as well. Here is the link for the scholarship.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS
MARCH 31ST!!!**



**RRISD Council of PTAs
Delegate Luncheons**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Council PTA Highlights

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Questionnaire

by Estevan “Chuy” Zarate

Diversity Chair, RRISD Council of PTAs

When we are dealing with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, there are some marginalized populations in our schools that can be left out. It is important for all PTAs to be working toward an inclusive environment for our families that have a student with Special Needs. We should make sure that PTA advocates for ALL students. Here is a guide from the National PTA website that can help...

- **Why start a Special Education PTA?**

Families with children who have special needs often seek out opportunities to meet other parents in similar circumstances. Special Education PTAs (SEPTAs) provide this opportunity and often bring together families of students who attend different schools in a district under one PTA umbrella. Becoming a SEPTA provides families with an organizational structure, resources and the opportunity to be a collective voice for their child and for all children.

- **My child's school has a PTA (or another parent organization). Do I need to form a SEPTA?**

When a parent organization already exists in a school, parents of children with special needs may want to see if they can form a committee within that organization for families with special needs children. This encourages inclusion and helps keep the lines of communication open to all parent groups. Families can then be a part of all school activities, ensure the inclusion of their children and still have their own format for the special supports and opportunities that they may seek.

- **My child attends a school that is all children with special needs. Should we form a SEPTA just for our school?**

If there is no parent organization in your school, in consultation with your school principal, you will want to determine if you should be a PTA or a SEPTA. Consulting with your state PTA office will also provide you with options. If there is a SEPTA serving schools in your district, you may want to affiliate with them and form a PTA that focuses on your school. If there are no SEPTAs in your community, you may want to form one that would also welcome families from other schools in your community. If there is a

PTA Council for your area, that Council will also be a great source of information and guidance.

- **How do I determine if there is a SEPTA in my community?**

Contact your state PTA office.

What steps should I take if there is no SEPTA and I want to form one?

Start with like minded people, e.g. other parents, guardians, grandparents, etc. with children with special/exceptional needs, school staff (teachers, therapists, special education directors and so on).

Schedule a meeting with these people and call the state PTA office (see above for contact information) and ask for someone from the state PTA to come and answer questions on the benefits of SEPTAs.

A representative from the Board of Education and the school's district's Special Education Director should be encouraged to participate in the formation and operation of your SEPTA.

- **What can a SEPTA offer to families?**

One major benefit of a SEPTA is to offer support to other parents who have similar circumstances. Some SEPTA units have a business meeting then adjourn and offer a parent support time off the record. Sometimes parents like to speak on issues that concern their children and just listening to them can help other caretakers. Other things can happen during the support time, for instance, caretakers can learn about doctors and services that are a positive experience for their child such as a place to take your child for a haircut that is not stressful and a place of business that is understanding and patient.

Other benefits are that SEPTAs sponsor workshops and speakers on topics that can help better advocate for exceptional children and topics that can help parents better understand aspects of special needs and many diagnoses. Many SEPTAs start out with a general topic like understanding your child's IEP or 504plan, the rights of your special needs child, and the parent's rights under IDEA.

Many units offer family fun days for the whole family, such as a bowling day, a picnic and so on. This is a comfortable place for the whole family to go and be together.

Questions? Contact National PTA at (800)307-4782, info@pta.org.

Source: <https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Governance/Types-of-PTAs/Start-a-Special-Education-PTA>

Council PTA Highlights

Reflections - Time for Awards!

by Monica Welch Reflections Chair
RRISD Council of PTAs

Our remote Council Reflections Awards Ceremony is around the corner. On March 30 at 7pm, the event will be live-streamed via our Facebook page, facebook.com/RRISDPTA.

One benefit of a remote ceremony is that we will be able to highlight so many of our students' creative entries - prepare to enjoy some art! Medals have *already* been distributed to schools, and local chairs will be delivering them to students at school or via porch delivery. Please wear your medals as you join us for the ceremony!

TX PTA has announced results for their State Level Judging Event, and RRISD earned a record FIVE Overall Awards of Excellence, which advance to National PTA Judging! Only 30 entries advance from all of Texas; to have five in one year is amazing. Check out the talent of those advancing to the [National Competition](#). Our students, families, and local chairs and PTAs are a dedicated and talented group.

Here is a link to see all the Texas OAE winners: [TX PTA Overall Awards of Excellence 2020-2021](#) and this link will take you to see all the TX State Judging results: [TX PTA Reflections Results 2020-2021](#)

We can't wait to celebrate with everyone at our remote awards ceremony on the 30th! Congratulations, and THANK YOU to all our Reflections Chairs - this couldn't have happened without you!



Students listed below will be representing Round Rock ISD Council of PTA at the National Level of the Reflections competition.

Nila A.- Pearson Ranch M S

Film Production

Gavin B.- Pearson Ranch MS

Film Production

Tanishka G.- Round Rock HS

Literature

Katherine L. – Ridgeview MS

Photography

Aishwarya T. – Elsa England Elem.

Dance Choreography



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Council PTA Highlights

March in Brain Injury Awareness Month

By Kristen Hulum, MSN, RN
Healthy Lifestyle's Chair
RRISD Council of PTAs

Brain injuries are sadly a common occurrence for children, and most frequently happen with some type of hit to the head. Concussions are one form of traumatic brain injury (TBI) that most commonly occurs during activity in children. This may be a formal sporting event, or simply an injury that occurs while at home. For many years, concussions were underdiagnosed and undertreated, as it was thought they were typically minor and would heal itself. Healthcare professionals have since learned that concussions, whether minor or major, can have significant impact to the brain. This can cause symptoms that may be obvious, such as headache, difficulty with balance and light sensitivity. But, concussions can also cause much more subtle symptoms – a change in personality, difficulty with focus, and forgetfulness. Concussions can typically be prevented, and proper treatment is critical if one does occur.

Tips for Concussion Prevention – Ensure the proper helmet is worn for each activity, i.e. a football helmet when playing that sport. A bicycle helmet should always be worn with all wheeled sports such as biking, roller blades, scooters and skateboards. Even one small fall with the head hitting the ground hard can result in long lasting side effects. Teach children to play safely and follow the “rules of the game” so that injuries can be avoided.

What should I do if my child hits their head? – Assess the child. If they are unconscious, vomiting, or have any difficulty breathing you

must call 911 immediately. If the child is awake and talking without life-threatening symptoms, you may avoid 911, but must still seek medical attention quickly by contacting your pediatrician’s office, an urgent care clinic, or an emergency room if needed. **RESTING THE BRAIN IS CRITICAL!** Avoid all stimulation – dim the lights, minimize noise and avoid anything visual, especially screen time.

Participate in Concussion Rehabilitation – Did you know that there is Physical Therapy for concussions? There is! Seek out a local Concussion Clinic with Physical Therapists that are specifically trained in the therapy of brain injuries. This frequently includes vestibular therapy (inner ear) and evaluation of eye tracking movements which relays messages from the brain. Rehab soon after a concussion can greatly reduce the impact of minor symptoms that can effect a child for years.

**Conversations with a
SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

Tuesday Evenings at 6 pm - [Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/9502184961?pwd=NDYyMDFlwWklsZTE1bDZlRzZlSDQ9)

School counselors from across Round Rock ISD will be present at each session to discuss the various topics and answer questions from attendees.

15 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Transitioning from Middle School to High School November 3, 2020	Balancing School Work and Personal Time November 17, 2020	FAFSA/TASFA Presentation – Guest Presenter – December 1, 2020
FAFSA/TASFA Parent Support Sessions December 7-9 2020	Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School January 5, 2021	Building Healthy Relationships February 2, 2021
Staying Motivated March 2, 2021	Building Resiliency April 6, 2021	Transitioning to Life After High School May 4, 2021

Recordings available the next day on the [Round Rock ISD Counseling Services website](https://www.roundrockisd.org/counseling-services)
Appointment required for FAFSA/TASFA support. Make an appointment at <https://www.roundrockisd.org/counseling-services>

On behalf of the RRISD Council of PTAs, we would like to recognize the following PTA Comm*YOU*unity Partners:

Individuals and/or businesses joined EVERY PTA in RRISD!



Individuals and/or businesses joined 3 PTAs in RRISD!



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PLATINUM PARTNER \$500

- 2 minutes commercial at one virtual Designing Meeting
- Logo on Council website Home Page
- Website link, contact & byline included with logo on Partner page
- Full page ad/digo in our newsletter
- Shoutout on Council Social media pages (FB, IG, Twitter)
- Logo on Council website Partner Page
- **Complementary** Partner deal for your business to display
- Platinum Partner Certificate for your business to display
- Memberless **Complementary** Membership to ALL 50 PTAs

GOLD PARTNER \$250

- Website link, contact & byline included with logo on Partner page
- 1/2 page ad/digo in our newsletter
- Shoutout on Council Social media pages (FB, IG, Twitter)
- Logo on Council website Partner Page
- **Complementary** Partner deal for your business to display
- Gold Partner Certificate for your business to display
- Memberless **Complementary** Membership to our 10 PTAs in need

SILVER PARTNER \$125

- 1/4 page ad/digo in our newsletter
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- Logo on Council website Partner Page
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- Memberless **Complementary** Membership to 5 PTAs of your choice

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- Memberless **Complementary** Membership to 1 PTA of your choice
- Memberless **Complementary** Membership to 1 PTA of your choice

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Partnership Level:	

Randall Goltzman, Council PTA VP of membership at membership@rrisdpta.org

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Anderson Mill PTA

- Anderson Mill PTA got off to a late and slow start this school year but has been working to make up for lost time. With COVID precautions, key school staff changes, a skeleton PTA board and budget limitations to challenge us, our focus has been on ways to support our hard-working teachers and staff and maintaining/rebuilding community connections. In December, we were able to treat our awesome teachers and staff to lunch from MOD Pizza and in January, we were able to fulfill a school-wide teacher/classroom wish list of approximately \$3500. Meeting these school needs was made possible through funds raised via last year's sister school partnership with Spicewood PTA. We are so grateful for our supportive PTA community!
- This month, we are hosting a Fill the Fridge appreciation event and have additional appreciation activities in the works.
- In December, we learned that we won a \$1000 Budding Botanist grant to revamp and beautify our front raised beds into a wildlife and pollinator garden space. We will be working on this project this spring. This is the first in a series of outdoor beautification projects that we hope to implement on our campus.
- Our plan to host a virtual Multicultural Celebration in February was disrupted and postponed by the chaos of the Texas' winter storm. We are working out new dates for this virtual community building event.
- Another announcement to share is that in April, we will be partnering with Apex Leadership Company to host our school's first ever fitness based major fundraising

event. We are very excited about this event as we were not able to host our annual Carnival last fall.

- We are proud to share that our small but mighty PTA has been able to reach certain key membership goals, including that of the coveted Golden Apple Award!

Callison PTA

- While membership is down we were still able to earn the Golden Apple Award.
- Most of our efforts this year have been to show our teachers just how much they are appreciated. Our Teacher Appreciation Chair has done an amazing job of providing a snack or treat to our teachers and staff monthly with lots of words of encouragement.
- In February we hosted our membership meeting and a virtual Valentine's event. Students were able to choose a zoom room to participate in the event. The rooms included storytime, dance party, drawing and a movie. Our students really enjoyed being able to see each other online.

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- Help teachers and students at recess
- Model healthy behavior

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Local PTA News/Spotlights

Chandler Oaks PTA

- Chandler Oaks PTA awarded a total of \$2,108.03 in teacher mini grants in the springs. The items and programs are innovative and unique and will help our students and teachers for years to come!
- All students at Chandler Oaks were able to hear from a published author this semester. COE PTA welcomed three authors who gave virtual presentations on their books, their writing process, and answered so many questions from our curious students. We hope to welcome more virtual presentations before the end of the school year.
- Chandler Oaks PTA just launched our annual senior scholarship in March. We will be accepting applications through April 16, 2021. The scholarship is open to graduating RRISD high school seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA who attended Chandler Oaks Elementary School. Chandler Oaks PTA plans to award three scholarships, up to \$500 each. Information about the scholarship and the application can be found on the Chandler Oaks PTA website.
- Chandler Oaks PTA's annual silent auction will be kicking off on March 29 and will be ending on April 16. We are so thankful for all of the wonderful businesses that donated to help us reach our fundraising goal. Items in the auction include restaurant gift cards, attraction tickets, camp and class registration, hotel stays, jewelry, and so much more! Learn more about our silent auction by visiting the Chandler Oaks PTA website.

Forest North PTA

- We were able to help fund a new Forest North Elementary sign and a school logo sign with some of our funds from APEX. It is a beautiful new addition to our school and we couldn't be happier to help with it. Thank you to our members and all of our Eagles who made this possible



Social Media Tip

When asking members for photos be sure to include the following disclaimer:

Photo/Video Release: Please note that by submitting your photo/video to [insert PTA name], you give [insert PTA name] the permission to use it on the [insert PTA name] website, newsletter, social media outlets, or any other [insert PTA name] communication channels.

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Stony Point PTSA

- Stony Point PTSA continues to emphasize volunteerism throughout our students and showing appreciation of our students/teachers/administration/staff.
- Osiris/Lorraine/Scheyanne led the charge in having our students volunteer for events sponsored by SPHS, sister schools, and community partners during the pandemic. They also created a digital submission process to help match the contact-less approach the district is mandating.
- In the first two months of the year, we had two teacher appreciation activities that included a Sugar Scrub in February, and provided a Mask Spray in January. These activities were led by Victoria, our Teacher Appreciation Czar.
- Future activities for the SPHS PTSA Board include a Spirit fundraiser night in April with business partner Torchys.
- We are also planning to have an online Auction in May.
- All activities are to support our scholarship drive.



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[Check Out These Tips
for Planning
Teacher Appreciation Week!](#)

**Teacher Appreciation Week is
Monday, May 3– Friday, May 7th.**

RRISD Partners News and Tips

Campus Walk

by Amy Grosso, PhD

Director of Behavioral Health Services Round
Rock Independent School District
Amy_Grosso@roundrockisd.org



Three years ago, the Student Advisory Board held the first every AFSP Campus Walk. They wanted to bring awareness to mental health and suicide. For the third year, the School Health Advisory Council will host the walk. Because of current limits on in-person events and to ensure safety, the walk will be. We will be hosting a drive-through resource event at Stony Point High School on April 24. There is no cost to register, but you can fundraise. Walk as an individual, or form a team and recruit others to join! All information can be found at: <https://afsp.org/roundrockisd>.

In order to provide education opportunities, Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention will be presented on March 31: 6:00 - 7:00 pm and April 1: 11:30 - 12:30 for parents and guardians. Look out for registration information. If you have questions please contact Amy Grosso, amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org or 512-464-5976.



Check out the Podcast [Here](#)



On Wednesday, March 10th, to show their appreciation for all of the maintenance departments' hard work to get schools back running safely after the winter storm Chef Skyler and RRISD Food Services hosted a Maintenance Appreciation Luncheon. Chef Skyler prepared Beef Chili with a Cornbread Muffin and Sugar Cookie for dessert for 120 well-deserving maintenance staff members.

RRISD Partners News and Tips

Online Enrichment Classes



[Register now for new online enrichment classes!](#)

- After-school activities held virtually
- Classes are hands-on and interactive
- Prices starting as low as \$10.00 per class
- Classes for students in grades K - 12
- Most spring classes start January 25th
- Most classes are held for 6-12 weeks

District Health Screening

By Brandy Hafner, RN BSN

Director of Health Services, RRISD

Round Rock ISD Health Services holds student vision, hearing, and spinal screening event

On Monday, March 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Round Rock ISD Health Services will hold student vision, hearing, and spinal screening events. No appointment is necessary. The events, being held at Raymond E. Hartfield Performing Arts Center and the Stony Point Auditorium, provide students who haven't had the opportunity to be checked a convenient location to participate in their state-required health screenings. Round Rock ISD COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be

enforced.

Campus nurses will notify and encourage parents/guardians of students who need these screenings to attend this event. All services are available at both locations.

Round Rock ISD students who require vision and hearing screening:

Pre-K

Kindergarten

Grade 1, 3, 5 and 7

Any new student to Round Rock ISD

Round Rock ISD students who require a spinal screening:

Grades 5 and 7, girls

Grade 8, boys

Round Rock ISD school nurses will perform screenings for District students at both locations, Raymond E. Hartfield Performing Arts, 5800 McNeil Dr., in Austin, and the Stony Point Auditorium, 1801 Tiger Trail in Round Rock.

Student health screenings are mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Nurses will offer medical referrals should a student require further examination after being screened.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus nurse.



RRISD Partners News and Tips



4/20/21

College Admissions Panel

4/20/21

Banking Basics

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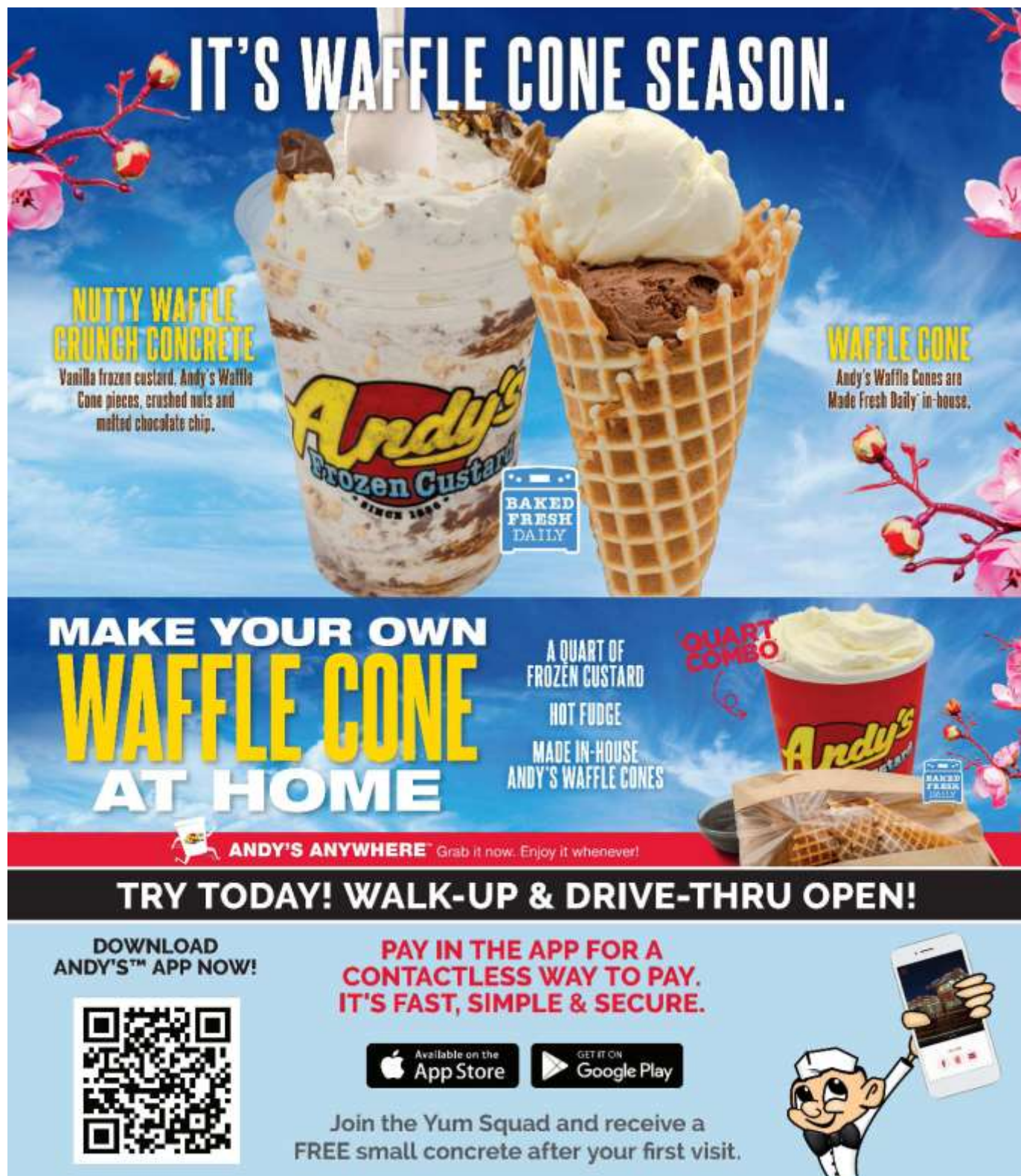
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April Observances

- 4/1 National Opening Day
 - 4/2 Autism Awareness Day
 - 4/2 International Children's Book Day
 - 4/4 Easter Sunday
 - 4/5 Gold Star Spouses Day
 - 4/6 Librarian and Library Worker's Day
 - 4/6 National Student-Athlete Day
 - 4/7 Holocaust Remembrance Day
 - 4/7 National Walking Day
 - 4/7 World Health Day
 - 4/10 National Siblings Day
 - 4/12 First Day of Ramadan
 - 4/14 National Gardening Day
 - 4/15 World Art Day
 - 4/16 Emancipation Day
 - 4/21 Administrative Professional's Day
 - 4/22 Earth Day
 - 4/23 World Book Day
 - 4/28 World Safety and Health at Work Day
 - 4/30 Arbor Day
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- 4/4-4/10 National Robotics Week
 - 4/4- 4/10-National Library Week
 - 4/11-4/17 National Garden Week
 - 4/18-24 National Volunteer Week
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- Alcohol Awareness Month
 - Campus Pride Month
 - Distracted Driving Awareness Month
 - National Kite Month
 - National Poetry Month
 - School Library Month
 - Stress Awareness Month

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JODY ALLEN REALTOR®

About Me:

I am a fifth-generation Texan and have lived in the Round Rock/Austin area since 1989. Although not born here, I got here as fast as I could.

Having graduated from Westwood High School, attended Texas State University (back then better known as Southwest Texas State), and being a resident of the Austin area for several decades, I have my finger on the pulse of the local community!

I have been in the real estate space since 2006. First starting out as a loan officer with residential lending and then transitioning into an Investor and now a licensed REALTOR® with All City Real Estate. My network of contacts in the real estate world is second to none.

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FREE KIDS MEAL!

1 FREE Kid's meal, when you dine-in at Sortino's Italian Kitchen, Cinco Niños, Double Cut Steakhouse or B-Lux Grill & Bar.

Valid 7 days of the week. Expires July 31, 2021. Excludes all major holidays and holiday weekends. Dates are subject to availability and management discretion. Coupon must be displayed and presented to the server prior to paying. Adult meal must be purchased in order to receive 1 free Kid's Meal from the Children's Menu. Single use and only one per table. You will need to show proof of being a Round Rock ISD teacher or in the PTA. No cash value. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Valid at Round Rock, TX location only.

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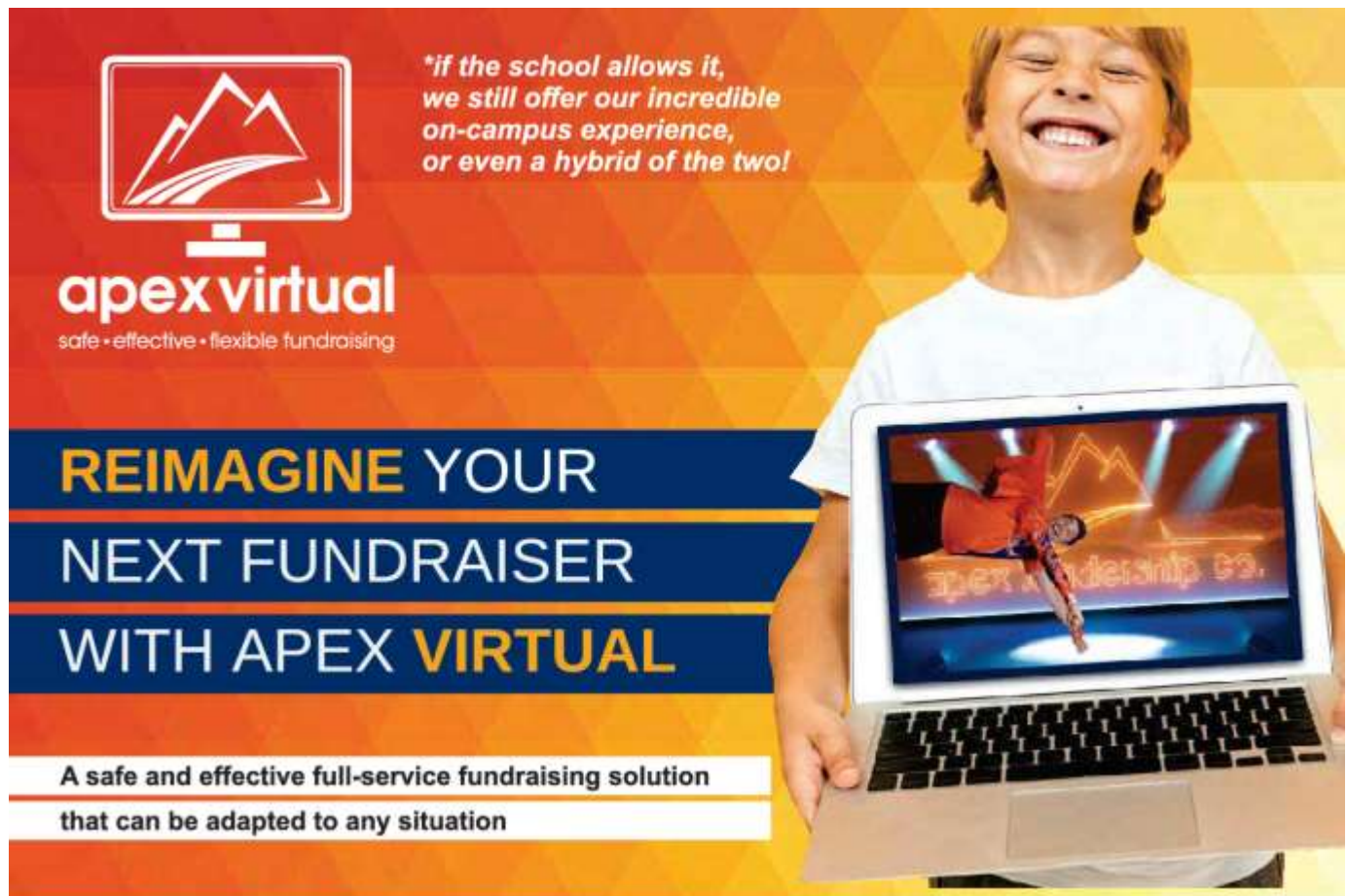
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Postcards for Mental Health

Thank you to everyone who wrote a Postcard for Mental Health to send to your Legislators as part of our Rally Day efforts! We were able to send each response to all the Legislators in the House and Senate Education committees and the Representatives of Round Rock ISD!



RRISD PTA CommYOUity Members

Marvelous Platinum CommYOUity Members

(Joined all PTAs)

Dart 'Em UP

Marvelous CommYOUity Members

(Joined 3 PTAs)

Michelle Stanley

Lisa Shultz



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As a Marvelous CommYOUity PTA Member, you will receive a certificate to proudly hang in your home, office, or business; a window decal for your car or business window; and acknowledgement at our delegate meeting, website & newsletter. Local PTAs may choose to honor you as well!

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Marvelous CommYOUity Membership Packages	
Platinum (Join ALL PTAs)	\$460.00
Gold (Join 17 PTAs in Need of Community Support - look for *)	\$124.50
Silver (Join 10 PTAs of Your Choice - price based on PTAs selected)	
Bronze (Join 5 PTAs of Your Choice - price based on PTAs selected)	
Alternative Packages (RRHS, RRDC, Soccer - look for +)	\$30.00
Dragons (Join RRHS + 14 RRHS Feeder Schools - look for #)	\$122.00
Mavericks (Join MHS + 14 MHS Feeder Schools - look for #)	\$132.50
Warriors (Join CHS + 8 CHS Feeder Schools - look for #)	\$72.50
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Elementary Schools			
Anderson MS* (M/W)	\$1.50	Griffin (C)	\$33.00
Barkman (C)	\$7.00	Great Oaks (R)	\$8.00
Blackburn Prairie (C)	\$6.00	Harrington (S)	\$33.00
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Brushy Creek (M/W)	\$7.50	Jollyville (M/W)	\$7.00
Carlin Ranch (R)	\$7.00	Laurel Mountain (W)	\$6.00
Coldwell Heights* (S)	\$7.00	Live Oak* (W)	\$6.50
Collins* (C)	\$7.00	Old Town (R)	\$8.00
Canyon Creek (W)	\$6.00	Pine Springs (W)	\$33.00
Careway (W)	\$6.00	Purple Sage (M/W)	\$33.00
Chandler Oaks (S)	\$10.00	Robertson* (S)	\$7.00
Deep Wood (R)	\$7.50	Sommer (M/R)	\$8.00
Double View* (R)	\$7.50	Splinterwood (W)	\$33.00
Englewood (M/R)	\$10.00	Yerxa (S)	\$8.00
Fox Bluff (R)	\$7.00	Union Hill* (S)	\$6.00
Forest Creek (S)	\$6.00	Vaughn* (S)	\$6.50
Forest North* (M)	\$7.00	Wells Branch* (W)	\$8.50

Middle Schools			
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Carson Vista (W)	\$10.00	Hopewell (S)	\$33.00
Center Valley (M/R)	\$10.50	Peaslee Ranch (W)	\$33.00
Chisholm Trail (R)	\$10.00	Ridgeview (S)	\$8.00
Deerport* (W)	\$10.00	Walsh (R/W)	\$33.00
Northam (W)	\$13.00		

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Center Ridge (S)	\$10.00	RR Opportunity Center +	\$33.00
Early College +	\$10.00	Stony Point (S)	\$33.00
McNeil (W)	\$10.00	Success +	\$33.00
Round Rock (R)	\$11.00	Westwood (W)	\$33.00

Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Are you an Honorary Lifetime Member? Y/N

Total \$: _____ Email: _____

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For more information email

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COUNCIL PTA PRIORITIES

- ◆ Support Local PTA Leader
- ◆ Conduct Business of the Council PTA
- ◆ Promote PTA

Texas PTA Highlights



Take Action

Call or email your State Representative and State Senator.

- Ask them to use the K-12 federal stimulus money for the purpose for which it was intended — as additional funds to help Texas schools recover from COVID-19.
 - Explain that the time is NOW for schools to be able to:
- Fund academic and social emotional programs, comprehensive after-school programs, and extended school year programs;
- Implement summer learning and enrichment programs;
- Retrofit facilities for a post-COVID-19 world.

• More information go [here](#).
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Podcast for Parents

The Count of Three is a podcast from Texas PTA, hosted by President Suzi Kennon and Executive Director Kyle Ward. Each episode invites a special guest to discuss something on nearly every parent's mind. Season one topics include deciphering our parenting style; taking a vacation from guilt trips; navigating the health foods aisle; and much more.

Find more information and a list of episodes go [here](#).

Watch Public Testimony Given by Texas PTA

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Texas PTA News & Tips



TEXAS PTA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING SYSTEM REFORM

Maintain funding for all components of House Bill 3, the comprehensive public school legislation adopted by the 86th Texas Legislature.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

Monitor TEA's Special Education Strategic Plan — corrective action taken after an investigation by the Department of Education.

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY FOR ALL

Pursue legislation and funding to ensure all Texas public school students have digital connectivity and devices.

HEALTH & SAFETY

SCHOOL SAFETY

Monitor school safety legislation, both implementation of laws enacted in 2019 and legislation filed in the 87th legislative session.

VAPING REGULATION AND FLAVOR BAN

Pursue passage of legislation to ban flavors in e-cigarettes and combustible tobacco, and to tax e-cigarettes; and increase the tax on traditional cigarettes.

CYBERBULLYING

Monitor implementation of David's Law and any other legislation related to cyberbullying.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

Monitor implementation of mental health legislation, including programs and services designed to help keep students mentally strong and prepared to cope, as well as systems to identify students in need of intervention. Monitor mental health legislation that is filed in the 87th legislative session.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Support policies that reduce childhood obesity through education, healthy food choices, and physical activity.

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM

Support legislation to increase the age of adult criminal responsibility from 17 to 18, and monitor funding for students in Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs.

CAMPUS IMMUNIZATION REPORTING

Support legislation requiring school districts to report the number of unvaccinated students in each school so families can make the safest school-placement decision for medically vulnerable children.

CHILD AND YOUTH TRAFFICKING

Support legislation that waives criminal responsibility for children and youth when criminal activity results from exploitation by a trafficker. Monitor the state's 2019 clemency initiative for victims of human trafficking.

MEANINGFUL ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

A-F ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Monitor legislation impacting the state's A-F system. Advocate for an accountability system that more broadly reviews school performance and includes a family engagement component.

STATE ASSESSMENT

Advocate for reduced emphasis on state-mandated testing that penalizes the student rather than guide instruction and identify learning problems.

STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

KEEP PUBLIC DOLLARS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Oppose legislation that authorizes state funds be used to pay for private school tuition and related costs.

LEGISLATION CAN'T WAIT ON A PANDEMIC



We might not know what Rally Day will look like quite yet, but one thing is for sure — when the Texas Legislature convenes for regular session in January, decisions will be made and laws will pass. The 87th legislative session will prove to be very decisive for our children and schools as our state still reels from a public health crisis. Next session, we need every possible Texan counted in PTA's thunderous voice. Let your community know: **#YouCanPTA**. If they're not sure where to start, invite your family, friends, and neighbors to visit JoinPTA.org — joining made easy in a world gone virtual.

Texas PTA News & Tips



Local PTA Governance Guidelines Update: Extension of Term

NEW! Extension of Term First, the president must confirm which executive board* members are willing to extend their 2020-2021 term of office by one year in the same position following the guidelines below.

- This shall be recorded in the official executive board meeting minutes, as "For the record, please state your name and position if you are willing to continue serving in the same position on executive board through fiscal year ending 2022."
- If less than a majority is willing to return in the same position, the nominating committee and elections shall continue per the PTA bylaws."
- If a majority of the executive board* is willing to return in the same position, the matter must be approved at a membership meeting.
- After approval by the membership, the position of any person who does not desire to continue will be considered vacant and filled according to the bylaws.
- If the nominating committee has already been elected by membership, the executive board may allow the process to continue as outlined by the bylaws or may choose to follow the guidelines listed herein. In this case, a motion to dissolve the elected nominating committee must be approved at the same meeting where the membership approves the current executive board to continue through fiscal year ending 2022.

Second, the membership must approve the extension of the executive board's term by a majority vote.

- Meeting notice must follow the bylaws (if in person) or COVID-19 guidelines (if virtual).

- A notification of the vote must be posted a minimum of three days in advance. Sample notification of vote: "Due to the difficulties of COVID-19, Texas PTA has approved a one-time extension of the term of office by one year in the same position with membership approval. This item will be discussed and voted on at the meeting on [insert date, time, location]."
- The president will explain the option provided by Texas PTA and accept a motion. By recommendation of the executive board, I move to extend the term of the following executive board members and positions through fiscal year ending 2022, (and, if applicable) dissolve the nominating committee.
- If not approved by membership, the nominating committee and elections shall continue per the PTA bylaws.
- If approved by membership, all consenting executive board members would continue in their roles through fiscal year ending 2022.

General Information

- Executive board composition is defined in the PTA bylaws.
- Majority is defined as more than half.
- The [*] provision is exclusively for the elections of 2021-2022 fiscal year. This provision will not pertain to future elections, membership, any financial processes, requirements, or any other than these elections.

Third Term

Leaders who are serving their second term in the same position may continue into a third term only for the fiscal year of 2021-2022, regardless of whether extending the term by membership approval or through the election process listed in the bylaws. Those serving their first term in 2020-2021 will not be allowed to serve a third term in the same position in 2022-2023.

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LOCAL PTA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS 2020-2021

To qualify for each award, you must mail membership rosters and dues to Texas PTA postmarked by the listed deadline. In addition, members who join through JoinPTA.org prior to or within the deadline are added to the PTA's count. Track JoinPTA.org members through your PTAEZ account.

txpta.org/awards-grants

AUGUST

Head Start Award

Jump-start the PTA year with 75% or more of the previous year's total membership.

Deadline: August 31

SEPTEMBER

Early Bird Achievement Award

Reach 100% of the previous year's total membership!

Deadline: September 30

OCTOBER



Snappy Increase Award

Achieve more than 100% of the previous year.

Deadline: October 31

NOVEMBER



Three Year High Award

Show more than 100% of the previous year and reach a 3-year high in membership.

Deadline: November 30

DECEMBER

Shining Star Award

Stand out with more than 100% of the previous year and achieve Good Standing. Special recognition in the Superintendent's Report Card.

Deadline: December 19



Get LAUNCH 2021 bling!

JANUARY

Welcome Back Award

Keep up momentum with 10 new members.

January 1 – January 31

FEBRUARY

XOXO Award

Share the love of PTA with 14 new members.

February 1 – February 28

MARCH

Lucky Leprechaun Award

What's at the end of the PTA rainbow? 17 lucky new members!

March 1 – March 31

APRIL

April Showers Award

Don't get caught in the rain! Welcome 15 new members.

April 1 – April 30

MAY

May Flowers Award

Tend to your garden and watch it grow with 10 new members.

May 1 – May 31

JUNE

Membership Increase Award

Achieve more than 100% of the previous year.

Deadline: June 30

VOICE FOR EVERY CHILD AWARDS

Texas PTA's most prestigious membership award for Local PTAs that strive to have one voice for every child on their campus.
Deadline: June 30



Silver: Recruit members equal to at least 50% of campus student enrollment.



Gold: Recruit members equal to at least 75% of campus student enrollment.



Platinum: Recruit members equal to at least 100% of campus student enrollment.

SPECIAL CATEGORY AWARDS

Golden Apple Award



Recruit 100% of school faculty as members.

Form deadline: February 28th

Texas PTA's definition of faculty is principals, assistant principals, teachers, counselors, and instructional assistants employed at the campus full-time.

Student Membership Award

Recruit at least 25 student members.

Form deadline: February 28th

Preschool, MARS (Men Are Really Super), Community, Generations Membership Awards

Recruit at least 50 members from any category to qualify for that award.

Form deadline: February 28th

Student, Preschool, MARS (Men Are Really Super), Community, Generations Involvement Awards

Appoint or elect one member from any category to serve on the Executive Board to qualify for that award.

Form deadline: February 28th

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE A RETURN TO FUNDAMENTALS



Local PTAs that meet all of the following criteria will qualify for the 2020-2021 President's Challenge.

New: PTAs will be required to submit a form with their principal's signature. Deadline: June 30

1. Meet with campus principal to set common goals.
2. Participate in the **back the future** campaign. (Watch for more!)
3. Host a family engagement program.
4. Have a membership increase.

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<https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1768473/1715664/>

- √ General Interest Texas PTA
- √ Healthy Lifestyles Newsletter
- √ The Review (Arts in Education Newsletter)
- √ Under the Dome (Legislative Newsletter)

Keep up with Texas PTA online Magazine



<https://thevoice.txpta.org/>

Two Ways to Share Your Ideas with Texas PTA

Did you know that you can share your successes with Texas PTA?

Texas PTA is proud of the amazing programs and services offered by our Local and Council PTAs throughout the state!

One of the most important benefits of PTA is access to a strong network of innovative and successful PTA Leaders, and we're excited to collect and share some of the best success stories out there.

They're all the *Talk of Texas!*

Submit Here:

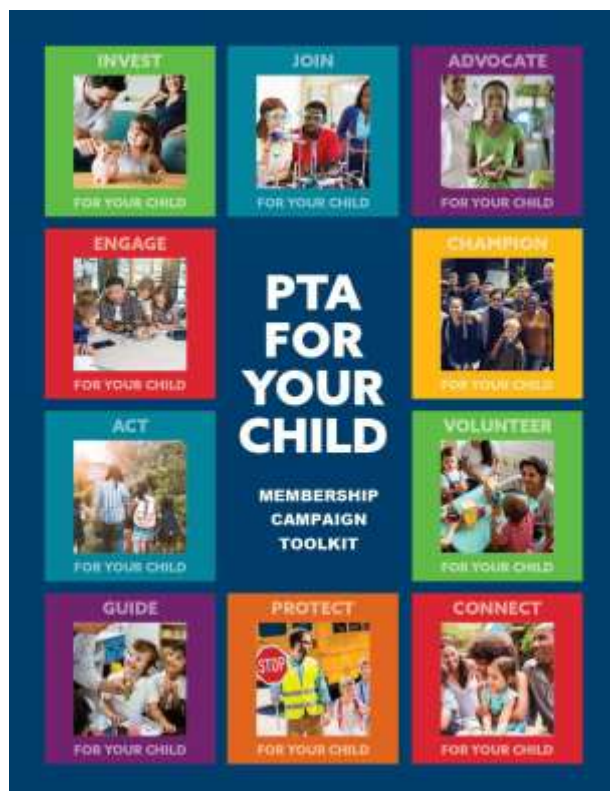
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Provides great ways to encourage Membership and spread the word about PTA's insightful work and resources.



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Real Experts. Real Parents. Real Conversations.

We are excited to introduce—*Notes from the Backpack: A PTA Podcast* for busy parents (like you!) who have a lot to keep up with at home and throughout the school year.

Each 30-minute podcast will give you the inside scoop on how to help your child succeed in and out of school. You'll hear unique perspectives from experts, parents and educator guests who will give you real-life advice and ideas you can use!

Just search for "Notes from the Backpack" on your favorite podcast app and subscribe!

For more information visit: <https://www.pta.org/center-for-family-engagement/notes-from-the-backpack>

Be sure to check out “Raising Kids Who Embrace Race” Episode #33 which features Melissa Giraud and Andrew Grant-Thomas, founders of EmbraceRace.

Helpful Parent Resources available on the National PTA website.

- ♦ [Center for Family Engagement](#)
- ♦ [Parent Guide to Student Success](#)
 - ♦ [Family Guides](#)
- ♦ [College and Career Readiness](#)
 - ♦ [Health Tips](#)
 - ♦ [Safety News](#)
- ♦ [Special Education Toolkit](#)
- ♦ [Our Children Magazine](#)

PTA Member Benefits



Gain access to discounts and benefits through your membership with Texas PTA! For details and discount codes, visit txpta.org/member-perks. Some restrictions may apply. For questions, contact Member Services at memberservices@txpta.org.



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With special employee discounts and the highest levels of service, there's never been a better reason to rent with Avis! Save up to 25% off.



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Budget-Rent-A-Car is one of the leading, most trusted providers of affordable and reliable car rental for the value-minded consumer. Get up to 25% off!



Join Costco as a new member and receive exclusive coupons valued at \$60 including three FREE items.



Purchase monthly specials at a members-only price, or customize a system and save 7% on top of advertised prices.



Enterprise rent-a-car extends a 5-10% discount to all Texas PTA members on all rentals across the nation.



With Great Wolf Perks, Texas PTA members will receive up to 30% off room bookings.



Hertz offers savings and benefits wherever you rent — with 1,000 airport locations and over 1,000 locations across the country. Save up to 25% off.



Hotels.com has over 145,000 hotels in more than 60 countries. Whether you are traveling last minute as a family or need a hotel for business, we have the right hotel deal for you.



The HP Employee Purchase Program (EPP) offers HP consumer products at discounts, instant rebates, coupons, and HP Home & Home Office sales promotions!



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Receive a substantial discount to Six Flags Over Texas! When you purchase your tickets online, you will have the chance to immediately access them.



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