

# Council Connections

## Parents, Teachers, All of Us

### Message from Our Council President

It's almost the end of the year already! A truly historic one-of-a-kind year that threw us many curveballs and tested our resolve! And like true #RRISDPTA leaders, you all stepped up, turning the challenges into opportunities, finding innovative ways to deliver our PTA Mission - to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Not only did we come through this unprecedented year, but also delivered many firsts! Our Council PTA Team reflected on this year and we all agreed that we had a huge list of AWESOME things we accomplished this year, both at the Council PTA Level and Local PTA Level!

WE did it! YOU did it! YOU made a difference!! Make sure to take some time to give yourself that absolutely well-deserved pat on the back and celebrate with your team! As we get ready to close the year, take a moment to thank your fellow volunteer leaders. This year was a lot and each of you has been instrumental to what we as a community have accomplished!!! *So much to be proud of! YOU ALL ROCK!!!*

Big Thank You to all 2020-2021 PTA Leaders for serving this year!! This is also the time to get those binders/notes ready for the incoming leaders! Transition is key to the success of our incoming leaders. Make sure to take some time to prepare and plan for the transition.

Congratulations and a Warm Welcome to all 2021-2022 PTA Leaders! Thank you for serving. Your Council PTA Team is super excited for you. What are you planning this upcoming year? We can't wait to hear from you all and help you make your plans a reality for your local PTA community!! LAUNCH 2021 will be held in person at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine with a virtual option on July 30-August 1. Stay tuned to <https://www.txpta.org/launch> for registration information. Don't forget to visit <https://www.txpta.org/training> and complete your training! You can also find resource guides, policies and lots of valuable information at <https://www.txpta.org/local-pta-leaders> and [rrisdpta.org](http://rrisdpta.org). Make sure to familiarize yourself with your Bylaws and Standing Rules! And always remember that your council PTA Team is always here to help you!

Big Thank You to ALL our awesome Volunteers, Teachers, Administrators, District Leadership, Staff, Parents, Students, and Partners for going above and beyond every step of the way to not only navigate a seemingly decade long year with grace and resilience but also delivering the best of the best in a truly #RRISDPTAStyle.

Thank you all once again for choosing to back the future! Have a restful and joyful summer! We can't wait to see you all in 2021-2022!

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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BLUE = Title 1 Campus

# Message from District Leadership

## Acting RRISD Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Daniel Presley



I am writing this as we kick off Teacher Appreciation Week and prepare to honor our Round Rock ISD Teachers of the Year at a recognition ceremony at Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex. This year, perhaps more than ever before, our teachers — as well as our campus administrators, our support staff, custodians, food service workers and all who have worked tirelessly to support our students and families this year — deserve our appreciation and gratitude.

This has certainly been the most challenging year I have ever faced in my more than 30 years in education. But, unsurprisingly, our teachers rose to the occasion, proving to be flexible and innovative and finding new ways to reach kids, even if it had to be through a computer screen.

We are looking forward to not only a return to normal for the 2021-22 school year, but a return to better. With more and more Texans being vaccinated, we are anticipating a full return to face-to-face, in-person learning in August in the types of warm, collaborative environments our students and their families have come to expect from Round Rock ISD. What we do not yet know is whether we will be able to offer a virtual option to families who may need it. Funding virtual education for Texas public school districts is up to the Texas Legislature and, while there have been several bills filed that would allow districts to provide virtual learning opportunities, none have yet been passed into law. We continue to watch these developments closely and will communicate options to our parents as soon as possible.

As the school year draws to a close, we are excited to celebrate the Class of 2021. This group of proud, persistent seniors has endured and sacrificed so much. So many have demonstrated grace and grit, have remained positive even in difficult circumstances, and have found new ways to stay connected and celebrate each other. [May 24 through 29, we will be celebrating them](#) with an encore of our Commencement Walks which were so popular last year, as well as traditional graduation ceremonies, all held outside on the field at Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex. If you know a senior, or a parent of a senior, please tell them how proud we are of them.

Before I close, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Acting Superintendent over the past several months. I know President Weir is sharing an update on the superintendent search in her article and that the Board of Trustees hopes to name a superintendent early this summer. It has been an honor to serve in this role and to help steer the District during this time of transition. As we move forward, I have nothing but optimism for the future. We are fortunate to live in a wonderful community and Round Rock ISD is truly a destination district. Thank you all for your partnership and support. I hope you have a peaceful, memorable and fun-filled summer.

Dr. Daniel Presley  
Acting Superintendent of Schools

# Message from District Leadership

## RRISD School Board

Amy Weir, President, Place 5



Thank you to everyone who participated in the focus groups with Ray & Associates, the search firm hired by the Board to assist us in hiring a new superintendent. There is a Board meeting scheduled for the first week of May where the trustees will decide on interview questions and look at our pool of candidates. We will then select candidates for the first round of interviews. The timeline right now has the second round of interviews right before graduations. The hope is to name a final candidate before the end of the school year.

As the 2020/2021 school year ends, plans are in earnest for the 2021/2022 school year. As part of the budgeting process, we approved a 1% across the board raise, plus market adjustments for those at least 6% under the market salary in their position. That resulted in a raise for teachers of about \$550. The cost of these raises was about \$4.5 million, partially offset by a \$3 million reduction in unfilled positions in Central Administration. Because of a \$14.57 million recapture payment to the State of our local tax dollars, a \$2.25 million cost to open Elementary 35 (now named Redbud Elementary), a State required \$5.7 million investment in CTE programs, and a \$0.7 million cost for health insurance, as well as \$4.5 million for raises and various other increased costs, we are facing a budget deficit of around \$32 million.

Of the \$4.6 million spent which is reimbursable by the CARES Act, we received \$4.1 million, about \$3 million of which came from Williamson County's appropriation of CARES Act funds (Travis County did not distribute CARES Act funds to districts within its boundaries). Of the \$2.9 million in expenditures reimbursable by ESSER 1 funds, we have received \$2.7 million. We have not applied for \$1.9 million of Covid related expenses reimbursable at 75% by FEMA funds, but that is in process. It was announced in late April the district will be receiving an additional \$29 million federal funds, no other details have been made available at this time.



# 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, at [newsletter@rrisdpta.org](mailto:newsletter@rrisdpta.org)

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

Congratulations, we have made it to the end of the year! Here are some tips as you finish up your year. I hope you find them helpful, but remember I'm happy to answer questions via email at any time. You can reach me at [treasurer@rrisdpta.com](mailto:treasurer@rrisdpta.com).

## END OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

### 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

Check your bylaws, standing rules and BASICS Treasurer and President Resource Guides for requirements on forming your Budget & Finance Committee.

Your Budget & Finance Committee will need to meet to develop a proposed budget for next year that will be presented at your last meetings of the year. The proposed budget must be approved by the membership in order to be enforced and for your PTA to be able to conduct business prior to your first meeting of the new fiscal year.

When planning your budgets keep in mind that we are planning for in person luncheons. So, you'll want to plan for the luncheon fees in your budgets. In the past, PTAs have been allowed up to four attendees, three of which will be official voting delegates, including their President and Principal. It is customary for the PTA to pay for their principal's lunch. So, we encourage you to please take care of your principals if you can. Beyond that, your Budget & Finance Committee and Executive Board should examine your budgetary needs and decide how many the PTA should budget to pay

for. As of now, the cost is still set at \$12/person per meeting.

TX PTA will offer LAUNCH this summer in person at The Gaylord Texan with a virtual option. See [TxPTA.org/LAUNCH](http://TxPTA.org/LAUNCH) for the latest updated information on registration and hotel pricing. They do have Gaylord room rates posted already.

There is a new elementary school opening in the fall which means we will have a new PTA in our Round Rock ISD Family. It is customary for all the existing PTAs to donate to any new PTA to help them get started. You will see our Council budget has this donation as well. Please consider adding this to your budgets if you are able. Suggested amount would be \$50-100, but any amount will be appreciated!

### Financial Reconciliation

Financial Reconciliation Committee will be formed at the last meeting of the year.

Check your bylaws, standing rules and Resource Guides for requirements on forming your Financial Reconciliation Committee.

Financial Reconciliation should be completed within the first 30 days following the end of your fiscal year.

Financial Reconciliation must be completed before you go to the bank to change your account signers.

### IRS Form 990

Should be filed or at least completed in draft form by the date of Financial Reconciliation.

If your average receipts are less than 50K per year, you will file the IRS form 990-N.

More information on the IRS Form 990 can be found at [txpta.org/treasurer](http://txpta.org/treasurer).



# Council PTA Highlights



## Texas PTA Membership Awards as of 04/22/21

### Welcome Back Award Winners

- \* Bluebonnet ES
- \* C. D. Fulkes MS
- \* Caldwell Heights ES
- \* Canyon Vista MS
- \* Cedar Ridge HS
- \* Cedar Valley MS
- \* Chandler Oaks
- \* Early College HS
- \* Fern Bluff ES
- \* Forest Creek ES
- \* Forest North ES
- \* Great Oaks ES
- \* Hopewell MS
- \* James G. Walsh MS
- \* Kathy Caraway ES
- \* Noel Grisham MS
- \* Old Town ES
- \* Pearson Ranch MS
- \* Pond Springs ES
- \* Robert P. Hernandez MS
- \* Round Rock Opportunity Center
- \* Stony Point HS
- \* Success HS
- \* Union Hill ES
- \* Westwood HS

### XOXO Award

- \* Anderson Mill ES
- \* Berkman ES
- \* Callison
- \* Canyon Creek ES
- \* Canyon Vista MS
- \* Cedar Ridge HS
- \* Cedar Valley MS
- \* Fern Bluff ES
- \* Hopewell MS
- \* Laurel Mountain ES
- \* Ridgeview MS
- \* Union Hill ES

### Membership Increase

- \* Bluebonnet ES
- \* Early College HS
- \* Kathy Caraway ES

### 3-Year High

- \* Early College HS

### Golden Apple

- \* Anderson Mill
- \* Blackland Prairie
- \* Brushy Creek
- \* Callison
- \* Canyon Creek
- \* Canyon Vista
- \* Cedar Valley
- \* Chandler Oaks
- \* Fern Bluff
- \* Early College
- \* Double File
- \* Hopewell
- \* Walsh
- \* Laurel Mountain
- \* Pearson Ranch
- \* Pond Springs
- \* Ridgeview
- \* Op Center
- \* Success
- \* Teravista
- \* Westwood

### Lucky Leprechaun

- \* Walsh
- \* Union Hill
- \* Cedar Ridge
- \* Teravista
- \* Brushy Creek
- \* Herrington

### MARS

- \* Callison
- \* Canyon Vista
- \* Early College
- \* Herrington
- \* Walsh
- \* Pearson Ranch
- \* Westwood
- \* Canyon Creek
- \* Cedar Ridge
- \* Forest North
- \* Hopewell
- \* Laurel Mountain
- \* Stony Point

### Student

- Westwood
- Stony Point
- Pearson Ranch
- Pond Springs
- Early College

### Comeback

- Kathy Caraway
- Laurel Mountain
- McNeil
- Ridgeview
- Robertson
- Spicewood
- Union Hill
- Canyon Vista
- Cedar Ridge
- Fern Bluff

### Shining Star

- Early College



**everyone can  
back the future**  
AT RRISD COUNCIL OF PTAS

## Council PTA Highlights

### Clothes Closet Update

by Cecelia Zapalac

Clothes Closet Chair

RRISD Council of PTAs

We are finally at the end of an incredibly challenging and unique year. Many programs had to scramble to find new ways to serve our students' needs all over our school district while maintaining social distancing and safe practices. The Clothes Closet was one of those programs that had to adapt. We went from having 2 locations open 6 hours a week, clients shopping for themselves, lots of volunteers to sort and hang clothes, to one location with only 3 volunteers. These 3 volunteers worked many mornings, afternoons, and weekends to fill clothing orders and deliver them to schools all over the RRISD school district! We are proud to say that we filled orders for 450 vouchers this year!

A big thank you to our two excellent and dedicated Clothes Closet managers, Amanda Gutierrez (Teravista Elementary, Hopewell Middle, Stony Point High) and Christina Grooms (Double File and Stony Point). In August, I shared the plan to keep the Clothes Closet running. I explained we would fill vouchers and deliver clothes, but I wasn't sure how much time would be involved. They both didn't hesitate to say they would help any way they could. Their positive attitudes, ability to go with the flow, and willingness to put in long hours when needed have been such a blessing and have helped make this a successful year for the Clothes Closet.

I'd also like to thank the many volunteers who collected, washed, and sorted clothes for us. This year we also had several churches and businesses that gave large donations.

Hope Presbyterian Church made a large donation of socks and underwear, and St. John Vianney Catholic Church's Knights of Columbus donated 78 new winter jackets. Dr. Aaron Crain and his staff at Impact Family Chiropractic held their second annual Undie 500 and donated over 500 pairs of underwear! McNeil High School and Westwood High School both did large sock and underwear drives with feeder pattern schools and brought in a ton of donations for us. We are so thankful for all of you!

PTA Clothes Closet Chairs, please reach out to your schools and arrange a time to pick up any unclaimed clothing items from lost and found at your school. Please remember that all donations must be washed; we cannot accept dirty clothes. Our donation drop-off day will be June 8th, from 8am - 12pm at the Voight Elementary Clothes Closet only. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. [clothescloset@rrisdpta.org](mailto:clothescloset@rrisdpta.org) See you next year!

### National PTA COVID Grant Update

We are finishing up our National PTA COVID Grant work under the mental health and wellness umbrella. *The Courageous Conversations* books have almost all been delivered to your PTA mailboxes. We are awaiting the final order of the "positivity" yard signs to be delivered so that they can be dropped off at your campus. The signs will be in English and Spanish and will be ready for you to post on your campus with your campus administration's permission. We hope they bring encouragement and PTA joy to your neighborhood!

# Council PTA Highlights

## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Questionnaire

by Estevan “Chuy” Zarate

Diversity Chair, RRISD Council of PTAs

Hopefully, your PTA is representative of the community that it serves. This includes every student regardless of beliefs, race, or sexual orientation. Many students and families identify as LGBTQAI+. The abbreviations can be a little overwhelming, but they are important. By using the proper terminology, you display that your PTA is a welcoming and safe environment for every single child and their families. This glossary can be found on the National PTA website for later reference. Do your best to make sure that your PTA represents the Rainbow of people in your school and community.

Below you'll find definitions for several key terms related to the LGBTQ community.

### ASEXUAL

The lack of a sexual attraction or desire for other people.

### BISEXUAL

A person emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to more than one sex, gender or gender identity—though not necessarily simultaneously, in the same way or to the same degree. Sometimes used interchangeably with pansexual.

### CISGENDER

A person whose gender identity aligns with cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at birth.

### GAY

A person who is emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to members of the same gender. Men, women and non-binary people may use this term to describe themselves.

### GENDER EXPRESSION

External appearance of one's gender identity, usually expressed through behavior, clothing, haircut or voice. This may or may not conform to socially-defined behaviors and characteristics typically associated with being either masculine or feminine.

### GENDER NON-CONFORMING

A broad term referring to people who do not behave in a way that conforms to the traditional expectations of their gender, or whose gender expression does not fit neatly into a category.

### INTERSEX

People who are born with a variety of differences in their sex traits and reproductive anatomy. There is a wide variety of difference among intersex variations, including differences in genitalia, chromosomes, gonads, internal sex organs, hormone production, hormone response and/or secondary sex traits.

### LESBIAN

A woman who is emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to other women. Women and nonbinary people may use this term to describe themselves.

### LGBTQ

An acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer.

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# Council PTA Highlights

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## NON-BINARY

An adjective describing a person who does not identify exclusively as a man or a woman. Nonbinary people may identify as being both a man and a woman, somewhere in between, or as falling completely outside these categories. While many also identify as transgender, not all non-binary people do. Non-binary can also be used as an umbrella term encompassing identities such as agender, bigender, genderqueer or genderfluid

## QUEER

A term people often use to express a spectrum of identities and orientations that are counter to the mainstream. Queer is often used as a catch-all to include many people, including those who do not identify as exclusively straight and/or those who have non-binary or gender-expansive identities. This term was previously used as a slur but has been reclaimed by many parts of the LGBTQ community.

## QUESTIONING

A term used to describe people who are in the process of exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity.

## SEXUAL ORIENTATION

An inherent or immutable enduring emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to other people. Note: an individual's sexual orientation is independent of their gender identity.

## TRANSGENDER

An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they

were assigned at birth. Being transgender does not imply any specific sexual orientation. Therefore, transgender people may identify as straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, etc.

For a more comprehensive list please visit: [HRC.org/Resources/Glossary-of-Terms](https://hrc.org/Resources/Glossary-of-Terms).

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## End of Year Tips for Secretaries

Statement Reviewer Process: Original document is kept by the Secretary and the non-signer should retain a copy. The Treasurer should be given a copy along with the bank statement, and the Secretary to present the report at the board meeting. If there are significant questions with the review, contact your Council, Field Service Representative, or Texas PTA for assistance.

For Virtual Meetings: Take minutes as normal.

Emergency Email Votes need to be ratified at the next in-person or virtual meeting and noted in the minutes.

Record Keeping: Be sure copies of all minutes have been added to your binder with attachments as needed for the 2020-21 school year.

Questions? Contact [secretary@rrisdpta.org](mailto:secretary@rrisdpta.org)

## Council PTA Highlights

### Reflections - Time for Awards!

by Monica Welch Reflections Chair  
RRISD Council of PTAs

We loved seeing so many families at our remote awards ceremony! If you missed it, it is still available for viewing on our Council Facebook page [facebook.com/RRISDPTA](https://facebook.com/RRISDPTA).

Next year's theme is "I Will Change the World By...." Schools can start promoting - and students can start creating - now!

The Reflections Committee is looking for volunteers for 2021-2022 to specifically reach out to schools without existing Reflections programs, and plan how digital submissions might make the entry process more accessible for schools with smaller PTA teams.

Please contact [reflections@rrisdpta.org](mailto:reflections@rrisdpta.org) for more information.



**Congratulations to the  
2020-21 Noel Grisham  
Scholarship Recipients**

### Cedar Ridge HS

**Nicholas Varela**

### McNeil HS

**Jaya Bhatnagar**

### Round Rock HS

**Jayden Bright**

### Stony Point HS

**Reagan Price**

### Westwood HS

**Edward Reichert**





## Council PTA Highlights

### Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Tips

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

May is Water Safety Awareness month, a perfect time to talk about safety during the summer months. When our kids are not in school, they love to cool off in the pool and around the lake. While the risk of drowning exists all year long, there is often an increase in submersion injuries during the hotter months. Drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 and still in the top 3 causes of death for older children. Drowning can be prevented by following these tips!

- Designate a Water Guardian!
- Constant Supervision (and also within arm's reach for younger children) is critical. Do not allow the Water Watcher to become distracted by the cell phone, a book, or conversation.
- Teach children to stay away from pool drains to prevent the powerful suction from trapping them underwater. Ensure drains have all been updated to dome-shaped drains or a 2-drain system. These drains prevent suction from grabbing onto the child.
- Restrict access to water. All pools and hot tubs should have 4-sided barrier fencing that is 4-5ft tall with a self-closing gate and a self-latching lock.
- Use various alarms to notify you if a child accesses water – alarms/overhead locks on doors, surface tension alarms, alarms for children.
- Do not keep toys in the pool when not in use so that children aren't tempted to get them.
- Consider other possible drowning sources – ponds, fountains, sinks/bathtubs, buckets, toilet.
- Use the proper US Coast Guard-approved

life jacket. It should have the right fit for a child based on weight (and chest size for an adult). Also, consider the type needed to be based on water (pool, lake, ocean)

- Always wear a life jacket on the lake, even when in the boat! 95% of those who drowned in lake waters were not wearing a life jacket.
- Get your child formal swim lessons. Lessons reduce the risk of drowning by 88% and can begin at age 6 months – 1 year to get infants comfortable in the water. In case they ever fall into the water, young children should at least be taught how to turn and grab the wall or float on their back.
- Be aware of the dangers of open water (undercurrents, riptides, swift water).
- Take extra precaution when traveling. Vacation homes/condos/hotels may not have proper alarms, locks, and gates around pools and access doors. Take alarms and child safety locks with you. Keep an eye on children.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first (surface to bottom). Check all vehicles second.
- Learn CPR and refresh lessons every year!
- Keep your cell phone close by the pool in case you need to call 911 quickly.

### Drowning is Fast and Silent!



# RRISD PTA CommYOUity Partners

On behalf of the RRISD Council of PTAs, we would like to recognize the following PTA CommYOUity Partners:

## Platinum (\$1000 donation)

Individuals and/or businesses joined EVERY PTA in RRISD!



## Silver (\$500 donation)

Individuals and/or businesses joined 3 PTAs in RRISD!



## Bronze (\$250 donation)

Individuals and/or businesses joined 3 PTAs in RRISD!

Raise Your Hand Texas

Kenneth Adix



Round Rock ISD Council of PTAs

### 2020-21 CommYOUity Partnership Program

Round Rock ISD Council of PTAs is thankful for the partnerships and the support provided by our local businesses. Council funds district-wide programs such as our local Clothes Closets, Senior Scholarships, Reflections, Parent Information sessions and workshops throughout the school year. With our partners' support, we are able to invest in the programs that benefit our schools, teachers, children and families in RRISD.

If you are interested in finding out more or have questions about these opportunities, please contact Randall Goltzman, Council PTA VP of Membership at [rmembership@rrisdpta.org](mailto:rmembership@rrisdpta.org)

CommYOUity Partnership Program	Platinum \$1000	Silver \$500	Bronze \$250
Marvellous CommYOUity Membership	+	+	+
Certificate for your business to display	+	+	+
Compassionate Partner decal for your business to display	+	+	+
Logo on Council website Partner page	+	+	+
Shoutout on Council social media pages	+	+	+
Logo on Council website Home page	+	+	+
Website link, contact information & byline included with logo on Partner page	+	+	+
Photo included as Delegate Meeting	+	+	+
Logo on Council website Home page	+	+	+

\*Note: opportunities may be limited throughout the year depending on available council funding.

### PLATINUM PARTNER \$1000

- 2 status informational at one virtual Delegate Meeting
- Logo on Council website Home page
- Website link, contact & byline included with logo on Partner page
- Full page ad/logo in our newsletters
- Shoutout on Council Social media pages (FB, IG, Twitter)
- Logo on Council website Partner Page
- Compassionate Partner decal for your business to display
- Platinum Partner Certificate for your business to display
- Marvellous CommYOUity Membership to ALL 53 PTAs

### GOLD PARTNER \$750

- Website link, contact & byline included with logo on Partner page
- 1/2 page ad/logo in our newsletters
- Shoutout on Council Social media pages (FB, IG, Twitter)
- Logo on Council website Partner Page
- Compassionate Partner decal for your business to display
- Gold Partner Certificate for your business to display
- Marvellous CommYOUity Membership to our 10 PTAs in need

### SILVER PARTNER \$500

- 1/2 page ad/logo in our newsletters
- Shoutout on Council Social media pages (FB, IG, Twitter)
- Logo on Council website Partner Page
- Compassionate Partner decal for your business to display
- Silver Partner Certificate for your business to display
- Marvellous CommYOUity Membership to 5 PTAs of your choice

### BRONZE PARTNER \$250

- Shoutout on Council Social media pages (FB, IG, Twitter)
- Logo on Council website Partner Page
- Compassionate Partner decal for your business to display
- Bronze Partner Certificate for your business to display
- Marvellous CommYOUity Membership to 2 PTAs of your choice

Please complete this section and mail it to: RRISD Council of PTAs, PO Box 1041, Round Rock, TX 78680 or visit our online store at [www.rrisdpta.org](http://www.rrisdpta.org)

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For more information email

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## Local PTA News/Spotlights

### Callison PTA

- We had a Virtual Family Wellness Night in April on the evening of our last membership Meeting. Students and families could chose from a variety of rooms to join. Room choices ranged from CG Fitness, a yoga room, dance lessons from Cedar Ridge Royalty, and a cooking lesson from our very own Paraprofessional of the Year.
- We are celebrating our teachers with a week full of snacks, goodies and a lunch from Firehouse Subs for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Membership was down this year, but we were able to earn our Golden Apple Award, Generations, MARS and Community Involvement Awards.
- Our Health and Wellness team has been providing updates, video links, and general information on mediation, mental wellness, and making sure students get their sleep.
- Reflections Update: CCE had two students win the "Overall Award of Excellence" at the Council level and then they received "Honorable Mention" at the State level. We're very proud of all CCE students who participated.
- While we didn't reach our 100% goal, we are proud that we received the Golden Apple, MARS, and Gold awards during this difficult school year.
- Our bi-monthly (twice a month) newsletters have been well received by the CCE community.
- We have lined up partners for next year to provide a magic show and raffle off art classes

### Canyon Creek PTA

- On April 22 and 23rd, CCE PTA hosted their virtual Multicultural Fair which celebrated the cultures of the CCE community and around the world. Connection was the theme for 2021, as we brought people together through video and a socially distanced parade. We had over 45 videos representing all seven continents (North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and Antarctica) covering many countries and cultures. Over 20 families and teachers participated in the "Parade of Nations" representing even more countries.
- Teacher Appreciation week for CCE will occur May 17-21. We have planned to provide a food truck, baked goods, "survival" kit of goodies, and special notes from students.
- CCE Yearbook has been completed and

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## Local PTA News/Spotlights

### CD Fulkes PTA

- We had a successful Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for our amazing staff here at C.D. Fulkes Middle School! Thank you to all the volunteers, the donors, Torchy's Tacos and of course, our C.D. teachers and staff! Thank you for all you do for our kids, our school and our community! We are blessed!
  - Thank you Veronica Modisette for all of your hard work setting up and serving! We love our PTA Board President!
- For teacher appreciation we have pulled out all the stops at Ridgeview to make sure our wonderful teachers know how much we value them and their time and sacrifices this year. We fed them a chicken and pasta meal one day, served by our PTA, decorated for a fiesta on cinco de Mayo where our wonderful principal, Dr Mutscher cooked a fajita lunch for the staff and pta helped serve. We also provided individual cheese balls with crackers and a fruit cup for each teacher for the afternoon slow down.



### Ridgeview PTA

- On April 27th we celebrated national school bus driver day by giving our amazing bus drivers in the district breakfast tacos, water, granola bars and a seat cushion to make for an easier ride.



## Local PTA News/Spotlights

### Stony Point PTSA

- First and foremost, the Stony Point PTSA and School community would like to wish our TXPTA brethren and sisters good health and spirit. We are running fast and feverishly to finish the year.
- As a proud tradition, we are launched our annual SPSHS PTSA Scholarship invitation to Seniors. The SPSHS Scholarship committee will convene and determine scholarship winners in early May. We are working on many scholarship drive donation events for late April and early May.
- Victoria Tablizo, provided our teachers with "stress balls" in March. A wonderful gift idea considering the level of work and stress teachers feel daily. She is also putting together great appreciation gifts for Teacher appreciation week in May.
- April Lopez, our Reflections Chair, stated that one of our students, Tamara-Kuru Pkiah, received an honorable mention at the RRISD Council Awards Ceremony held on 3-30-2021. She was presented a bronze medal and we are so proud of her entry titled *I Am Human*. Congrats to Tamara-Kuru.

### 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.*

### May Observances

- 5/1 School's Principal's Day
- 5/4 National Foster Care Day
- 5/5 National Teacher's Day
- 5/6 National Nurse's Day
- 5/7 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 5/9 Mother's Day
- 5/12 Last Day of Ramadan
- 5/15 National Learn to Swim Day
- 5/21 World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 5/22 Harvey Milk Day
- 5/31 Memorial Day
- 5/3-5/7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/6-5/12 Nurse Appreciation Week
- Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Asthma Awareness Month
- ALS Awareness Month
- National Bike Month
- National Brain Cancer and Brain Tumor Month
- Celiac Disease Awareness Month
- National Dental Care Awareness Month
- National Foster Care Month
- National Military Appreciation Month
- National Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Water Safety Month
- Skin Cancer Awareness Month





# RRISD Partners News and Tips

## Mental Health Awareness

by Amy Grosso, PhD

Director of Behavioral Health

Round Rock Independent School District



Did you know May is  
Mental Health Awareness Month?

It is critical we all talk and learn about mental health before a crisis. Check out websites like: [afsp.org/may](https://afsp.org/may) or [nami.org](https://nami.org) to learn more about mental health. The best thing we can do is to speak up about mental health. The more we are open, the more we reduce stigma. Together we can make a difference for our students. You are always welcome to contact me for assistance: 512-464-5976, [amy\\_grosso@roundrockisd.org](mailto:amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org), [@amylgrosso](https://twitter.com/amylgrosso).



Check out the Podcast [Here](#)

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Questions? Email us at [parent\\_programs@roundrockisd.org](mailto:parent_programs@roundrockisd.org)



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## RRISD Partners News and Tips

### District Health Screening

By Brandy Hafner, RN BSN

Director of Health Services, RRISD

Choosing whether the COVID-19 vaccine is right for you and your family is a very personal decision. There is no requirement for the COVID-19 vaccine at this time. Texas has recently expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to everyone 16 years of age and older. All vaccines are authorized for people 18 and older, but only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for people 16 and older.

Austin Public Health (APH) is one of two local vaccine hubs. APH expanded appointment scheduling on April 17 to be open from Saturdays at 7 p.m. through Tuesdays at 7 a.m. to allow people ample time to schedule for the upcoming week. Some local pharmacies receive direct allocations from the federal government and other local providers receive smaller allocations each week. A list of local providers can be found at [centraltxvaccs.org](http://centraltxvaccs.org) and [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org).

Williamson County will no longer be accepting names on its COVID-19 vaccine waitlist starting Friday, April 16, at 5 p.m. Residents wishing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine will schedule directly with the provider of their choice.

### Curative Vaccine Site Sign Ups

- GISD Vaccine Site  
<https://curative.com/sites/24582>
- Dell Diamond Vaccine Site  
link: <https://curative.com/sites/26169>

If you need to reschedule your appointment with Curative

email: [appointments.support@curative.com](mailto:appointments.support@curative.com)

### Family Healthcare Systems

<https://familyhospitalsystems.com/services/covid-19/>

If you need to reschedule your appointment with

FHS, email [support@familyhospitalsystems.com](mailto:support@familyhospitalsystems.com).

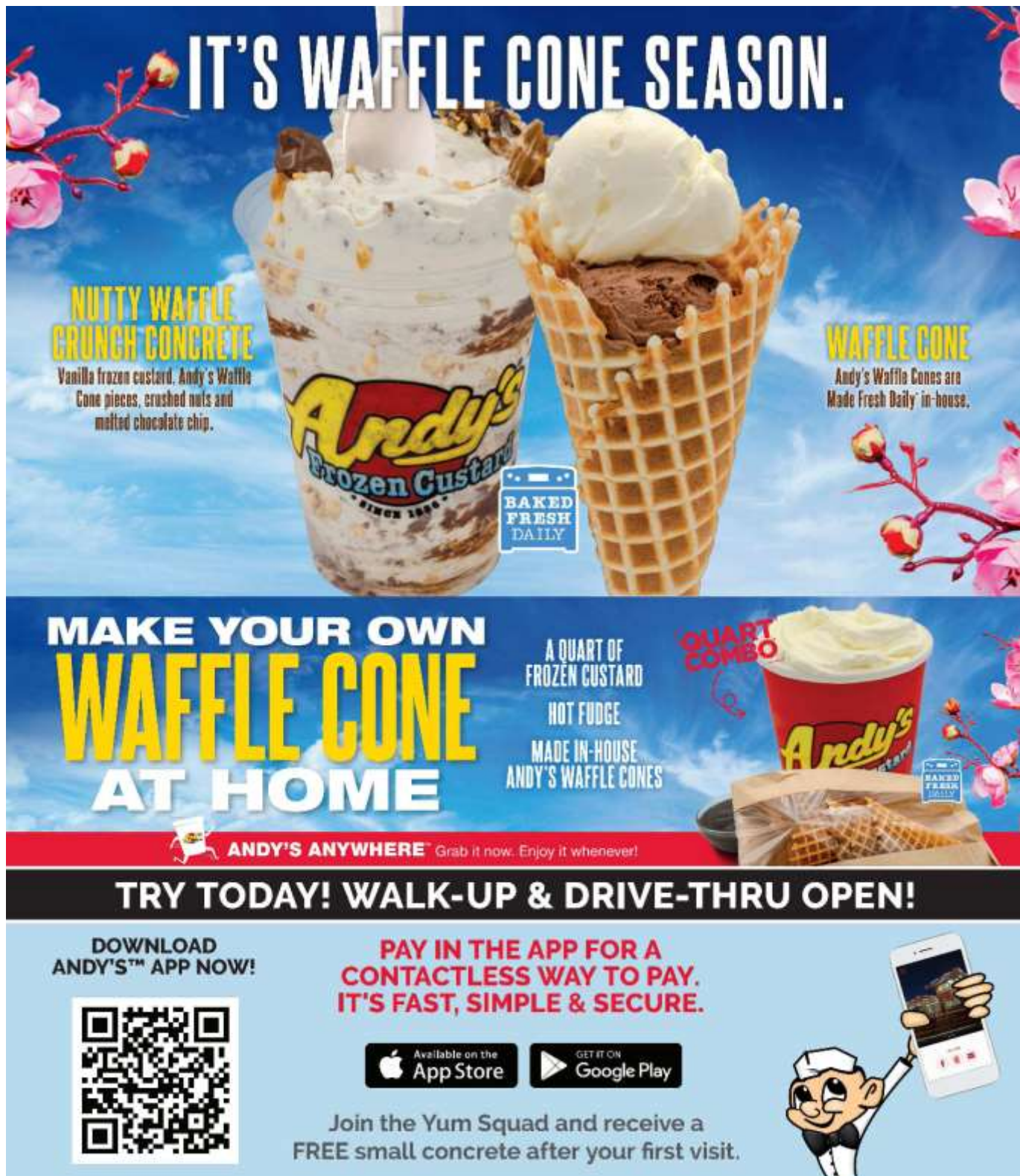
Williamson County has set up a call center to serve as a resource for residents interested in COVID-19 vaccine information. The call center number is 512-943-1600 and is answered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Should you need assistance with your vaccine appointment, Williamson County can offer technical assistance with completing your registration paperwork at a Vaccine Registration Technical Assistance site. No appointment is necessary. Effective April 6, all VRTA centers are open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Hill Country Bible Church, 3300 Little Elm Trail, Gym Building, Cedar Park, Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- First Baptist Taylor, 2500 Mallard Lane, Taylor, Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Oaks in Sun City, 301 Del Webb Blvd., Georgetown, Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 1420 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church Georgetown (McKinney Christian Ministry Center), 1205 Ash St., Georgetown, Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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*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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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.

### ROUND ROCK ISD TEACHER TUESDAY!

Teachers receive a 15% discount on food in our signature outlets: Sortino's Italian Kitchen, Cinco Niños, Double Cut Steakhouse or B-Lux Grill & Bar.

Valid 7 days of the week for ONE PERSON ONLY. 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. Excludes all drinks. 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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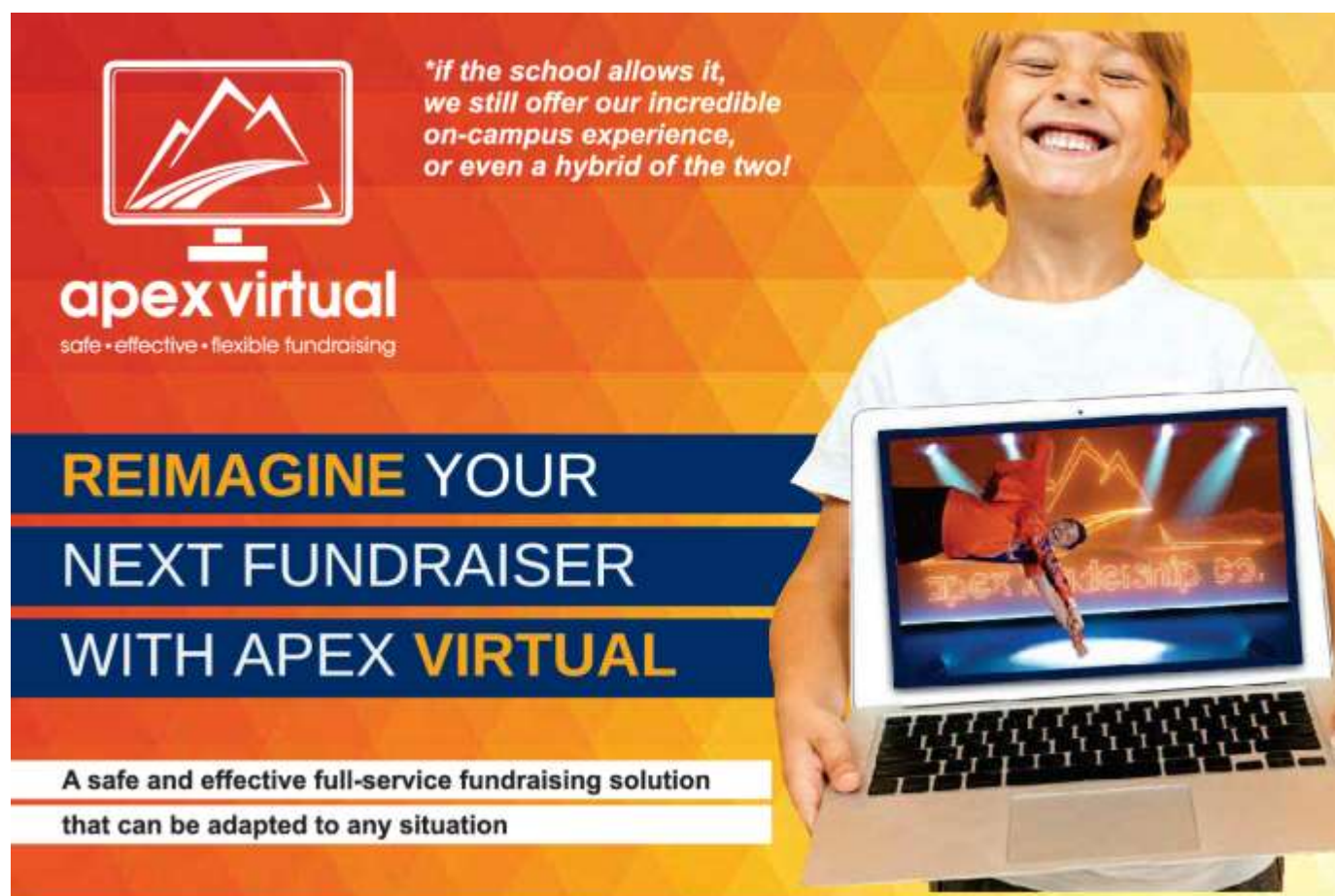
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- Advocacy
- Business Partner
- Community Membership
- Directory
- DADS (Dads of Amazing Daughters & Sons)
- Faculty Appreciation for Alternative Campuses (RROC, Success & GOALS)
- PTA Liaison

Subject to Executive Board Approval. If interested in serving in any of the above positions, please email [president@rrisdpta.org](mailto:president@rrisdpta.org)

- ♦ Support Local PTA Leader
- ♦ Conduct Business of the Council PTA

# Texas PTA Highlights

## Texas PTA Speaks Out

### April 20 #StopBullying House Committee on Public Education

WATCH <https://bit.ly/3au3JBa> (54:24) Suzi testified in support of HB 1726, "Relating to reporting the number of incidents of bullying and cyberbullying in a school district and open-enrollment charter school through the Public Education Information Management System."

### April 12 #InBadTaste

House Committee on Ways and Means  
WATCH <https://bit.ly/3slBURG> (1:01:22)

Suzi testified against HB 211, imploring lawmakers to tax e-cigarette products like traditional tobacco.



## 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](#).

## UPDATED ACTION ALERT



### TAX VAPES LIKE TRADITIONAL TOBACCO

UPDATE: HB 211 has been set for debate on the House floor — Tuesday, May 4.

HB 211 by Rep. Shawn Thierry taxes e-cigarettes at \$.07 cents per milliliter of vape fluid. This would add a tax of mere pennies on vape products popular and dangerous to youth.

Tell your state representative:  
Vote **NO** on HB 211.

Click [here](#) to easily contact your legislator. After entering your address on the next screen, you will be taken to a prepared script and the legislator's phone number.



# 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](https://JoinPTA.org) — joining made easy in a world gone virtual.

# Texas PTA News & Tips



## 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](https://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.



# Texas PTA News & Tips

## Stay in Touch with Texas PTA

Sign up for one or more of Texas PTA Newsletters Here:  
<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/>

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## 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:

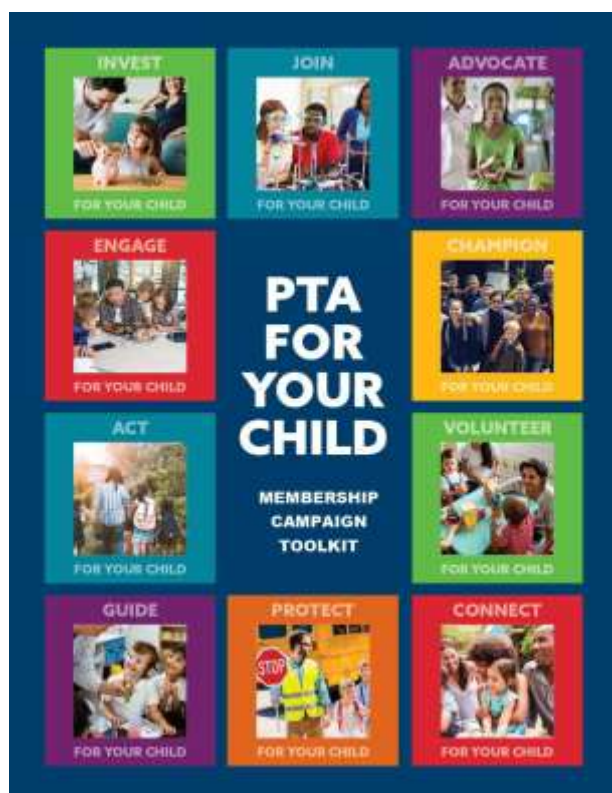
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## National PTA News & Tips



### PTA is Speaking Up for You [PTA Letters to Policy Makers](#)



### [National PTA's Membership Campaign](#) ["PTA For Your Child"](#) [and Local Leader Kit](#)

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



Join in on a Learning Lab to engage with experts to get new and helpful ideas. Check out upcoming topics here

### Tips for making your PTA Virtual

- ✓ [Get Great Examples](#)
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- ✓ [Easy Online Programs](#)
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## National PTA News & Tips



### 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.

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### 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](https://txpta.org/member-perks). Some restrictions may apply. For questions, contact Member Services at [memberservices@txpta.org](mailto:memberservices@txpta.org).



There's no better place to order flowers online than 1-800-Flowers.com. We have the highest quality blooms and the most talented florists who can create exactly what you order.



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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.



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Receive a discount on Texas Rangers tickets throughout the season!



Enjoy a discount at locations within Texas, flat rate for single or double occupancy rooms.

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