

Council Connections

Parents, Teachers, All of Us

Message from Our Council President



Hello Friends!

Hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy!!

Not too long ago, we were getting ready for our end of year PTA business including elections and celebrations. And then as things closed down we all were forced to take a pause. The pause wasn't all bad, it helped us reconnect with what truly matters! The humility, the gratitude and the amazing resilience of our commYOUunity filled our hearts with hope when we struggled through the clouds of uncertainty...and here we are!

Yes, indeed there are big challenges ahead and what lies ahead will test our resolve to our PTAs, our creativity and our perseverance. But we know like any PTA leader does - challenges do not stop us, we are in this for all our children, all our stakeholders, and we will find a way even if we have to make one. The uncertainty that stopped us is fading a bit now. Now we know that the schools will remain closed throughout the rest of the 2019-20 year. We know the new guidelines for the end of year PTA business including elections. And we also know that we have to prioritize flexibility when planning the next year. So, let's keep moving forward and together we will make it happen.

What if you are not ready to return to PTA yet? What if your board or commYOUunity is not yet ready? First of all, that is completely OK! These are unprecedented times and its impact is as diverse as our commYOUunity is. But don't forget we are all here for each other. You have 22,792 friends here!! Please reach out, ask for help; you will be surprised how many more are eager to help in this #OneFamily.

Before we get into the planning of our next steps for PTA, if you haven't already, let us take some time to plan something for self-care. And then let's plan one step at a time with flexibility, simplicity and some creativity!! I am confident that, not only will we get through this together but we will also amaze ourselves - as we will do it in our #awesomeRRISDPTAstyle!!!

Please feel free to reach out anytime if any questions, comments, suggestions and even to just say hello to each other!

Thank you so much for all you do!!!

Sincerely,

Snehal Phirke

President, Round Rock ISD Council of PTAs

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2019-20 Council PTA Executive Board Roster

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2019-20 Council PTA Officer Assignments

Have a question? Need Some help? We are here for you!

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COUNCIL PTA PRIORITIES

1 Support Local PTA Leaders

#2 Conduct Business of the Council PTA

#3 Promote PTA

[BLUE](#) = Title 1 Campus

Message from District Leadership

RRISD Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Steve Flores



The word “unprecedented” has perhaps been used more in the last six weeks than in the last 50 years. But I keep coming back to it because no other word so accurately and concisely sums up the challenges we are all facing.

I appreciate all of your support and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters. Our educators are working tirelessly to teach and support students and families in this new environment, and we are remaining flexible to adjust to changing conditions and adopt new ideas, particularly now that we know that we will not be returning to school for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Now, more than ever, our partnership with you, our PTA members, is vital. Thank you for all you do to help us remain emotionally together while we are physically apart.

Please be sure to follow us on social media and stay tuned to our website for updates. If you haven’t already, download the Round Rock ISD app so you never miss an update.

Of all the myriad issues and obstacles this pandemic has brought us, right now the Class of 2020 weighs heaviest on my heart. We know we won’t be able to celebrate commencement in the traditional way for the first time in Round Rock ISD’s history this year. However we are actively working on ways to celebrate our graduates and make this time special. We’ll share that news as soon as possible. In the meantime, please take a moment to read my message to this year’s seniors, which I delivered in a video sent to seniors and their parents and available on our Facebook page:

Dear Seniors,

These are difficult, challenging, unprecedented times. We miss being together. We worry for people who have lost their jobs. We’re concerned for those who have fallen ill. And we grieve with those who have lost loved ones.

But in the midst of all this, you, the Class of 2020, are also experiencing significant loss.

I can only imagine how upsetting it is for you not to return to your campus after Spring Break to experience your final weeks with your classmates, teachers and Senior year traditions. Although there are many unknowns right now, we are committed to honoring you, our Class of 2020. We will celebrate your accomplishment in the best way we can given the current circumstances.

As you’ve probably already expected, prom and May graduation ceremonies are canceled for all of our schools. We are working with the H-E-B Center at Cedar Park for dates in late summer to provide you the traditional graduation ceremony you’ve earned, and are hopeful that will be possible.

I’m sorry this isn’t the send-off you’ve been working toward and dreaming of. Despite the

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cancellations, know that I am proud of you. You've accomplished something special. Soon, if not already, you'll have the opportunity to pick up your caps and gowns and graduation announcements from your campus. This small piece of the graduation experience is well-earned and I hope you wear your tassel proudly in photos, in celebrations at home with your family, and on video chat with loved ones near and far.

As the Class of 2020, you will leave your mark during this moment in history as the first class in Round Rock ISD to have a virtual graduation. A commencement website will be created to commemorate your success, where speeches, photos, and the names of every graduate will be shared.

Julius Caesar said, "Experience is the teacher of all things." I am heartbroken that you are missing out on some cherished, time-honored experiences. But, this totally unexpected and unique experience will likely teach you more. You may one day wear it as a badge of honor — indeed you should — to be a proud, persistent, resilient member of the Class of 2020.

As Superintendent, the absolute highlight of my career is standing on the graduation stage with all of you. I dearly hope I'll be able to do that, though a little later than planned. But I'll say to you now what I say every year on that stage:

Wherever your journey takes you always know that you have a special place in our hearts.

You are part of the Round Rock ISD family and legacy. And those bonds last a lifetime.

So whether you are a Raider, an Owl, a Maverick, a Dragon, a Tiger, a Phoenix, or a Warrior, you are One Family. Our Family. And our hearts are with you.

Respectfully,

Steve Flores, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools



Message from District Leadership

RRISD School Board

Amy Weir, President, Place 5



This is a crazy, crazy time. We are all doing our best to cope, but as one day bleeds into the next and this doesn't end, it is overwhelming. We are all trying to keep our families safe, trying to help our students with their assignments, still needing to make dinner and clean the house, and make sure bills are paid. It's a lot right now to keep looking at the same walls; to not be able to get together with your friends, volunteer at the school, just say hi to a teacher in the hallway on your way to the school library to help with the book fair.

As a mom of five, including 2 seniors, I know how tough it has been for so many of our students and families. Our kids are missing all the milestones they'd been looking forward to - prom, senior trip, graduation, and a last night with their friends as McNeil Mavericks at Project Graduation. Not just the seniors, all the 8th graders and 5th graders missing the milestones they have been looking forward to enjoying. I sympathize with all the students and teachers, losing the chance to have that end of year party, that last hug, cleaning out the desk; all the simple things that we all will miss this year. And the emotional burden we as parents feel trying to help them navigate this time while we are also mourning the losses of those events.

Next year might be tough for many PTAs as your ability to fundraise may be limited and the needs of your school communities will be greater. But I have confidence our community, thanks to our PTAs, is strong and once we are on the other side of this crisis our RRISD PTAs will help lead the way back into whatever our new normal will be at our schools.

I know leading in this environment is very daunting. We are all navigating new waters and trying to guess what tomorrow may bring. All we can do is our best, giving ourselves grace along the way. Thank you for continuing to serve and know that you are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Amy Weir
RRISD School Board, President
Place 5



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

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.

**Next submission deadline is:
May 20th, 2020**

**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](#)

[RRISD Council of PTAs End of Year Resources](#)

[Family Resources from National PTA](#)

[Guidelines for Meetings per Texas PTA](#)

[Virtual Meeting FAQs](#)

[Virtual Election FAQs](#)

[Overview of Guidelines Video](#)

Council PTA Highlights



RRISD Council of PTAs
virtually presents

Mental Health Awareness Virtual Programs

Amy Grosso, PhD

Director of Behavioral Health Services

Round Rock ISD

Given a time of many unknowns and changes in school/work schedules, managing our emotions and helping our children cope can be difficult. Come for a time of learning tips and resources on how to support your children.

Every Thursday

@

11am and 8pm

Watch Live or a Recorded Video

@ [RRISD Council of PTAs Facebook Page](#)

Council PTA Highlights

Message From Our Treasurer

By Liz Cantrell

RRISD PTA Council Treasurer

Hello, Everyone!

I hope you all are healthy and happy in this unusual time! With the end of the year coming, I've put together a ton of information answering questions I've received in the past week in a Q&A format. I will be taking this information and placing on a Google Doc that I will share with all Presidents and Treasurers. I hope this is helpful to you, and please feel free to continue emailing me with your questions at treasurer@rrisdpta.org. I will keep adding as they come in. In addition, you can find updates from TX PTA on their COVID19 page here:
<https://www.txpta.org/covid19>.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Q&A With Our Council Treasurer

Q: Can we still spend money?

A: Yes! As long as you are spending within your approved budget, PTAs are permitted to continue spending as needed.

Q: Do we still have to have two signatures on PTA checks?

A: If your PTA's Standing Rules require two signatures on checks, then you must have two signatures on every check, unless your PTA votes to suspend your Standing Rules' two signature requirement. A majority vote of the membership is required to suspend a rule.

This can be done electronically, but must follow these procedures:

Because this is not coming from a committee the board must vote to suspend the rule. The procedures for emergency voting of the board must be followed. It is highly recommended the board determine which funds requests/bills may be paid and any thresholds for the dollar amount of the checks that may be writ-

ten with one signer.

Once the board has agreed to suspend the rule, you must get membership approval. The procedures for temporary electronic voting by the membership through June 30, 2020 must be followed." (*See "Emergency Email Voting without a Meeting through June 30, 2020" excerpt at the end of this document)

Q: Can we give gift cards to each teacher since we can't do a teacher appreciation luncheon this year?

A: TX PTA BASICS Treasurer's Resource Guide doesn't have any limits on number of gift cards, just that they may not exceed \$25 in value and they must be retail-specific (see excerpt below for reference). You must also make sure that any purchase is within your already approved budget, or you will need to amend the budget before purchase. Budget amendments must be done via emergency voting guidelines at the end of this document.

From TX PTA BASICS Treasurer's Resource Guide: "GIFT CARDS/GIFT CERTIFICATES Any gift cards purchased by a PTA should not exceed \$25 in value and must be retail-specific (i.e. branded cards of restaurants, stores, etc.) Generic cards (MasterCard, Visa, etc.) are not permitted. Gift cards are cash equivalents, so PTAs should exercise the same care when storing and distributing gift cards."

Q: Can we purchase a virtual gift card for our teacher appreciation gifts?

A: Yes, however, keep in mind that TX PTA only allows electronic payments via ACH or eCheck to pay TX PTA, TX State Comptroller, and AIM Insurance. If your PTA does not have a debit card and adopted the TX PTA or their own stand-alone e-commerce policy, you will need to have a member purchase the virtual gift and be reimbursed. PTAs are not permitted to use their PayPal account for electronic payment. Please see the TX PTA E-Commerce Policy here for more details:
https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Policy/E-Commerce_2019.pdf



Council PTA Highlights

Training Update

By Dawn Watson

RRISD PTA Council VP of Training

Who would have thought we'd end this year doing everything "virtually". I sure didn't. Recently I was thrilled to be able to buy paper towels, loo paper and hand sanitizer at my local HEB and all in the same shopping run! It's amazing to me how the little things in life, those purchases that we took for granted, have become big items and make us sooooo happy when we are able to secure the purchase. Anyway, onto PTA training...

Upcoming shortly will be the Lunch & Learn, "Finishing Up the PTA Year". The virtual meeting link will be sent out once the dates have been confirmed. Included in the invitation will be PTA Presidents, PTA President-Elects, Treasurers and Principals. This opportunity will provide you with all of the information needed in closing out your PTA year.

The spring all-day training event will look differently this year. We are shifting it to be all virtual workshops. The topics will include the BASICS: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and Parliamentarian. Like in the past, there will be a few optional workshops which are in the process of being finalized. However a sampling could include: Communications, Reflections and Marketing your PTA.

For those of you that haven't done Foundations Leadership Orientation (FLO) I/II yet.....please take FLO I online at <https://www.txpta.org/courses/course/8> - the cost is \$10 reimbursable by your PTA. A certificate of completion will be sent to you once the class is finished. I will be facilitating FLO II virtually. And at this time, this opportunity will only be valid through the end of June, 2020. FLO II will require pre-registration. Look out for more details to come on FLO II. This training is a Texas PTA requirement for all persons serving on the local unit PTA executive board.

In the meantime, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Feel free to text me at 512/415-7090. I'm happy to help YOU!

"You can study government and politics in school, but the best way to really understand the process is to volunteer your time."

~Rob McKenna

Council PTA Virtual Delegate Meeting - Friday May 8th 12 - 1pm

We will be hosting our LAST Council PTA Delegate Meeting for this year on Friday, May 8th from 12 - 1pm. We will try our best to keep the meeting to one hour.



Agenda to include the Council PTA Elections and other end of year business.

Based on the new Texas PTA Virtual Delegate Meeting/Elections Guidelines, all attendees are required to register to attend.

All attendees MUST REGISTER using this [DELEGATE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM](https://forms.gle/AtLHV8KGG0Eh4ncs6) (<https://forms.gle/AtLHV8KGG0Eh4ncs6>)

Please make sure that your PTA President, Delegate, and Principal register for the meeting.

It is important that we have their registration as we will need those details while conducting the election.

A meeting link will be emailed to all the attendees registered via the above form towards the meeting date.

According to our bylaws: Section 2. Quorum. The quorum for the transaction of business in any association meeting shall consist of at least one representative (president, principal or delegate) from 30% of the Local PTAs in membership. A Local PTA president, delegate or alternate who is a member of the Council PTA executive board shall not be counted in establishing the quorum. We have 53 PTAs so we will need at least one representative from at least 16 PTAs.

Intent to run from the floor: Following Texas PTA Guidelines, Council PTA Executive Board has decided to Only accept notice of intent to run from the floor received at least 5 days prior to the meeting. If you are someone you know would like to run from the floor, please have them submit their intent in the [DELEGATE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM](https://forms.gle/AtLHV8KGG0Eh4ncs6) at least 5 days prior to May 8th.

Council PTA Highlights

Free Heart Screenings for RRISD Student Athletes

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy is typically a congenital abnormality of the heart that has silent symptoms in an athlete. Yet every year, school aged athletes around the country experience a sudden cardiac arrest that can be fatal. The good news is that this condition can easily be found on a quick screening involving a simple EKG.

The Heart Hospital of Austin at St. David's Round Rock Medical Center is proud to be able to support RRISD by offering five heart screening sessions for student athletes.

The process is FREE, non-invasive and private, and all EKGs are immediately interpreted by a specialized cardiologist to determine if additional follow-up is required.

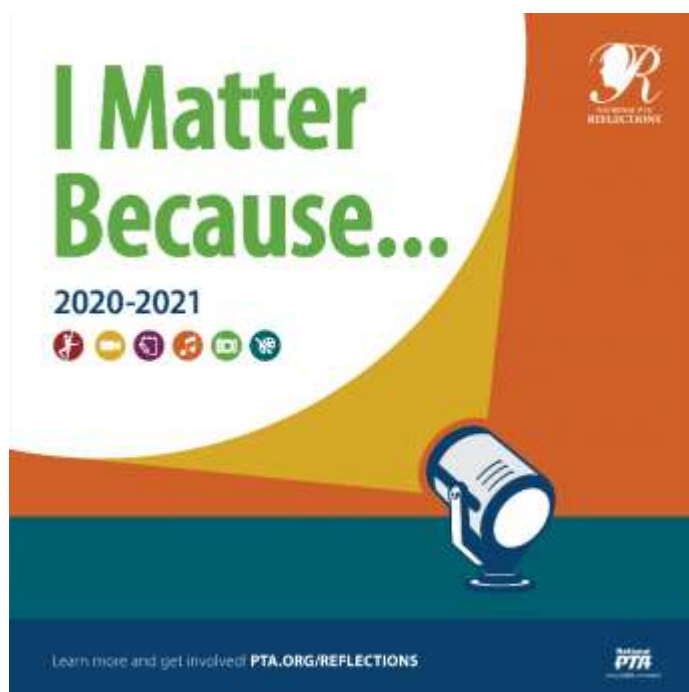
Mark your calendars:

(Dates Subject to Change Due to Coronavirus)

Westwood HS.....July 23

Cedar Ridge HS.....Aug. 14

Questions? Contact Council Healthy Lifestyles Chair, Kristen Hulum at healthylifestyles@rrisdpta.org or Jenn Griffith at parliamentarian@rrisdpta.org.



Attention Round Rock ISD
teachers and staff,
RRISD P.I.E. Foundation
Excellence in Education Grants
are now open.
Apply here:

<https://www.rrisdeducationfoundation.org/excellence-in-education-grants>

Deadline is June 5th, and more

Council PTA Highlights

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Alert

Coronavirus Updates for Parents

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that usually cause illnesses like the common cold. In December 2019, the new, novel Coronavirus, now called COVID-19 was discovered. Since then and to date, the virus has been confirmed in over 100 countries and territories around the world, including the United States and in Texas.

Most people with the virus exhibit mild symptoms while others get extremely sick and require life-saving hospital stays. The mortality rate of COVID-19 is still evolving but initial estimates show that it is more deadly than the flu for people over the age of 80.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

The symptoms of COVID-19 are mild to severe respiratory illness including pneumonia, fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or your child has these symptoms, please call your physician's office, if you feel they need to be seen.

ARE CHILDREN AT HIGH RISK FOR COVID-19?

According to the CDC, there's no evidence that children are more susceptible. Experts suggest that the following people are at higher risk for COVID-19:

- Older adults
- People with serious chronic medical conditions including: Heart Disease, Diabetes and Lung Disease

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM THE VIRUS?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Encourage your children to sing the "Happy Birthday To You" song twice while washing their hands. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer (one that is 60% or higher alcohol-based).
- Keep your children and family away from others who are sick or keep them at home if they aren't feeling well.
- Encourage your children to use a tissue when they cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue in the trash. Additionally, you can encourage the "Dracula method" if they need to cough (cough into their elbow like Dracula would hold his cape).
- Clean surfaces in your home using household disinfectants.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid travel

SHOULD I/MY FAMILY USE A FACEMASK?

The CDC only recommends facemasks for people who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, not for people who are healthy. Additionally, people taking care of someone with COVID-19 may be advised to wear a facemask.

For more information, we invite you to visit the CDC to review resources for parents around COVID-19. Here are a few:

- How to talk with your child about COVID-19 (including how to talk about what happens if you or a loved one is diagnosed with COVID-19) <http://bit.ly/3cRtb2L>
- What do I do if my child's school/childcare program is temporarily closed? <http://bit.ly/38Dy1h3>

StDavid's  **Children's Hospital**

3/27/2020

Please Consider Becoming a PTA CommYOUunity Member



As a PTA Community Member, your generosity and dedication to education sets you apart through your significant commitment to RRISD and more than 51,000 students.

Partner with us in achieving PTA's mission to *"make each child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children!"*

As a RRISD Community Member, you will be recognized with a certificate to proudly hang in your home, office or business; a window decal for your car or business window, and acknowledgement on our [RRISD Council of PTAs website](#).

Local PTA News/Spotlights

RROC PTSA

- On behalf of the RROC PTSA, we'd like to say THANK YOU to all of you that supported our organization this year!!! You are our RROC Stars!
- Earlier this year, we were given permission to bring in speakers for our students to cover topics such as Dating Violence, Human Trafficking, Vaping, etc. Then COVID19 hit. The speakers will be rescheduled for the Fall.
- We've been working on creating a PTA tagline. Thank you to Principal Katie Holding for helping us to design a "ditty" that is inspiring and embodies this PTA.
- Snehal Phirke, joined our executive board this year as the Communications Chair and has created our new website. We are working on providing content for it. THANK YOU Snehal!
- Lastly, we need only 7 more members to reach a 3 YEAR membership high. Would you consider joining? Simply go to joinpta.org and follow the prompts. PTA Member only perks are still available through July 31, 2020. Benefit providers such as 1-800Flowers, Costco and lots more. RROC PTA is #PTASTRONG. Take care everyone!

Stony Point HS PTSA

- First and foremost, the Stony Point PTSA and School community would like to wish our TXPTA brethren and sisters good health and spirit during this extraordinary time. Like everyone else, we are following COVID-19 guidelines, but yet still working remotely to support the Stony Point community where possible.
- As a proud tradition, we finished collecting all of the scholarship applications from our wonderful Senior population via Google forms. The SPHS Scholarship committee will convene and determine scholarship winners in early May.
- We have selected a Nominating committee for next year's PTSA board. We are hoping to have nominations and voting done before end of May.
- Lastly, we still must honor our teachers during Teacher appreciation week, and we are in the midst of figuring out how to do this virtually and/or digitally.
- Our Harlem Wizards and Lincoln-to-drive fund-

raising activities has been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.

Westwood PTSA

- Westwood High School PTSA Presents: SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills For Stress Resilience (63 Minutes) Exclusive On-Demand Access for this documentary is available from: April 24 - May 8
REGISTRATION IS FREE, brought to you by Westwood High School

May Observances

(Click on the hyperlinks for ideas on how to observe these special days)

May

5/1 May Day

5/1 School Principal's Day

5/1 School Lunch Hero Day

5/2 National Fitness Day

5/5 Cinco de Mayo

5/6 National Nurses Day

5/6 [National Bike to School Day](#)

5/6 [All Children Exercise Day](#)

5/10 Mother's Day

5/16 National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day

5/25 Memorial Day

4/27-5/1 National Playground Safety Week

5/4-5/8 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/6-5/12 National Nurse's Week

National Dental Care Awareness Month

National Military Appreciation Month

National Mental Health Awareness Month

National Bike Month

National Fitness Month

[National Screen Free Saturdays](#)

Asian American /Pacific Islander Heritage Month

National Water Safety Month

Skin Cancer Awareness Month

RRISD PTA Partners

The A's and B's of At-Home Learning During a Global Crisis

**By Jackie Cyriac, Title I Parent Liaison,
State & Federal Programs, Round Rock ISD**



The first podcast I listened to when it was clear that my kids would not be returning to school after Spring Break was “How to Homeschool Your Child.” This is ironic because I’ve come to realize that what is happening in the world today as a result of school closures is actually not “homeschooling” in the traditional sense of the word. **What’s happening right now is continuity of learning during a global pandemic.** There is a difference. Acknowledging that distinction may be just the thing that keeps us sane during this forced staycation with our little humans as school doors are shut for our safety. Here are what I feel are the “A’s and B’s” of at-home learning during a global crisis. There is no “C” for a reason. Right now, we are going through a mass trauma. Those are difficult words to write and to read. For most of us, “A and B” are all we can handle right now. Yep. You’re welcome.

“A” is for ADAPT:

How do we know we are adapting? Adapting is defined as “...the process of change by which an organism or species becomes better suited to its environment.” Toward that end, I hope you don’t think that your job as a parent is to mimic what happens from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on a normal school day. **Your job is to create the conditions in your home that promote learning of all kinds, not just academic. Academic learning is just one of many kinds of learning.** I’ll let you decide what kind of learning takes place. Will it be in the form of cooking? Making slime? Reading a book? Meditating? Spending time in nature?

“B” is for BREATHE:

More than anything, children are absorbing the ways the adults around them handle stress. Whether you feel it or not, we are going through a collective trauma and the fallout from that trauma will play out in all kinds of ways. **At the end of this, our children will benefit most from a caregiver who leaves the room before they lose their temper.** Whatever comes up for you during your day, your breath is your superpower. This emphasis on the breath is courtesy of my mentors, Dr. Shefali Tsabary and Renee Jain. Return to your breath often. Deep breath in. Deep breath out. Allow the micro-pause that comes with the breath mindfully direct your action.

This article is dedicated to all the parents and caregivers who are suddenly thrust into the role of academic teacher, many of whom are attempting this feat while working from home and managing their households. I am inspired by the countless campus and District educators who put every effort into making distance learning as workable to families as possible. I hope this helps as we learn to adapt to a brave new world of having our people around All. The. Time.

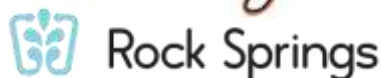
In her current role as a Parent Liaison in the field of family engagement, Jackie partners with schools and families to remove barriers to educational success. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, two children, and goofy boxer mix. Find more of her writing on Facebook at “Jackie Cyriac - Writer.”

RRISD PTA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

On behalf of the RRISD Council of PTAs, we would like to recognize the following PTA Com**YOU**unity Members.

Platinum individuals and/or businesses joined EVERY PTA in RRISD.

PLATINUM PREMIER



There's hope. There's help.



PLATINUM PLUS



PLATINUM BASIC



ROUND ROCK CHAMBER

Dr. Steve Flores
Superintendent, RRISD

Gold individuals or businesses joined 22 PTAs in RRISD

GOLD PREMIER

GOLD PLUS

GOLD BASIC



Dr. Daniel Presley
RRISD Senior Chief of Schools & Innovation

Terry Worcester

Silver Individual/Businesses

Joined 7 PTAS in RRISD

SILVER

Dawn Watson



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Andrew's Choice

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RRISD PTA Community Members

YOU make a DIFFERENCE in what we DO <i>Over the past 18 years, \$4.8 million has been given back to Round Rock ISD</i>	 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION ROUND ROCK ISD	PROGRAMS <ul style="list-style-type: none">ScholarshipsTeacher of the YearEmployee Giving CampaignExcellence in Education Grants
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 We are ONE family.		ACADEMICS <ul style="list-style-type: none">STEMFestPre K Rodeo & RROCK ReadyProfessional Development



Host your PTA's next Spirit Night with Mr. Gatti's Pizza or at Gatti-Town!

Your Fundraiser will Receive:

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Gatti-town offers **food** and **fun** for your next Spirit Night!


As a proud member of the RRISD Community where our restaurants are located, Gatti's is committed to supporting neighborhood groups such as PTAs, schools, youth sports programs, religious groups and other non-profit organizations. One of our favorite ways to support the local community is through our fundraiser program.







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Contact Alicia Drewe, Director of Operations & Marketing Coordinator, to learn more or to schedule an event.
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WCHE Principal

Contact: Nathan Hesselgrave - nathanh@apexfunrun.com - 817.688.8436



[Summer Meals Promotion, Best Practice, and Success Stories](#)

Tuesday, May 5, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Presented by Action for Healthy Kids.

[Power of Parents: Health at Home](#)

Wednesday, May 13, 3:00 – 3:45 pm. Presented by Action for Healthy Kids.



[CATCH My Breath Service-Learning Project](#)

Deadline: Friday, May 15. Program and college scholarship opportunities.

[Texas Department of Agriculture 3 E's Grant](#)

Deadline: Wednesday, May 20. Nutrition Grant Program.

[SHAPE America Physical Activity Calendars](#)

Ongoing calendar archive in English and Spanish.

RRISD PTA Community Members

*Thank YOU for making a difference in
the lives of Round Rock ISD Students*



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Our partnership with community members, like PTA and local businesses, is critical to the success of this year's school supply drive set for the **2020-2021 School Year**. All proceeds raised will go straight to purchasing bulk school supplies that will then be distributed to the students in need at every Round Rock ISD Campus. We hope you will consider joining us in helping the students in **Round Rock ISD** start the school year off right.

How to Get Involved:

- Adopt A Grade Level - \$2,500
- Adopt a Campus - \$500
- \$10 supports one student the entire year

To make a donation online, visit: www.rrisdeducationfoundation.org/school-supplies

Mail check/cash to:

Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation
595 Round Rock West Dr, Suite 404 Round Rock, TX 78681
Questions, contact Melissa Schmalbach at (512) 300-8329



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Spirit Night Opportunity from CodeWizardsHQ

Student, teachers, and parents are the true essence of a school. Being an active part of your educational community creates cohesiveness and fosters student growth and development! CodeWizardsHQ is an immediate catalyst for innovative, empowering and positive individual learner growth at each of our partner schools. This is why we love to bring Coding Spirit Night to schools. As the Language of the Future, we believe that coding should be accessible to every student in the world. Computing jobs are the #1 source of new wages in the United States, with a projected growth rate double that of all other jobs. Consider the opportunities it would create for your students when they graduate!! We are excited to currently be partnering with Walsh Middle school to host a 1-hour live, online coding workshop in which students:

Learn to Code in the Popular Programming Language Python

Get an Introduction to Real, Text Coding (no drag & drop)

Do Hands-on Coding Exercises

Evaluate whether he/she will Enjoy Learning to Code

CodeWizardsHQ nurtures curiosity and builds confidence while promoting computational thinking.

Let's get your students started today!



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#1 Round Rock Chamber Business Connector

The Round Rock Chamber's Business Connect- or provides an platform for local businesses to share special announcements with the community (special hours/closures or other information). As a result of the unprecedented circumstances, this channel is available to all area businesses whether part of our chamber or not. The Chamber will update the webpage daily, email the newsletter each Tuesday and Friday to our Chamber investors, and post on our social media sites. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube for the most up-to-date posts.

Disclaimer: Business operations are changing rapidly and we cannot guarantee that the following announcements are 100% up-to-date. Please reach out to the business directly with specific questions about their business hours and offerings.

Thank you, Round Rock ISD PTAs, for supporting local

RRISD PTA Community Members



Dart'em Up is the perfect solution for fundraisers, too! We give back 50% of proceeds from fundraising events. Dart'em Up has hosted dozens of fundraising Spirit Nights for PTAs across the city. Whether you're raising money for a class trip or much needed school supplies and equipment, our team will help you get closer to your goal while building stronger school and team spirit as a group.

Set up your Spirit Night today! Call us at 512-735-1919 or email me at richard@dartemup.com.

Dart'em Up is Austin's original indoor foam dart sports arena – a family-friendly place for kids and adults of all ages (5 and up) to get some exercise and battle it out! We host all kinds of gatherings – Nerf battles, parties, team building days, family fun outings, company events, and more. Our 2 large arenas are perfect for all types of Nerf battle fun – Team Elimination, Freeze Tag, Capture the Flag, and Humans vs. Zombies. Don't worry – safety is our #1 priority and we keep trained referees on staff to ensure the fun doesn't get out of hand.

Thank you, Richard McVay Owner/Director of Fun
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Quit being dramatic
Come on, it's easy
You are being lazy
You need to toughen up
Pull yourself together
Grow up
You're crazy
Just try harder
Just wait for the real world



I see this is hard for you.
Take some time, breathe.
How can I help?
What do you need right now?
Want to talk?
I am here to listen.
I can't imagine what it is like.
You are more than your anxiety.
I will sit with you
I believe in you.

Get your Business Logo here when you Become a Business PTA Member

Contact membership@rrisdpta.org

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BUSINESS PARTNERS, would you consider offering a PTA MEMBER ONLY benefit or like to reach Local PTAs through our Resource Guide? Talk to us about this opportunity!

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/>

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:

<https://fs1.formsite.com/txpta/form615/index.ht>



Texas PTA News & Tips



**Check out the
Teacher Appreciation Toolkit [Here](#).
Lots of great ideas for showing teacher's
how much they are appreciated
even if it is only virtually.**



**Recognize your Volunteers with an
[Honorary Life Membership Award](#)
Find all the information you need
for a virtual award [here](#).**

Message from Texas PTA VP of Membership, Marni Kaner

Dear PTA Leaders,

I hope you and your family are doing well. I know this is not how we expected to end the year, but I am so proud of the great things you have each achieved. Thank you for all you do and all you have done this year.

I have a few updates to share.

As you wrap up your PTA business, please check your records and mail in a roster and check for any memberships you have not yet reported to Texas PTA. State Office staff is checking mail regularly and processing anything that comes in. I recognize that this might take the President, Membership Chair, and Treasurer working together. If you have something you need to send in and simply can't figure out a way to get it done, please reach out to me. I am happy to do what I can to help.

I know some of you were working hard to get to your membership goal. If that's you, this is just a gentle reminder that you still have time. We will still be recognizing PTAs that achieve the Honor Roll Award. So many are so close. I don't want you to miss out on it!

Another thing to consider – now is a great time to make sure your PTA is on [JoinPTA.org](#) to help with back to school membership drives in August.

I also wanted to let you know that your PTA's award certificate will be in your upcoming member card box. Please stay tuned for information about how your PTA will receive your 2020-2021 box filled with great things to help your PTA grow membership.

Remember:

- Mail any memberships you have collected that have not been sent to Texas PTA, 408 W. 11th St., Austin, Texas 78701
- Enroll your PTA on [JoinPTA.org](#) by clicking [HERE](#) if you have not already done so
- Be on the look out for information about your member card box

Texas PTA News & Tips

A Message From our Texas PTA President

Dear PTA Leaders,

The past several weeks have certainly felt surreal. A lot of people are referring to this public health crisis and how it has shaped our lives as the “new normal.” Though we may be settling in to a tedious routine that repeats from one day to the next, I believe this is only temporary. We will get back to seeing our family, friends, and colleagues. We will once again walk the halls of our beloved schools and make PTA magic happen arm in arm. This is only temporary and together we will come out the other side stronger. As a wife and mother, I want to reiterate the importance of caring for yourself and your family right now. We have never gone through anything like this before. There is no playbook, only what we hear and read. So, please take care of yourselves. And let me know if there is anything we can do to help you. For those PTA Leaders who are ready to take up the torch, your state Governance Committee has prepared guidelines for conducting business through the end of the PTA year, in particular, elections. Please visit <https://www.txpta.org/covid19> to read through the content. We hope these guidelines will help your PTA wrap up a very successful year and prepare for 2020-2021. Well, this is by no means how I envisioned my final months with you as Texas PTA President, but I am grateful for the strength of our volunteers. You shine in good times and in bad. Thank you for your leadership and resiliency.

Sincerely,
Sheri Doss
Texas PTA President

[Guidelines for Meetings per Texas PTA](#)

[Virtual Meeting FAQs](#)

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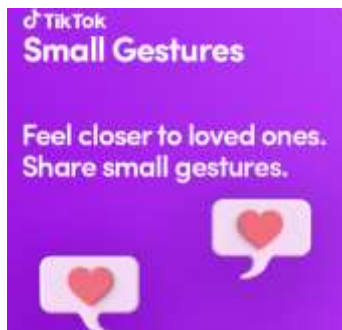
Emergency Email Voting without a Meeting through June 30, 2020

Local bylaws cover emergency voting requirements in (Local) Article X. Executive Board, Section 9. Meetings. E. Emergency Voting - In an emergency situation, the executive board may vote by phone, email, or other electronic means if authorized by the president. Members [of the Executive Board] shall have at least twenty-four hours to cast their votes. A two-thirds vote of the entire executive board is required for adoption, and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting of the executive board.

Minutes should be recorded as they would be in an in-person meeting, approved by committee and ratified at the next in-person or virtual meeting.

National PTA News & Tips

Partnering with National PTA To Support Students and Educators



With school closures across the nation impacting students and teachers, millions of households have been navigating the emerging challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has presented. We understand the importance of continu-

ing educational success for students who are physically away from the classroom and we have been inspired to see [students and teachers connecting over humor on TikTok](#).

As part of our larger [global efforts](#) to give back to our communities amidst the coronavirus, TikTok is partnering with National PTA to donate \$2M to help fund critical K-12 programs that support distance learning as well as school meal benefits. The funds will equip PTAs with resources to help meet critical needs of students, families, teachers and communities during these times.

“National PTA is grateful to be named as a beneficiary of TikTok’s Community Relief Fund. This donation will help us further support and advocate for families, schools and communities across the country and help them navigate the many challenges that have arisen from COVID-19,” said Leslie Boggs, president of National PTA. “Now more than ever, PTAs nationwide are working hard to ensure our families and school communities are safe, healthy and have what they need—focusing right now on social and emotional wellbeing, resources for distance teaching and learning, bridging the digital divide and access to school meal benefits. Because of TikTok’s generous support, PTA will be able to dramatically step up our efforts in all of these critical areas.”

We are so grateful to our educators who work each day on our behalf and it fills our hearts with joy to contribute to important efforts on behalf of the students, teachers, and families rely on TikTok to connect with their communities. We hope this donation

can help provide some relief to the families, students, teachers, administrators and community leaders impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

(This was originally posted on <https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/partnering-with-national-pta-to-support-students-and-educators-in-our-community>)

How do you PTA?

Prepare

We want to know “How do you PTA?” Please practice your answer. There is no wrong way to PTA but examples can include anything from “At Waynewood Elementary, we PTA to raise money for art supplies and science equipment” to “I advocate for stronger school safety policies” or “How do we PTA? We appreciate teachers!” and “I PTA to bring parents and teachers together.”

Find a well-lit location, preferably with natural light, but make sure you are not lit from behind to avoid dark shadows.

Record

Record your video horizontally.

In 10 seconds or less, answer “How do you PTA?”

Repeat your answer three times, counting to five between each answer.

Complete the video by stating your name, city, school and email address. Please spell out your email address.

Submit

Save your video file using the following naming convention “FirstName_LastName_SchoolName”.

Upload your video to our PTA Dropbox Folder at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/9Am8PtngK0tYNkcYD8dY>. If you never have used Dropbox, you will need to create an account.

If your video is selected, we will contact you via email and provide you with a video release form.

National PTA News & Tips



Top Articles from National PTA

- [There is a Huge Disparity: What Teaching Looks like During Coronavirus](#)
- [College Board Ready to Offer at Home SAT](#)
- [Helping Teens Cope With Missed Milestones](#)
- [How to Master Working From Home While Under Quarantine with Kids](#)
- [10 Quarantine Activities to Keep You and Your Kids Sane](#)



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>

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

Round Rock ISD PTA Membership Benefits

The No. 1 reason to join PTA is to support your students and your school. As a bonus, through your RRISD membership you also can receive exclusive local offers and discounts. **You must show your PTA membership card and picture ID.** Membership benefits are valid until July 31, 2020.



Soapbox Car Wash will offer a discount of 10% off ANY single car wash purchase to all RRISD PTA members with your PTA card! Soapbox is located at 2000 Round Rock Ave, Round Rock, between St. David's Hospital and Round Rock High School.

Reid's Cleaners will offer a 10% discount to all RRISD PTA members with your PTA card! Valid at 9 locations in Round Rock, Georgetown, Cedar Park, Lakeway, Austin, and Steiner Ranch.



YOUR TEXAS PTA MEMBER PERKS

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.

Last Updated: August 6, 2019

1-800-flowers

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.

AVIS

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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Better World Club is the country's only 24/7 pro-environmental club for autos, bikes, RVs, and motorcycles. Join for emergency roadside assistance and get a 15% discount!

Budget

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!

COSTCO WHOLESALE

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

DELL

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

enterprise

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

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

Hotels.com

Hotels.com has over 145,000 hotels in more than 80 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!

MARATHON KIDS

Healthy habits start at home and Marathon Kids makes it simple, fun, and effective!

Orlando Employee Discounts

Save up to 36% on your Orlando vacation! Orlando Employee Discounts offers exclusive pricing on hotels and vacation homes in or nearby Disney World and Universal Studios Orlando. Discounts on other parks are also available. Visit txpta.org/member-perks for a full list!



Discounts are available for admission, season passes, retail, food and beverage items, accommodations, and more.

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