

Council Connections

Parents, Teachers, All of Us

Message from Our Council President

Hello Friends!

For many of us, the past few months seemed like some long years as we pulled ourselves and our commYOUunities through some unprecedented times of PTA history!! It was not easy and uncertainty made it harder but your mighty PTA spirit and contagious, dedicated caring shone through for sure! You are the true Superheroes!! You demonstrated how when life throws challenges at us, we take a pause, we adapt and we take it even higher! You learned new virtual ways of engaging families and our commYOUunities keeping our PTAs strong and despite all the challenges, our PTAs earned several Texas PTA awards too! Take a moment to celebrate yourself and your team!! Congratulations!!!

We couldn't have done it without the generous support from our entire RRISD PTA CommYOUunity - our Superintendent, District Leadership Team, Administrators, Teachers, Staff, Partners, Families, Community Members, Volunteers and Everyone!! And what an honor that the Texas PTA recognized our Superintendent Dr. Steve Flores as the Texas PTA's 2020 Superintendent of the Year!! Please help me congratulate and thank our awesome Superintendent, Dr. Flores for his incredible leadership and partnership with PTA, making every child's potential a reality on all of our campuses!

Thanks to everyone's hard work, this year we as RRISD Council of PTAs are 23,336 members strong and the Texas PTA surpassed 520,000 members. As Texas PTA President Sheri Doss says, "With this size comes diversity. [...] Our differences are celebrated and together we make up a strong, thriving association... Texas PTA believes in justice, equality, and civil rights for all people. [...] With a core value of PTA - 'Diversity: We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard.'" Please take a moment to read the message from Texas PTA (on the next page) about how we will continue to work towards and celebrate diversity in the upcoming year.

Now as we get ready to close this year, please take some time to add all the notes in your notebooks to transition with your successors. Your experience can help them get started the best they can! Once a volunteer, always a volunteer and you can't take the PTA out of a PTA mom/dad/grandparent/community member! So, hoping to see you around next year as well.

Thank you so much for everything!

Stay safe and have a great summer!!

Sincerely,

Snehal Phirke

President,

Round Rock ISD Council of PTAs

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A Statement from Texas PTA President Sheri Doss

June 3, 2020

This year, Texas PTA surpassed 520,000 members. With this size comes diversity as big and beautiful as our state itself. From the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast, we are people of many colors and languages. Our differences are celebrated and together we make up a strong, thriving association. But we are not impenetrable to heartache. The death of George Floyd and recent violence against people of color has sent shock waves across the country and into our communities.

As President, I have a responsibility to our members, to the millions of Texas students we serve, and to the legacy we continue to build. Texas PTA believes in justice, equality, and civil rights for all people. At this time, the death of George Floyd has compelled us to openly condemn these acts of violence specifically against Black Americans. Our position directly aligns with a core value of PTA – “Diversity: We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard.”

PTA in our nation is steeped in nearly 125 years of history – most of it good, some of it never to be repeated again. We celebrate our beginnings, but we do not remain in the past. Texas PTA continues to evolve. We listen and learn from one another. We use our differences to strengthen the association, and by doing so, ensure the next 100 years of hard work for our students and schools. This is the only way forward.

We must view and treat one another as equals. From the pulpit to the streets of America, this has been shouted for decades. But we will continue saying it out loud because it bears repeating until everyone treats one another with respect regardless of our differences.

Texas PTA will continue to better the association, never standing still, and require the more than 2,300 campus PTAs and 60 district PTAs across the state to follow our lead. We are not only role models for one another; our children are looking to us. We must practice civility now. Desmond Tutu once said, “Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

At the start of the year, Texas PTA began to work on a statewide campaign. We are breathing new life into our beloved “back the future.” While updating the look, one important message remained clear – PTA is for everyone. Regardless of who you are and how you look, if you care about Texas students and schools, you are PTA. We will be introducing the refreshed campaign during the 2020- 2021 school year in the fall with a grand unveiling at LAUNCH 2020. We will work to ensure our Leaders use the campaign to its fullest extent on campus and in their communities.

As PTA remains a diverse and vibrant group of people, we will celebrate our differences and never lose sight of what brought us together, our children. They are the focus of all that we do. What we believe and how we behave must always be in their best interest.

Sheri Doss

Texas PTA President

Original statement can be seen [here](#).



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Message from Superintendent Dr. Steve Flores: Commitment to Equity

Dear Round Rock ISD Family,

This has been a difficult week for our country and our community. For months now, we have been gravely concerned about a disease that has literally taken the breath from its victims and our focus has been almost solely on keeping ourselves, our families and our communities safe from its spread. But this past week, the words “I can’t breathe” are a haunting reminder that, in our country, evil, hate and a legacy of systemic racism continue to plague our communities of color and, specifically, African Americans.

As Superintendent of Round Rock ISD, I want our community to know that we are committed to addressing this painful issue head-on in our District and on our campuses. I am proud of the work of our Equity Task Force, which launched in March of 2018, but we recognize that there is much work to do. We will continue and ramp up our efforts to listen to voices of people of color, examine anti-blackness practices that are perpetuated by systemic racism, acknowledge that we as a society haven’t always done the right thing, and commit ourselves to continue our journey to learn and grow in our collective efforts to undo racism in Round Rock ISD.

As a community, we must not be silent on this issue. And, perhaps more importantly, we must not be idle. There is no more influential venue to effect change than in the classroom. We carry an awesome and humbling responsibility in that knowledge. In Round Rock ISD, we will not turn away from that responsibility, but will continue to work every day to create campuses — and a world — where all truly means all. Leadership matters more than ever. We can all be leaders in moving our world forward for all.

Respectfully,
Steve Flores, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Original statement can be seen [here](#).



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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Cedar Valley MS

Cedar Ridge HS

Deep Wood

Early College HS

Hopewell MS

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[Robertson](#)

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Pearson Ranch MS

[Double File Trail](#)

Great Oaks

Kathy Caraway

Old Town

[Union Hill](#)

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[Bluebonnet](#)

Chandler Oaks

[Deerpark](#)

Herrington

Pond Springs

Round Rock HS

Walsh MS

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Forest Creek

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SUCCESS HS

Teravista

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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



This has been a school year like no other. I know you, like me, must be welcoming summer with mixed emotions. The current global pandemic has put many of you in situations where you must balance your own work while helping your children learn from home. For some in our community, the past months have brought financial insecurity and challenges. And all of us are concerned about our own health and the health of those around us.

Turning a massive, traditional education system “on a dime,” so to speak, into a virtual environment has been challenging and complicated, particularly as we worked to ensure all of our students had access to the tools they needed to continue learning. There are no words to adequately express my gratitude for your patience and support and to our dedicated educators, administrators and operations staff who worked day and night to support students.

We are all ready to turn the page on 2019-2020, but we also know we still face an uncertain future. With that in mind, I want to share with you our plans for the summer and how we are working to design the 2020-2021 school year.

Beginning June 1, we will offer a summer learning program aimed at providing students and families with resources to support learning engagement throughout the summer months. The program, called Instructional Continuity: Summer Edition, is available to all students and caregivers. Student participation is optional. The program will integrate Texas Education Agency-created At-Home Learning packets with Round Rock ISD instructional videos. To provide program support, Round Rock ISD educators will also be available to answer questions throughout the summer. Students will be asked to complete a weekly knowledge check. Those that complete at least four of the eight weekly knowledge checks will be eligible for prizes and recognition.

The District will also provide traditional summer school (called Summer Learning) for students who qualify and are identified by their campuses. Summer Learning will be entirely virtual this year and will begin June 1 for students in grades eight through 12 and June 8 for students in first through seventh grades.

The most pressing challenge before us now is planning for the upcoming school year, particularly as we face an uncertain future. What we do know is that we must be prepared to deliver a high-quality educational experience in a number of ways and to ensure the safety of our students and staff when we are able to welcome them back to our campuses.

What we are likely to see is a hybrid approach to education that allows for the social distancing necessary to keep our community safe and healthy and perhaps allows parents a choice to have their children receive instruction at home or at school, or both. These are all scenarios we are scrutinizing and studying, while collaborating with the Texas Education Agency and other state and local agencies, so we can have a plan in place before the new school year begins.

Message from District Leadership

RRISD Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Steve Flores



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To that end, we have assembled a Fall 2020 Planning Task Force that includes representatives from across the District, including campus administration, teachers, operations, human resources, curriculum, assessment, special education, technology and more. The Task Force is divided into five committees focused on crucial areas:

- ♦ Safety & Operations Committee will evaluate what would be necessary to potentially use physical facilities safely for in-person instruction.
- ♦ Curriculum & Instruction will develop in-person and virtual teaching and learning options.
- ♦ Student Support Services will evaluate how services such as counseling, behavioral and mental health support can be best delivered in the new environment.
- ♦ Professional Development will identify training needs for staff.
- ♦ Human Resources & Legal will develop guidance and protocols related to the expectations and rights of district personnel.

Prepare to hear from us frequently this summer as we keep you informed of the progress of these groups and decisions that are made as circumstances change throughout the summer. We will also be reaching out to you for input and direction on priorities as we prepare for the next school year.

My greatest hope is that we all return to our campuses on Aug. 20 and resume school as we have known it. But we all know that we are living in a new normal and the safety of our students, staff and community will continue to be our top priority.

I hope you and your family enjoy a restful, healthy, happy summer. Please stay connected through our Round Rock ISD website and the District's Facebook and Twitter pages. Thank you for being a member of the Round Rock ISD Family. Be well and stay safe.



Message from District Leadership

RRISD School Board

Amy Weir, President, Place 5



On behalf of the Board of Trustees thank you for all that you do for our community. We've seen the most amazing decorations, parades, yard signs, and celebrations all around the district. We recognize that it's PTA/PTSAs working with their campus staff, who get things done!

Before serving on the Board of Trustees, I served on various PTAs for over a decade. During that time, I occasionally heard "she's just a PTA mom." I always heard it as a derogatory statement. Seeing all the amazing things our PTA moms, dads, grandparents, and community members have done this past Spring has inspired me. I hope it has put to rest any misconceptions about what it means to be a PTA mom - or dad, or grandparent, or community member! Being a PTA member means you care, not just about your own children, but about all students and children. And not only that, you're willing to work - and work hard - to make sure they get the best experience regardless the circumstances.

So from one PTA mom, to all you AMAZING PTA volunteers - THANK YOU!!! We could not have done this without you.

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.

**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>



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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](#)

[COVID-19 Relief Grants](#)

[Guidelines for Meetings per Texas PTA](#)

[Virtual Meeting FAQs](#)

[Overview of Guidelines Video](#)

Council PTA Highlights



Selected from nominees across the state, Round Rock ISD Superintendent Steve Flores, Ph.D., has been named the 2020 Texas Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Flores was selected for the honor as a result of his displayed commitment to the students and schools of Round Rock ISD and dedication to building a strong relationship with the PTA.

“Our PTA is an integral part of what makes our District one of the best in the region and state as they work tirelessly to support our campuses and the teaching and learning that takes place each day,” Dr. Flores said. “It is an honor to be recognized by this organization and to work alongside them to put the education of all first and to provide our students the support and resources they need to succeed.”

Each year, Texas PTA puts out a call for all members to nominate outstanding educators in their communities. Nominations are received from across the state. (This school year alone, over 2,300 campus PTAs and 520,000 volunteers help make up the strong voice and presence of PTA in Texas.) After a careful review process, selections are made in the spring. Both the nomination and nominee profile carries weight in the decision process.

This year, Snehal Phirke, President of Round Rock ISD Council of PTAs, nominated Dr. Flores. Her nomination reads in part:

“Our PTA mantra, ‘Every Child, One Voice,’ is what Dr. Flores believes to his core and uses it daily as the basis of his leadership. With his innovative, open-minded approach, he empowers local leaders to create their own unique, positive learning environments on each campus and in each classroom – reaching all, one student at a time.”

The statewide PTA has been honoring outstanding educators since 2013. In addition to the superintendent of the year, the Texas PTA recognizes the elementary teacher and principal of the year and the secondary teacher and principal of the year.

“Texas PTA recognizes the important role educators and administrators play in our students’ lives,” says Sheri Doss, Texas PTA President. “Our children take on a great deal, but their success is a shared responsibility. The men and women in Texas schools give our students both support and guidance, not to mention a top tier education. We are honored to turn the spotlight back on them!”

Awardees have been extended a special invitation to attend the Talk of Texas Lunch on Oct. 17, 2020, during the association’s statewide convention in Dallas (moved from the original July date due to COVID-19). During the event, this year’s Outstanding Educators and their nominees will take the stage in front of a room packed with their biggest PTA fans.

Before October, Texas PTA will also celebrate the achievements of the 2020 Outstanding Educators at fall board meetings for their school districts. For more information on the nomination process, visit the [PTA nomination website](#).

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.

Twice a month

@

12pm and 8pm

Watch Live or a Recorded Video

Stay tuned for dates and topics

@ [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 staying safe and well!

As we close out this very less than normal year, I would like to remind you that most of your questions can be answered by consulting your PTAs Bylaws and Standing Rules, your Tx PTA BASICS Resource Guides or visiting TxPTA.org. The best resources for procedures during these current social distancing conditions are the TxPTA.org/COVID19 and TxPTA FAQs through June 30, 2020 pages. These pages are updated often as questions arise.

Many of you have now completed your final meetings, including elections....congratulations!

There are a few topics that we need to discuss in finishing up the year and preparing for the next.

Check Signers: Many PTAs Standing Rules outline who will serve as signers on the PTA bank account. Check there first to see what your standing rules require. If there is nothing in your standing rules about who will serve as check signers, or if you don't have standing rules, your new executive board can appoint check signers at the initial meeting that happens within 30 days after the election. It is OK for this to happen before the start of the fiscal year! (This is ideal for being able to get everyone ready to go to the bank as soon as Financial Reconciliation is complete.) Be sure to contact your bank to find out what documentation they require in order to change bank signers, so you can include any necessary verbiage in the meeting minutes.

Financial Reconciliation: Many of you have already appointed a Financial Reconciliation Committee. If you have not, then according to your bylaws you can appoint a Financial Reconciliation Committee at an Executive Board meeting. Please see TxPTA.org Financial Reconciliation page for more info on what is needed to prepare for reconciliation, and look for more guidelines to be announced by TxPTA on conducting Financial Reconciliations during social distancing after June 1, 2020.

Form 990 Filing: PTAs must file one of three IRS Form 990s annually:

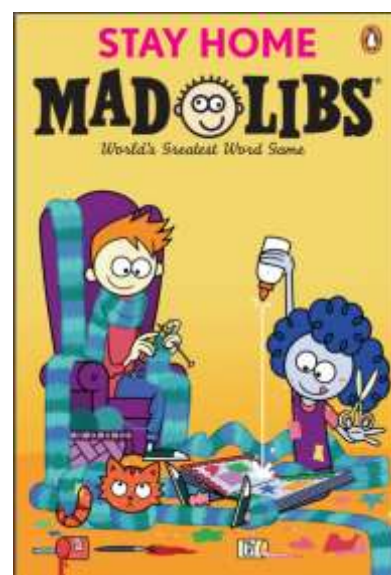
- 990-N: Gross income \$50,000 or less per year;
- 990-EZ: Gross income greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 per year; or
- 990: Gross income more than \$200,000 per year.

The Form 990 Tax Return required by IRS must be filed within 60 days of the end of your PTAs fiscal year. That being said, the Financial Reconciliation, which should happen within 30 days of the end of your fiscal year, requires the Form 990 to be filed or to at least be completed and prepared to file at the time of the reconciliation.

The Form 990-N is very simple and can be completed quickly. You can find a complete guide on filing your Form 990-N here: [Form 990-N Filing Guide](#); and a video guide here: [Watch How to File a 990-N](#). For more information on filing your PTA's Form 990, consult p16 of your TxPTA BASICS Treasurer Resource Guide, visit [TxPTA.org/Treasurer](#), or the [IRS.gov Series 990](#) page.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, but I would like to close by saying what an honor it has been to get to know many of you this year, and to serve as your Council Treasurer. I look forward to working with you again next year, and wish you all a wonderful summer!

As questions come in Liz will update the Q&A's [Here](#)



[Mad Libs to Do at Home](#)

Council PTA Highlights

News You Can Use: Updates, Helpful Tips & Resources

By Heidi Schoenberger-Cobert
National PTA Liaison

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the [National PTA](#) and [State PTA](#) are both providing a variety of helpful information for students, parents, guardians, educators, and staff. These educational support resources are here for YOU and are easily accessible at PTA.org and TXPTA.org. At these sites, you can also [subscribe to e-newsletters](#) and [find resources in Español](#), you'll also find information about [grants](#)

There's still time to encourage everyone to respond to the [2020 Census](#) so each person is counted. Easy Census instructions are available in multiple languages at the [2020 Census site](#). It's important for all community members to participate to ensure every community receives the adequate funding necessary for essential programs and services. Responses are confidential and by law cannot be shared with any other government agency.

With elections coming up on July 14th and November 3rd, don't forget to remind everyone to make sure they're registered to vote and to get out and vote! Voter registrations must be filled out and mailed in at least 30 days prior to an election. And, voters must be at least 17 years and 10 months of age on the date they register to vote and 18 years old on Election Day. Visit [VOTE411.org](#) for a one-stop-shop to register to vote, get ballot information, and to find polling locations. Additionally, the League of Women Voters Austin Area offers First [Vote!](#), a FREE community service program for area high schoolers, where they learn about voting and registering to vote, in a fun and interactive format. Interested schools can request a webinar presentation for their students by emailing gthomas@lwvaustin.org or clicking on bit.ly/FirstVoteSignUp. #PTAVotes month of August. Registration for the Convention starts in mid-June. For details visit: [PTA.org/Convention](#).

The National PTA has a new [Resource Locator](#) to help local families access food and resources. Share or use the locator to help people in need. And, the

Texas PTA is sending out a Texas PTA Survey to all PTA members via email this summer, seeking feedback about state policies. Please encourage PTA members to respond to the survey which will help the Texas PTA evaluate the implementation of current policies and funding enacted by the Texas Legislature, as well as gather necessary information for potential policy positions for the next Legislative Session.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas PBS stations have [announced a joint initiative](#) to broadcast TEKS-aligned educational programming weekly. The At-Home Learning Initiative supports the state's efforts to assist school districts and public charter schools working to provide instructional continuity and at-home learning at this time. Additionally, TEKS-aligned supplemental materials have been made available at [PBSLearningMedia.org](#). Find PBS member stations [here](#). And, the TEA has launched a free tool to help parents and educators measure student progress before heading into the next school year. This optional assessment does not replace STAAR testing, which Governor Abbott cancelled due to COVID-19. Visit [TEA online](#) to learn more and to register students by June 5th.



**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
details available to you
on the link above.**

Council PTA Highlights

Clothes Closet Update

By Cecelia Zapalac

Clothes Closet Chair,

RRISD Council of PTAs

THANK YOU! Thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated so much of their valuable time collecting, and sorting clothes for the Clothes Closet. Every bag, no matter how big or small, makes a difference and helps us provide for families throughout our school district. Thank you for all the hard work! The RRISD has provided clothes to over 500 students throughout the school district this year (and still counting!)

As with all other school district facilities, The Clothes Closet closed abruptly the week before Spring Break and has remained closed. With so much uncertainty and the information about the pandemic constantly evolving, it has been hard to know when and what kind of information to put out about The Clothes Closet. What we did know, is that the need for our students did not go away with the closures, so even though our closets have not been open to the public, we are proud to say that the Clothes Closet has continued to work with school counselors and the RRISD Families in Transition Center to provide clothing for students in need. Helping any child in this school district has always been and will always be, the primary focus of the Clothes Closet, even though how it's done may look a little different going forward.

As of right now, we will just assume that school will start when the district plans, same days and times for both locations. The Clothes Closet will open when school starts unless the school district has advised us not to. The safety of our managers, school representatives, and clients is important to me, so I will be following closely what the school district decides is best practices and will work this summer to find a solution that will ensure the safety of everyone.

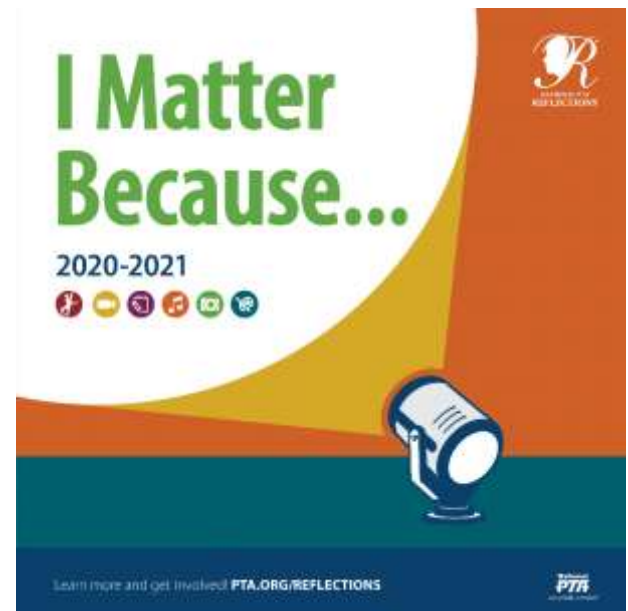
Many schools have opened their campuses briefly the last couple of weeks to clean out lockers and such. If you were the PTA Clothes Closet rep/ Lost and Found wrangler and now find yourself with bags of clothes, we will still accept the donations at the Voight Elementary location only. Instead of having a set donation drop-off day, we will have individual dropoff times. Please email or text me to arrange a

time to meet at the Voight Elementary location. Please wash all donations. We cannot accept unwashed items. Thank you again for all the extra work you put into helping the Clothes Closet. You are truly appreciated.

Lastly, the Clothes Closet is looking for additional Managers to help run our locations. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer position, or would like to have a copy of next year's Schedule, or have any other questions, please don't hesitate to email me. I am happy to hear from you!

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!

Thank you!



The National PTA's "Reflections" arts program provides an outstanding opportunity for school PTAs to encourage students to express themselves creatively. The 2020-2021 Reflections theme is "I Matter Because..." Registration is open for school PTAs to request information and let the National PTA know they plan on participating. Students who participate in Reflections through their school PTA, complete works of art in one or more of these categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

Council PTA Highlights

TEXAS PTA AWARD RECIPIENTS

As Reported by Texas PTA as of 5/13/20

National School of Excellence

Cedar Ridge High School
Noel Grisham Middle School
Ridgeview Middle School
Westwood Senior High

Presidents Challenge

Blackland Prairie Elementary
Brushy Creek Elementary
Cedar Valley Middle School
Chandler Oaks
Chisholm Trail Middle
Fern Bluff Elementary
Great Oaks Elementary
James G. Walsh Middle School
Pond Springs Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Teravista Elementary School
Anderson Mill Elementary

3 Year High

Brushy Creek Elementary
Callison
Chandler Oaks
Fern Bluff Elementary
Forest North Elementary
Gattis Elementary
Great Oaks Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Hopewell Middle School
James G. Walsh Middle School
Pond Springs Elementary
Cedar Valley Middle School
Double File Trail Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Laurel Mountain Elementary

Live Oak Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Westwood Senior High
Xenia Voigt Elementary

Golden Apple

Berkman Elementary
Brushy Creek Elementary
Cactus Ranch Elementary
Callison
Canyon Creek Elementary
Canyon Vista Middle School
Cedar Ridge High School
Cedar Valley Middle School
Chandler Oaks
Deep Wood Elementary
Early College High School
Forest Creek Elementary
Forest North Elementary
Gattis Elementary
Great Oaks Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Hopewell Middle School
James G. Walsh Middle School
Laurel Mountain Elementary
McNeil High School
Old Town Elementary
Patsy Sommer Elementary
Pond Springs Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Round Rock Opportunity Center
Round Rock Senior High
Spicewood Elementary
Stony Point High School
Success High School

Council PTA Highlights

TEXAS PTA AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Continued)

Fall Increase

Blackland Prairie Elementary

Brushy Creek Elementary

C. D. Fulkes Middle

Callison

Chandler Oaks

Chisholm Trail Middle

Fern Bluff Elementary

Forest North Elementary

Gattis Elementary

Great Oaks Elementary

Herrington Elementary

James G. Walsh Middle School

Pond Springs Elementary

Ridgeview Middle School

Success High School

Teravista Elementary School

3 Year High

Brushy Creek Elementary

Callison

Chandler Oaks

Fern Bluff Elementary

Forest North Elementary

Gattis Elementary

Great Oaks Elementary

Herrington Elementary

Hopewell Middle School

James G. Walsh Middle School

Pond Springs Elementary

Cedar Valley Middle School

Double File Trail Elementary

Herrington Elementary

Laurel Mountain Elementary

Live Oak Elementary

Ridgeview Middle School

Westwood Senior High

Xenia Voigt Elementary

Shining Star

Blackland Prairie Elementary

Brushy Creek Elementary

C. D. Fulkes Middle

Callison

Chisholm Trail Middle

Fern Bluff Elementary

Forest North Elementary

Gattis Elementary

Great Oaks Elementary

Herrington Elementary

Hopewell Middle School

James G. Walsh Middle School

Pond Springs Elementary

Ridgeview Middle School

Robert P. Hernandez Middle School

Success High School

Teravista Elementary School

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

Council PTA Highlights

TEXAS PTA AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Continued)

Early Bird Award

C. D. Fulkes Middle
Chandler Oaks
Chisholm Trail Middle
Fern Bluff Elementary
Gattis Elementary
Great Oaks Elementary
Herrington Elementary
James G. Walsh Middle School
Success High School
Teravista Elementary School

Head Start Award

Anderson Mill Elementary
Callison Elementary
Chandler Oaks
Fern Bluff Elementary
Forest North Elementary
Gattis Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Hopewell Middle School
James G. Walsh Middle School
McNeil High School
Noel Grisham Middle School
Old Town Elementary
Pearson Ranch Middle School
Pond Springs Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Robert P. Hernandez Middle School
Spicewood Elementary
Success High School
Teravista Elementary School

Welcome Back

Blackland Prairie Elementary
Canyon Creek Elementary
Cedar Ridge High School

XOXO Award

Blackland Prairie Elementary
Canyon Creek Elementary
Cedar Ridge High School
Cedar Valley Middle School
Double File Trail Elementary
Early College High School
James G. Walsh Middle School
Laurel Mountain Elementary
Live Oak Elementary
Pond Springs Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Round Rock Senior High
Westwood Senior High

Lucky Leprechaun

Cedar Ridge High School
Noel Grisham Middle School

Community Membership Award

Blackland Prairie Elementary
Callison Elementary
Deep Wood Elementary

Community Involvement Award

Callison Elementary
Round Rock HS

Council PTA Highlights

TEXAS PTA AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Continued)

MARS Membership Award

Anderson Mill Elementary
Blackland Prairie Elementary
Brushy Creek Elementary
Cactus Ranch Elementary
Callison Elementary
Canyon Creek Elementary
Cedar Ridge High School
Chandler Oaks Elementary
Deep Wood Elementary
Forest North Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Hopewell Middle School
James G. Walsh Middle School
Laurel Mountain Elementary
Live Oak Elementary
Patsy Sommer Elementary
Pond Springs Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Round Rock Senior High
Spicewood Elementary
Stony Point High School
Teravista Elementary School
Westwood Senior High

MARS Involvement Award

Anderson Mill Elementary
Brushy Creek Elementary
Callison Elementary
Cedar Ridge High School
Deep Wood Elementary
Forest North Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Hopewell Middle School
Jollyville Elementary

Laurel Mountain Elementary
Patsy Sommer Elementary
Pond Springs Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Round Rock Senior High
Stony Point High School
Wells Branch Elementary

Student Membership Award

Anderson Mill Elementary
Blackland Prairie Elementary
Brushy Creek Elementary
Cactus Ranch Elementary
Callison Elementary
Cedar Ridge High School
Deep Wood Elementary
Early College High School
Hopewell Middle School
James G. Walsh Middle School
Live Oak Elementary
Pond Springs Elementary
Ridgeview Middle School
Round Rock Senior High
Spicewood Elementary
Stony Point High School
Teravista Elementary School
Westwood Senior High

Student Membership

Involvement Award

Cedar Ridge High School
Early College High School
Hopewell Middle School
Round Rock Senior High
Stony Point High School

Council PTA Highlights

TEXAS PTA AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Continued)

Generations Membership Award

Blackland Prairie Elementary
James G. Walsh Middle School
Live Oak Elementary
Teravista Elementary School

Generations Involvement Award

Jollyville Elementary

Preschool Involvement Award

Anderson Mill Elementary

Honor Roll 100+

Berkman Elementary
C. D. Fulkes Middle
Caldwell Heights Elementary
Double File Trail Elementary
Early College High School
Forest North Elementary
Jollyville Elementary
Kathy Caraway Elementary
Purple Sage Elementary
Robert P. Hernandez Middle School
Round Rock Opportunity Center
Xenia Voigt Elementary

Honor Roll 250+

Anderson Mill Elementary
Brushy Creek Elementary
Callison Elementary
Canyon Creek Elementary
Chandler Oaks
Deep Wood Elementary
Deerpark Middle School
Forest Creek Elementary

Gattis Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Hopewell Middle School
Live Oak Elementary
Noel Grisham Middle School
Old Town Elementary
Pond Springs Elementary

Honor Roll 500+

Cactus Ranch Elementary
Chisholm Trail Middle
Fern Bluff Elementary
Great Oaks Elementary
Laurel Mountain Elementary
McNeil High School
Patsy Sommer Elementary
Pearson Ranch Middle School
Ridgeview Middle School
Stony Point High School
Teravista Elementary School

Honor Roll 750+

Blackland Prairie Elementary
Canyon Vista Middle School
Cedar Ridge High School
Cedar Valley Middle School
England Elementary
James G. Walsh Middle School
Spicewood Elementary

Honor Roll 1000+

Round Rock Senior High
Westwood Senior High

[For More Information About these Awards](#)
[Check out the Descriptions Here](#)

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 Hullum at healthylifestyles@rrisdpta.org or Jenn Griffith at parliamentarian@rrisdpta.org.



Available Grants



Natural Disaster Relief Fund

In its desire to help PTAs that have suffered economic hardship due to a natural disaster, Texas PTA established the Texas PTA Natural Disaster Relief Fund. This fund is used to provide assistance grants for Local and Council PTAs in Texas that are recovering from the effects of a recent natural disaster. Financial aid is provided only to PTAs as prescribed in these procedures and dependent on the needs reflected on the Texas PTA Natural Disaster Relief Grant Application.

[Natural Disaster Relief Fund Procedures and Application](#)

Emergency Needs Relief Fund

Texas PTA established the Texas PTA Emergency Relief Fund in 1995. This fund is used to provide emergency assistance grants for victims of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, catastrophic illness and accidents. Financial aid is provided only to the truly needy and is consistent with the need.

[Emergency Needs Relief Fund Procedures and Application](#)

Texas Clean School Bus Grant

Texas PTA has partnered for several years with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and with the Railroad Commission of Texas, the state's chief energy agency, to improve air quality for Texas youth by directing state and federal funds to school districts to retrofit older diesel school bus engines and to help districts purchase alternative fuel buses.

[Texas Clean School Bus Grant Application and Instructions](#)

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Anderson Mill PTA

- In February, we hosted a Family Internet Safety Workshop in conjunction with our school's Family Health and Fitness Night. Materials and funds were provided thanks to the Be Internet Awesome Grant by Google Grant that we received from National PTA.
- Many events and activities after that, including our inaugural Spring Fling Celebration, had to be cancelled due to the global pandemic. We were able to salvage our Spring Silent Auction by moving it to an online only format and it is currently open for bidding until next week.
- We hosted a virtual Healthy Living Spirit week on the week of April 26-30.
- We were also able to collaborate with our school for Teacher's Appreciation Week to provide spirit shirts for all of our teachers and staff. Goodie bags with treats and drinks were prepared for our 5th graders and made available to them at certificate pick up to help them celebrate.
- Our virtual Election Meeting (and last General Membership meeting) will be next week and we are doing our best to prepare for different scenarios that our school communities and PTAs will face in the coming year.

Berkman PTA

- Our school has been coming together even from a distance. Our principals and teachers came together to make a 5th grade graduation parade. Our principals made goody bags and our PTA was able to put something in the goody bags as well.
- For Teacher Appreciation week Administration made signs for all of the teachers/staff and delivered them too. I want to thank Sonic off of 620 in giving Sonic drinks to our Teachers during Teachers Apprecia-



tion Week.

- It is amazing how our community comes together. I am proud to live and serve in this awesome school district.



Callison PTA

- COVID-19 sadly canceled some of our Spring events like our 80s themed Spring Carnival, but we were still able to take care of business and get our Yearbook finished, printed and distributed. We were even able to sell out of all the extras we ordered.
- For Teacher Appreciation Week, we asked students to send a special message to their teacher. We then compiled a video montage of all of the pictures. In addition we decorated the front sidewalk of the school with special chalk messages. When the teachers arrived that week to clean out their classrooms they were greeted by the beautiful artwork done by two of our very talented board members. Every year we have a raffle of different prizes for our teachers. We were still able to do this virtually.
- PTA usually sponsors the 5th grade graduation, but in lieu of that event we were able purchase a backpack in their House Color and sunglasses for all their at home summer fun.



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

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Forest Creek PTA

- Forest Creek Elementary PTA had to cancel their Spring Carnival, but was able to still pull off an online live class basket raffle, that parents and staff enjoyed. We truly appreciate our community's support during this difficult time.
 - We were disappointed we couldn't treat our staff to their usual staff appreciation week to show them how much they mean to us, but figured out a different way to safely show our love. Our PTA passed out Chuy's Family Taco packs to our teachers and staff members in a drive thru, no-contact method. Families decorated their cars, made signs and honked as the staff pulled through to pick up their meals! It was very uplifting and emotional.
 - We concluded our year with giving each 5th grade student a yard sign to display in their yards. With collaboration with Mrs. Sharp and the fifth grade teachers, we planned a fantastic 5th grade car parade through the Forest Creek Neighborhood for our graduating students. It was a hit, and all those involved enjoyed themselves. It was not the promotion we had planned, but these times have taught us to adapt and make the best of tough situations. The Forest Creek PTA wishes the best of luck to our wonderful 5th grade students.
 - Thank you for a great year RRISD PTA Council. We would like to also thank the RRISD leaders and let them know we thinking of them during these times of difficult decisions and uncharted territories. Our PTA hopes everyone has a safe, healthy summer!
- We are truly grateful for our new community partners- Emerald Lawns & Georgetown Title along with the donations from the Dell Matching program & BBVA bank truly assisted in our efforts in closing out the school year strong despite current events.
 - For Teacher Appreciation we were able to put up a banner to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them.



Stony Point PTSA

- We are extremely proud to announce this year our fantastic PTSA was able to increase our scholarship recipients from 2 to 6. Each recipient received \$500. A goal only possible by the wonderful support of our families, staff & community sponsors!
- Although we had to postpone 2 fundraiser events, next year we can't wait to still bring our community together for the anticipated Harlem Wizards vs. the SPLC Allstars: Stony Point Learning Community team made up of staff players from our different schools.

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 60.

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 (sneez) into their elbow like Dracula would hold his cape).
- Clean surfaces in your home using household disinfectants.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid travel.

SHOULD 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/3dRb2L>
- What do I do if my child's school/childcare program is temporarily closed? <http://bit.ly/3dRb2L>

RRISD PTA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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

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

PLATINUM PREMIER



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



GRADE LEVEL HS

Andrew's Choice

GRADE LEVEL MS

Ken Addix

GRADE LEVEL ELEM

Peppermint Village Gifts

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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
	MISSION <p>The Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation develops and allocates resources to the Round Rock Independent School District to enrich, enhance and maximize the quality of education for all students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Providing Funds for innovative academic programsAcknowledging and rewarding exemplary teachingProviding an avenue for business and community members to enhance the education processPromoting public awareness and celebrating successful programs and achievement of excellence	EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shining Stars GalaGolf TournamentBack to School Celebration ACADEMICS <ul style="list-style-type: none">STEMFestPre K Rodeo & RROCK ReadyProfessional Development
 We are ONE family.		



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

Your Fundraiser will Receive:

- 15% of sales when you bring in \$1-\$499
- 20% of sales when you bring in \$500-\$999
- 25% of sales when you bring in \$1,000+

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.







When you host your fundraising event with your local Gatti's restaurant, we will provide you with customized digital marketing materials that can be printed or used through a digital campaign.

Contact Alicia Drewe, Director of Operations & Marketing Coordinator, to learn more or to schedule an event.
512.630.7363 cell --- 512.255.2820 office --- alicia@gattismgmtgroup.com

RRISD PTA Community Members



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What Sets Us Apart:

- ▶ Fitness Focus
- ▶ Leadership Development
- ▶ All Students Included
- ▶ Hassle-Free
- ▶ Local Teams
- ▶ Raises More

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- easy for teachers, staff and PTO, and we raise significantly more with Apex--
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- the APEX team members go above and beyond for EVERYONE!"

WCHE Principal

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



ROUND ROCK CHAMBER

The Round Rock Chamber is expanding!

On June 1, Lauren Van Gerven will join our team as the first Talent Development Manager. She will lead and grow the Chamber's workforce and business development program. As a part of her critical role, Lauren will be leading and expanding our talent development programming, including the Summer Externship Program for Round Rock ISD Educators and Accelerated Certification Training Program in HVAC and Plumbing. We look forward to all of you meeting Lauren as she hits the ground running in June.

We also want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU. We appreciate you, PTAs, for all that you do you do to support students, educators, and the community as a whole.

RRISD PTA Community Members

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



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



RRISD PTA Community Members



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North Austin and Cedar Park

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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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ROUND ROCK CHAMBER

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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

PTA/PTSA 2020-2021 Officers Register with Texas PTA!!



It's time to have your 2020-21 OFFICERS REGISTER THEMSELVES for the next school year at:
<https://txpta.com/OfficerIntake> or <http://txpta.force.com/OfficerIntake>

“SO MANY TINY BRIGHT SPOTS AND RAINBOWS CAN BE FOUND IN THE PRESENT IF WE ALL JUST LEARN TO BE STILL ENOUGH TO EMBRACE THEM.”

- CAROLYN BROWN



Read the article
[*Finding Rainbows*](#)
by Carolyn Brown

The Texas PTA's Virtual Annual Meeting,

The meeting is open to all Texas PTA members, is scheduled for July 11th at 9 a.m. CT. Click here for the [Annual Meeting Preview](#). PTA members are encouraged to submit pre-meeting questions and feedback by May 29th. And, each PTA member planning to attend is asked to register to gain access to the meeting and help establish quorum. At the annual meeting registration page, the Texas PTA is also gathering information on who is planning to attend the LAUNCH Texas PTA Leadership Training currently scheduled for October 16th-18th at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas.

Parenting Tips from PTA

[How to Teach Your Teen to Cook Real Meals](#)

[Making the Most of Middle School](#)

[11 Positive Parenting Tips Every Parent Should Know](#)

[Vaping and Teens: Protect Youth Lung Health in COVID-19](#)

National PTA News & Tips

Summer 2020 National News You Can Use: Updates, Helpful Tips & Resources

By Heidi Schoenberger-Cobert
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The National PTA has \$1.25 million in COVID-19 emergency [relief funds](#) available for 150 PTAs across the country. [Secure your spot](#) to join a Live Q&A discussion via Zoom @ 7:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, June 4th. The discussion will focus on the applications for grants in the amounts of \$5000 for each Local PTA and \$15,000 for each District-Council-Region. Applications are available starting June 1st.

For this year, the 2020 National PTA online virtual [Annual Meeting and Leadership Convention](#) is a series of events in July and August. The opening of the Annual Meeting & Convention is July 20th-21st and includes a message from the national president Leslie Boggs, a keynote address from astronaut José Hernández, and the annual Reflections Celebration. Then, from July 27th-31st, runs a week-long virtual education and leadership development “Summer School” series. And, from August 6th-7th is the official business meeting and elections. Additional educational sessions will also be offered through the month of August. Registration for the Convention starts in mid-June. For details visit: [PTA.org/Convention](https://pta.org/convention).

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 National PTA School of Excellence program will open on June 1st. The program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students. By enrolling, PTAs and school administrators are making a year-long commitment to identify and implement an action plan for school improvement. The National PTA School of Excellence distinction spans two years. Honorees receive celebration tools, automatic consideration for the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award, and a \$2,000 grant for their school. PTAs are encouraged to renew their designation each year, or every other year, to continue to build on their momentum.

The National PTA acknowledges that when school resumes in the Fall, changes like temperature checks,

video teachers, and social distancing guidelines could be the new normal. This [U.S. News & World Report article](#) explores the potential changes. To encourage families to showcase how they are #AlwaysLearning at home during this time, National PTA has teamed up with TikTok and Montell Jordan to the tune of “This Is How We Do It.” [Click here for details and to participate](#). Also, make sure to check out the National PTA’s Center for Family Engagement [“Notes from the Backpack”](#) Podcast series with helpful segments like: [“How Daily Reading Can Help Social and Emotional Learning”](#) and [“Raising Curious Kids.”](#)

Remember to visit the National PTA’s website for additional helpful Parent, Student, and Educator Resources. These include, the Center for Family Engagement, the Parents’ Guide to Student Success, Family Guides, College and Career Readiness, Health Tips, Safety News, a Special Education Toolkit, and Our Children Magazine, National PTA’s Magazine “for parents, by parents.” Also, easily access National PTA Events on the website or at the National PTA Events app.



[Tell Congress to Meet the Needs of Students and Families During COVID-19](#)



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

National PTA News & Tips

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.



[Action for](#)
[Healthy Kids](#)
[Activity Library](#)

Summer Observances

June

6/5 National Donut Day

6/7 National Cancer Survivor's Day

6/8 World Oceans Day

6/14 Flag Day

6/19 Juneteenth

6/20 Summer Solstice

6/21 Father's Day

6/30 Deadline for FASFA

Zoo and Aquarium Month

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Men's Health Month

National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month

National Safety Month

PTSD Awareness Month

July

7/4 Independence Day

7/20 Space Exploration Day

7/30 International Friendship Day

Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

Sarcoma Awareness Month

UV Safety Month

August

8/2 Friendship Day

8/9 Book Lover's Day

8/12 International Youth Day

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

National Immunization Awareness Month

Summer Sun Safety Month

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Top Articles Recommended by National PTA



[Self Care in the Time of the Coronavirus](#)

[How Schools Will Change When Kids Return to School](#)

[Parenting during coronavirus: What to know about play dates, online learning and more](#)




[Managing Your Child's \(and Your Own\) Hidden Emotions During COVID-19](#)

[How Daily Reading Can Help Social and Emotional Learning](#)

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National PTA Announces All Virtual Annual Meeting & Leadership Convention

As the country continues to confront COVID-19, with so many factors related to the pandemic still unknown, our utmost priority is to help keep our members safe and healthy.


That is why we are pleased to announce that we will convert our in-person 2020 National PTA Annual Meeting to several virtual events in July and August!

PTA is excited to work with our previously scheduled speakers, sponsors and partners to deliver a different and re-imagined experience for our annual convention. Virtual attendees can expect the same great content that we were prepared to deliver this summer in Louisville.

It will be a special time for us to connect and learn virtually, starting July 20. Registration will open in mid-June. Here's what you can expect:

- 🌟 **July 20-21:** Convention opens with a message from our national president, Leslie Boggs, and our keynote speaker, astronaut Jose Hernandez, as well as our annual Reflections celebration.
- 🌟 **July 27-31:** A week-long virtual education and leadership development "Summer School" series
- 🌟 **Aug. 6-7:** Official business meeting and elections

We will also offer additional educational sessions throughout the month of August!



Save These Dates for Virtual Fun!

[Get More Information Here](#)

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Real Experts. Real Parents. Real Conversations.

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

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

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

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

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.

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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.

Six Flags

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



Receive a discount on Texas Rangers tickets throughout the season!

WYNDHAM HOTELS & RESORTS

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

More discounts available through National PTA. Visit PTA.org and navigate to Member Benefits under the "About PTA" tab.