

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

Newsletter of the RRISD Council of PTAs – February 2019 Edition
Parents, Teachers, ALL of US!



FROM THE COUNCIL PTA PRESIDENT

Dear RRISD School Community,

February has been a busy month for PTAs. We've been hosting Valentines parties and dances, organizing International Day, Flea Markets, STEAM Nights, celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week, organizing clothing drives for the Clothes Closets, creating our PTA baskets for the silent auction at the PIEF gala, honoring 413 student artists that advanced to the District level in the National PTA Reflections Program (over 2,000 student entries were submitted at the local level) annnnnnnnd the participating in Texas PTA Rally Day. Phew... no wonder we are all a bit tired!

THANK YOU to the 23 RRISD PTAs that represented our District at Rally Day on February 25!! Over 1,000 students from across the state attended the student caucus earlier that morning. My guess is there were at least 2,000 adult's aka PTA members, at the Rally who marched up the promenade to the south steps of the Capitol. As far as you could see, PTA members covered the grounds of the Capitol. It was a sight to behold. Jessica Arceneaux, from Callison Elementary PTA, brought her husband, kids and grandparents (who left directly from the event to catch a plane back home) to show our state reps and senator that they need to **"FUND THE FUTURE!"** Contained in this newsletter are the names and contact information of your State Representative. Please call them, email them and let them know how you feel about the education funding system. **HUGE THANK YOUs Cory Vessa** for providing this thorough document and for all your assistance in working with the reps to visit us during our lunchtime at Rally Day.

February & March marks the time when PTAs should start thinking electing their 2019-20 Nominating Committee and Officer Elections. While following the Texas PTA Nominating Committee and Election of Officers guidelines, please refer to your PTA Bylaws (and Standing Rules, if applicable) for specifics that pertain to your local unit. When looking for candidates, determine the best candidate for each officer as listed in the bylaws. Don't just put a name on the list. It's OK to leave a position vacant when going into the new school year. It leaves room for the right candidate to step up.

Respectfully,

Dawn

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Let us know if you'd like to sponsor our next Newsletter!
Contact rrisd.pta.councilnews@gmail.com

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2018 - 19 Council PTA Local Officer Assignments

Have a question? Need some help? Reach out to us. We're 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**

Message from District Leadership

Steve Flores, Ph.D. Superintendent

We are better together!

I had the privilege last week — along with my leadership team, our three newest Trustees, and several District staff members, including directors, principals and teachers — to participate in one of the most affirming and enlightening professional development experiences of my career.

Beyond Diversity is described as a powerful, personally transforming two-day seminar designed to help leaders, educators, students, parents, administrators and community participants understand the impact of race on student learning and investigate the role that racism plays in institutionalizing academic achievement disparities. After my experience, I can confidently say that the description is spot on — and then some.

The ability to have Courageous Conversations with our peers regarding race, whether they are white, like many in the room were, or, like me, people of color, afforded us opportunities to explore important questions like:

- What prevents you from talking about race?
- How much is my life impacted by race?
- How does systemic racism impact us?

We also gained important tools to allow us to have those courageous conversations. I won't even attempt to boil down what we learned over two days with a skilled, experienced facilitator into a few sentences, but I can tell you that the journey isn't over. We will continue to put what we learned into practice. As educators, how we relate to and engage with our students is critically important, as is ensuring equity in our schools.

As we celebrate Black History Month, I want us as a District to re-focus on this issue; be deliberate in our work (our Equity Task Force has been diving deeply into this topic for the past year); and to embrace the concept of meeting people where they are.

I believe that leaders take the time to examine themselves. Though we must be mindful that the introspective look can be the most painful because it may force us to change.

To evolve. To improve. To let go. Even to forgive.

That's what a group of us did last week and that's what we will continue to do in Round Rock ISD.

I believe passionately in living by the theme "We are better together" and it's a statement that resonates with PTA because PTA believes in providing a voice to every child.

So, I hope we can all come together and use our voices to advocate for children on February 25 at Texas PTA's Rally Day at the Texas Capitol.

As an educator, I can't tell you how much I appreciate your advocacy on behalf of public education.

Your voice is powerful and valuable.

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COUNCIL PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Seeking PTA members who want to make a difference district-wide!

The Round Rock Council of PTAs is accepting nominations for officer positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

Officers guide the Council Executive Board as it supports all Round Rock ISD PTAs, works in partnership with the RRISD Administration, the community and Texas PTA, to help all students reach their full potential.

Positions are: Council President, 1st VP-Membership, 2nd VP-Training, 3rd VP-Communications, 4th VP-Hospitality, Treasurer and Secretary.

To nominate someone or to learn more about the positions, please contact any member of the 2019-20 Council PTA Nominating Committee.

- Shawn Dempsey: writeshawnd@gmail.com
- Marianne Reap: Marianne_Reap@rrisdeducationfoundation.org
- Michelle Carson: michellecarson98@gmail.com
- Jenn Griffith: jenngrif@gmail.com
- LaKissa Bright: lbright34@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

IMPORTANT - LOCAL UNIT PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE INFO!

A successful election is important to a smooth transition for a PTA from year to year. **All PTA members are invited and encouraged to get involved in this important process.** *Nominating Committees are ELECTED by the membership, at a Membership meeting, never "formed" or appointed.*

Electing the Nominating Committee

- Adhere to your PTA's bylaws when electing the committee members and alternates. They state the number of committee members and alternates.

- Any member of your PTA may be nominated and elected to this committee, excluding the current president.
- No one automatically serves as a committee member or alternate because of their position or title, including the principal.
- *No person can serve on the nominating committee for two consecutive years.*

Nominating Committee Duties

(Presidents, by now all of you should have received the Nominating Committee packet that was distributed by Council. This packet should be copied and given to all members of the Nominating Committee.)

- Select a Chair: A chair is selected by the committee immediately following the Membership Meeting.
- Nominating Committee Meeting: The meeting may be conducted if a majority of the committee is present. *(If a committee member cannot attend the meeting, notify the alternate. If another committee meeting is called, that alternate member will continue to serve on the committee and the original member does not return.)*
- Responsibilities of Committee: Treat all candidates in a fair and consistent manner and make all decisions by ballot or majority vote.

Board Candidate Qualifications

One nominee should be selected for each office. In the event the Nominating Committee cannot secure a nominee, nominations from the floor shall be called for at the election meeting. Person/s from the Nominating Committee can be nominated to serve.

Suggested Qualifications:

- Knowledgeable about and adheres to the Vision, Mission, Purposes and basic policies of PTA.
- Willing to attend continuing training for PTA.

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- Willing to make PTA a high priority in his or her schedule.
- Prior experience in either PTA or other organizational work.
- Is ethical and has a sense of justice and fairness.
- Exhibits enthusiasm for PTA.

NEED TO KNOW >>>

- ✓ Once elected, members of the Nominating Committee must sign the NC Confidentiality Agreement.
- ✓ **President's, refer to your President Resource Guide or the Nominating Committee Packet for instructions on how to conduct the election at a Membership Meeting.**
- ✓ **Officers are NOT elected for two years. ALL Officer positions are one-year term and have a two-year maximum. Officers must be re-elected to serve a second, one year term and CANNOT SERVE three consecutive years.**
- ✓ If the President position is left vacant after the election, refer to your Bylaws to see who assumes the President duties until the role is filled.
- ✓ *After the election, vacant Officer position/s can be filled at an upcoming executive board meeting by vote of the executive board.*
- ✓ **If the election is not conducted within the school year, then notify the Council PTA President and we will conduct a meeting taking nominations from the floor.**

FROM THE TREASURER

FROM TEXAS PTA - INFO ABOUT THE PTA FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION

A financial reconciliation reviews all financial transactions to ensure that expenditures are properly documented and conform with the approved budget

and the PTA's governing documents. Additional information can be found in the **BASICS Treasurer Resource Guide**.

A financial reconciliation is MANDATORY at least annually, at the end of the fiscal year. The reconciliation should also be performed:

- when any authorized check signer is added or deleted on any bank account; and
- at any time deemed necessary by the president or three or more members.

Financial Reconciliation Committees

- A minimum of three members are appointed by the president, at least 30 days before the last membership meeting of the year. All appointments are subject to the approval of the board.
- Authorized check signers, nor their family members, may not serve on the committee.
- Texas PTA advises against appointing the incoming treasurer to the committee.
- A person cannot serve on the Financial Committee two years in a row.



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CONTACT INFO FOR YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS!

DON'T NICKEL AND DIME THE FUTURE – EDUCATE THE WHOLE CHILD

#FundTheFuture

From Texas PTA... “The momentum is building to reform our outdated inequitable school funding system. Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick and Speaker Bonnen have all identified school finance reform as their top priority. It’s important for elected officials to know that parents and taxpayers expect them to follow through on their commitment.”

Here are the state legislators that have schools in RRISD (*Donna Howard has an extremely small percentage of our district, but no schools*).

Connect with your elected official and let your voice be heard!

Representative John H. Bucy III
Texas House District 136
Phone: (512) 463-0696
email (it is a form): <https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/email/?district=136&session=86>
Website: <https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=136>

Schools Represented in RRISD:

Westwood High School
Cedar Valley Middle School
Deerpark Middle School
Grisham Middle School
Pearson Ranch Middle School
Anderson Mill Elementary
Brushy Creek Elementary
England Elementary
Forest North Elementary
Great Oaks Elementary
Live Oak Elementary
Pond Springs Elementary
Purple Sage Elementary
Sommer Elementary

Representative James Talarico

Texas House District 52
Phone: 512-463-0670
Email: (it is a form): <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/member-page/email/index.php?district=52>
website: <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=52>

Schools Represented in RRISD:

Round Rock HS
Cedar Ridge HS
Stony Point HS
Success HS
Early College HS
CD Fulkes MS
Chisholm Trail MS
Hernandez MS
Hopewell MS
Ridgeview MS
Walsh MS
Berkman Elementary
Blackland Prairie Elementary
Bluebonnet Elementary
Cactus Ranch Elementary
Caldwell Heights Elementary
Callison Elementary
Chandler Oaks Elementary
Deep Wood Elementary
Double Fire Trail Elementary
Forest Creek Elementary
Gattis Elementary
Herrington Elementary
Old Town Elementary
Robertson Elementary
Teravista Elementary
Union Hill Elementary
Voigt Elementary

Representative Vikki Goodwin

Texas House District 47
Phone: 512-463-0652
email (it is a form): <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/member-page/email/?district=47&session=86>
website: <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=47>

Schools Represented in RRISD:

Canyon Creek Elementary

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Representative Celia Israel

Texas House District 50

Phone: 512-463-0821

email (it is a

form): <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/member-page/email/?district=50&session=86>

website: <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=50>

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711-2068

(512-463-0001) [Email](#) | [Website](#)

Rep. Dennis Bonnen – Speaker of the House

P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768

(512-463-1000) [Email](#) | [Website](#)

Schools Represented in RRISD:

McNeil High School

Canyon Vista Middle School

Caraway Elementary

Joe Lee Johnson Elementary

Jollyville Elementary

Laurel Mountain Elementary

Spicewood Elementary

Senator Charles Schwertner

Senate District 5

Phone: 512-463-0105

website: <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=5#distinfo>

Schools Represented in RRISD:

All schools but those listed below that are represented by Sen. Watson

Senator Kirk Watson

Senate District 14

Phone: 512-463-0114

website: <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=14>

Schools Represented in RRISD:

McNeil High School

Canyon Vista Middle School

Caraway Elementary

Canyon Creek Elementary

Joe Lee Johnson Elementary

Jollyville Elementary

Laurel Mountain Elementary

Spicewood Elementary

Wells Branch Elementary

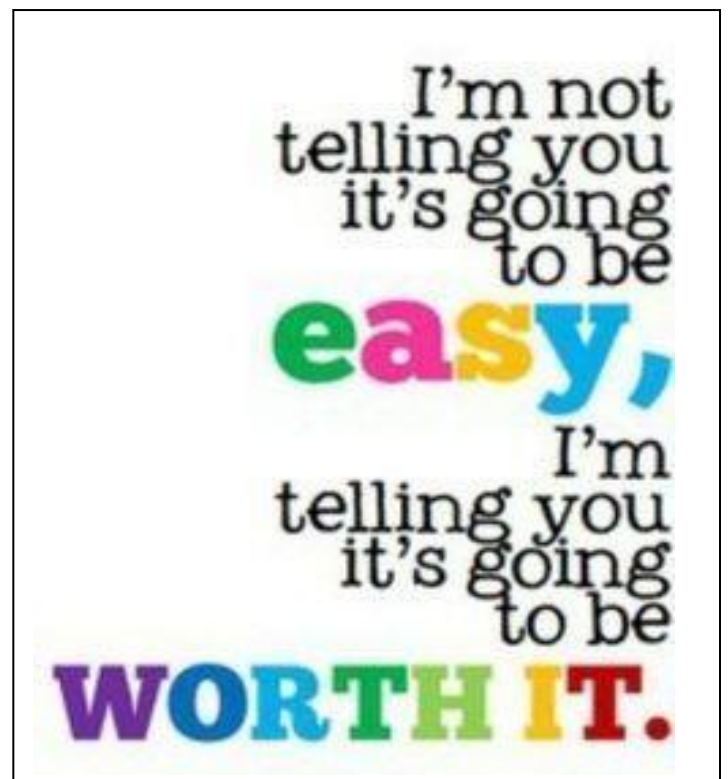
Here are our statewide legislators:

Governor Greg Abbott

Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711-2428

(512-463-2000) [Email](#) | [Website](#)

#FundTheFuture
#SafeAndSound
#SafetyInNumbers
#FakeBuzz
#TobaccoFreeKids
#Ed4All



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FACULTY APPRECIATION FOR THE ALTERNATIVE CAMPUSES

The Alternative Campuses enjoyed popcorn from Austin Gourmet Popcorn for Valentine's Day. They got to choose from Original Buttery, Kettle, Carolina BBQ and AGP fan favorite, Austin Mix! They also received yummy treats of brownies and cookies from the RRISD community who know how amazing the staff at these campuses are! Austin Gourmet Popcorn are wonderful supporters of RRISD and the PTAs!!

Sandi Bone, Council FA for the Alternative Campuses

NEW!!!! COUNCIL BUSINESS PARTNER

As the Council PTA Business Partner, I am in the process of actively searching for businesses throughout the Round Rock/Austin metro area that would be willing to support the RRISD PTAs through donations, spirit nights, fundraisers, volunteer resources, offer programs, etc. A business that is willing to partner with us will be added to the master resource list and contacted when specific needs arise. Businesses do not have to guarantee participation, but must show interest in community support. If you know of a business or are a business owner who would be willing to partner with the PTA, please send an email to mkrucker@yahoo.com and contact will be set up.

In effort to make contribution to this resource list available to PTA executive board members and interested parties, a link to a google form for an online submission medium will be emailed out shortly. Please be on the lookout! This form will make adding information easy, and possible business support will be confirmed through the Council Business Partner prior to the business information being added to the resource list. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at the above email. I hope everyone is off to a great 2019!

Mica Rucker, Council Business Partner

CLOTHES CLOSET

We are cleaning out and making room for new donations at our Clothes Closet.

- Please remember the Clothes Closet can **only** accept **clean clothing size 4 and up**.
- **Socks and underwear** must be **new in original package**.
- We cannot accept pajamas, swim wear, or accessories.

Help us get the word out! Tell friends, colleagues, and family about our Clothes Closet!

Angela Thibeault, Council PTA Clothes Closet Chair,
401/862-7718

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PTA leaders, Principals, District Leadership, District Partners, business and community PTA members, are all encouraged to make a written contribution to this product. Write a brief article (1/4 page) about what's going on with in your school community. The 200 guests who attend our Council PTA Delegate Luncheon Meetings (including representatives from the respective Chambers of Commerce, Texas State PTA, State Legislature and everyone that visits our RRISD Council of PTAs website) will be able to read about all the incredible happenings our local units do daily.

Newsletters are available in hard copy format at each Delegate Meeting. Shortly after the meetings it will be sent electronically to all executive board members whose names have been uploaded to PTave. During the months we do not have a Delegate Luncheon Meeting, a DIGITAL monthly edition will be published. RRISD Council of PTAs is very large with lots of fantastic things going on at the local PTA units every day! *Our goal is to share more often, rather than just five times a year. It is also our hope to increase communication across the District that we serve.* This will allow us to provide more timely updates and resource information. Please share this information with everyone in your network, especially the school community.

If you'd like to include an article, know a business or individual who would like to sponsor this newsletter, please email the Council Connections PTA Newsletter Editor, Snehal Phirke at rrisd.pta.councilnews@gmail.com

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THE PTA GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

A successful PTA is one that is supported by district and campus leaders, Teachers, Parents, and the community in their effort to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. PTAs that recruit 100% of their school's faculty* as members are eligible for a special recognition- the Golden Apple Award. (*Texas PTA's definition of faculty is principals, assistant principals, teachers, counselors, and aids employed at the campus full time.) To recognize these efforts, membership rosters and dues are to be submitted to Texas PTA no later than March 31st. THANK YOU!

PTA leaders and Principal's, this is a joint success that we all share!!

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 LEVEL MEMBERSHIPS...

Below are the Platinum level PTA community members who joined EVERY PTA in RRISD!! Please share their name and logo on your local unit PTA website. Feel free to send them emails and keep them in the loop on what's happening on your campus. They'd love to partner with you!!

- Dawn Watson, RRISD Council PTA President
- Steve Flores, RRISD Superintendent



Round Rock: 512/910-4051



Round Rock: 512/736-7272



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**NORTH AMERICA'S #1
YOUTH MOTIVATIONAL
COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR!
RRISD'S OWN
DAVID EDWARD GARCIA!**

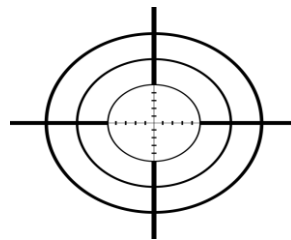
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Ridgeview Middle
School Cafeteria
200 Via Sonoma Trail
6:30pm



Everyone is
Welcome!
Comedy &
Learning!
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RRISD Council
of PTAs

**KINDNESS
PARTY
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DIVERSITY**



CRASE

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

The RRISD Council of PTAs has partnered with RRISD and the Williamson County Sheriff's Office to bring two C.R.A.S.E. events to you! This course is an extended version for parents and community members. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of professional guardians, civilian response options, and demonstrates examples of things to do in case of an active shooter event.

**April 1 and 30th
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Locations are TBD**

AVOID - DENY - DEFEND

**Come and ARM YOURSELF with
KNOWLEDGE!**



Texas PTA Logo Use

Please be mindful when using the Texas PTA logo on your documents. Anything of any official nature (i.e. press releases, flyers endorsing a particular opinion/position, Op-Eds, newspaper articles, etc.) should not have the Texas PTA logo on it, unless prior approval from Texas PTA has been obtained.

RRISD PTA PARTNERSHIPS



ROUND ROCK
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RRISD Community Education Future Readiness Parent Seminars

Future Readiness Parent Seminars provide valuable information focused on the needs of students as they move through their academic careers and help guide parents and guardians as they consider the important choices that make students future ready.

* Pre-registration is required.

* All sessions are free and materials will be provided.

For more info, visit:

communityeducation.roundrockisd.org/future-readiness-parent-seminars

To register, visit:

communityeducation.roundrockisd.org

Location: Round Rock High School, 300 Lake Creek Drive, Round Rock - 700 Cafeteria/Tool Box #200 Building (enter from Lake Creek Drive south of 700 Building)

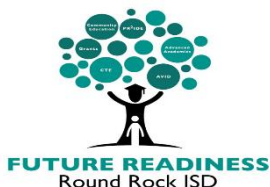
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – More Than Sad: A look at teen depression - For parents/guardians and their 9th-12th-grade student(s) Due to the sensitive nature of this information, parents/guardians should use their discretion as to bringing their student to this seminar.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – RROCK Ready: How to get your child “future ready” - For parents/guardians of students ages 5 and under who have not yet started school

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – Effective Communication - For parents/guardians and their 8th-12th-grade student(s)

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – College not for you? What's Your Plan? - For parents/guardians and their 11th and 12th grade student(s) 12th grade students are welcome to attend alone.



**Who wants to be crowned
Round Rock ISD PTA Advocate
for being
“A VOICE FOR ALL STUDENTS”?**

All you have to do is
go to afsp.org/roundrockisd
and
register to walk on March 9
for the

2nd Annual RRISD Out of the Darkness Campus Walk!!

When you register online you can create a team and recruit others for your team. **GET OTHERS TO WALK WITH YOU!**

The person from PTA who has the most people join their team will get **crowned at the next PTA Delegate Meeting and be presented with a megaphone** with the message “Being a Voice for ALL Students!”

BUT WAIT THERE’S MORE... Those team raises the most donations (\$\$) will also be **crowned and awarded a megaphone!**

Remember each of us can *“be a superhero for ALL students”* by speaking up about mental health!

Questions? Contact Amy Grosso
amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org 512-464-5976

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2ND ANNUAL DISTRICT-WIDE CAREER EXPLORATION FAIR

Hello Business Partners,

Round Rock Independent School District (ISD) is excited to host our **2nd Annual District-wide Career Exploration Fair**. Our vision for this event is to provide an opportunity for students in grades K-12, with their parents, to explore the various careers that await them in their future. Research shows that when asked, students can name a basic list of occupations; however, our goal as educators is to broaden the horizons of the next generation by promoting an atmosphere in which they can explore and gain the knowledge of the vast array of careers available to them. We believe that if we start early with connecting future job seekers with potential employers, we can feel confident that every child in the district has the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills, and the confidence they need to ensure successful futures.

For Round Rock ISD to succeed in creating this atmosphere for our students, we need business partners like you to join us on **April 1, 2019** at **Round Rock High School from 6pm-8pm** (set up begins at 5pm). If you would be willing to host a free booth, at our 2nd Annual District-wide Career Exploration Fair, please complete the brief registration form using the link below. We desire for this fair to be an exploratory event for our students and ask that, if possible, you bring items that allow the students to engage in a hands-on experience of your career field.

Last year's fair was a success and with your assistance, we are confident that the fair this year will be even better. If you have any questions, feel free to contact LaShanda Lewis, Coordinator of Counseling Services for Round Rock ISD at 512-464-6177.

Registration Link: [2nd Annual Round Rock ISD Career Exploration Fair](#)

**SUCCESSFUL
PEOPLE BUILD
EACH OTHER UP.
THEY MOTIVATE,
INSPIRE, AND PUSH
EACH OTHER.
UNSUCCESSFUL
PEOPLE JUST HATE,
BLAME, AND
COMPLAIN.**

MAXIMIZE YOUR CAREER POTENTIAL



RRISD PTA PARTNERSHIPS

YOU
make a
DIFFERENCE
in what we
DO

*Over the past
18 years,
\$4.8 million has
been given
back to
Round Rock ISD*



**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**
ROUND ROCK ISD

MISSION

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.

- Providing Funds for innovative academic programs
- Acknowledging and rewarding exemplary teaching
- Providing an avenue for business and community members to enhance the education process
- Promoting public awareness and celebrating successful programs and achievement of excellence

PROGRAMS

- Scholarships
- Teacher of the Year
- Employee Giving Campaign
- Excellence in Education Grants

EVENTS

- Shining Stars Gala
- Golf Tournament
- Back to School Celebration

ACADEMICS

- STEMfest
- Pre K Rodeo & RROCK Ready
- Professional Development



**Inspiring
STUDENTS
to learn.
Empowering
STUDENTS
for life.**



**ONE
FAMILY
ONE
FUTURE**



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RRISD PIE Foundation

GET INVOLVED

- Friend of the Foundation
- Partnerships
- Donate
- Volunteer

Your donation (time, treasure and talent) given to the Round Rock ISD Partners In Education Foundation provides the students, teachers and RRISD the opportunity to implement new and creative learning ideas to increase our students' knowledge!



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Round Rock ISD Mentor Program

RRISD MENTOR PROGRAM

Mentoring programs are highly beneficial to students of all ages. Statistics show that students in mentoring relationships are more likely to do better in school and less

likely to begin using drugs and/or alcohol.

The Round Rock ISD S.T.A.R.S. (Supporting, Teaching and Reaching Students) Mentor program is a school-based program for students in grades K-12 who would benefit from the positive influence a mentor can bring to their life.

Mentoring a child is a way for community members and businesses to volunteer. Mentors have the opportunity to impact a child's life, share life experiences and help build a more educated community.

When you volunteer as a mentor you not only discover new things about yourself, but you provide a friendship to a child who needs and wants the positive influence. With just a few hours of an individual's time you can help change the life of a child!

It takes **less than 24 hours** of your time in a school year to help change the life of a child!

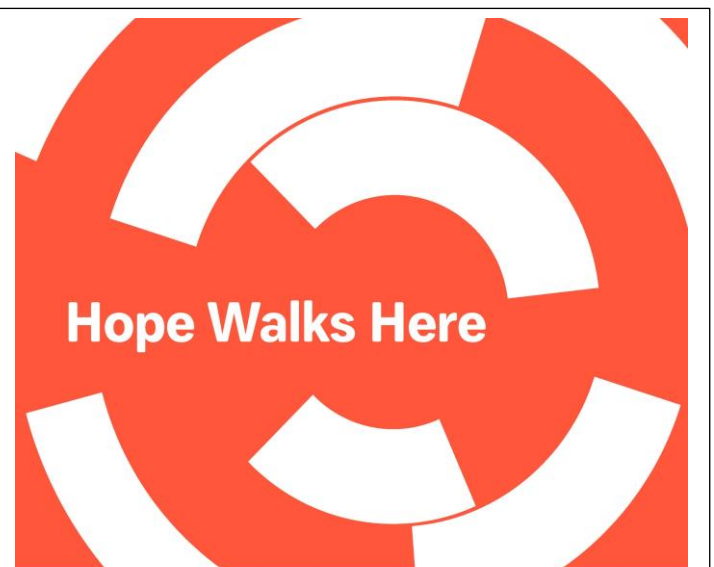
Mentors are needed at all campuses across the district especially male mentors! It isn't too late in the year to become a mentor.

Sign up today and help change a child's life!

Becoming a mentor is easy!

Complete an online volunteer application, attend a one-hour training class provided by the district and begin meeting with a child!

Contact Dawn Steele at dawn_steele@roundrockisd.org or 512-464-5108.



Prevent suicide at Round Rock ISD

3/9/2019
Pearson Ranch Middle School
Register at afsp.org/RoundRockISD



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OUT OF THE
DARKNESS
Campus Walks

Join us for the Round Rock ISD Out of the Darkness Campus Walk on March 9, Pearson Ranch Middle School in Round Rock, Texas at 9:00am.

Registration is easy. Go to afsp.org/roundrockisd and click on the links to donate, register to walk or to form a team! We encourage PTAs to organize their own teams and help get the word out!

Proceeds bring local and national suicide prevention and awareness programs of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention directly to the students/school. Learn more at campuswalks.org or call 888-333-2377.

PTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

FROM ROUND ROCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1 Million Cups Round Rock

As the economic-generation leader for Round Rock, the chamber is uniquely positioned to understand the long-term value of a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem. [Click here](#) to read *REV UP Round Rock*, the chamber's multi-year entrepreneurship strategy. One of the recommendations in the report is that the chamber should work to establish a more connected and structured network of local entrepreneurs through models like the Kauffman Foundation's 1 Million Cups program. In October 2017, the chamber and its partners launched 1 Million Cups Round Rock. Today, the program is going strong and we'd love to see you there!

About 1 Million Cups Round Rock (1MCRR) – We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at The Alcove Cantina Lounge in downtown Round Rock (119 Main St.). To register for these free monthly events, [click here](#). **Fresh, hot coffee is provided.**

1MCRR is a free, monthly event designed to educate, engage, and accelerate early-stage startups. We believe in the notion that entrepreneurs can discover solutions and thrive when they collaborate over a million cups of coffee. We invite our community of founders, innovators, students, educators, business executives, and entrepreneurship enthusiasts to attend, connect, and support our local startups.

How it works...

Presenters have six minutes to tell our community who they are, what they're doing, and why they are doing it. Following the presentation, the audience has twenty minutes to provide feedback that will strengthen the presenter's company. 1MCRR organizers provide coaching to all presenters before their presentation.

To present, visit www.1millioncups.com/roundrock and click "APPLY TO PRESENT".

1 Million Cups Round Rock (1MCRR) Double Shot – Wednesday, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at The Alcove Cantina Lounge in downtown Round Rock (119 Main St.). This is a free event. Fresh, hot coffee is provided.

This is our first 1MCRR Double Shot event. We will use this platform to highlight key issues impacting the local startup community. During the February 20 event, Preston James (Founder & CEO, DivInc) will present "Diversity & Inclusion: The Challenges & Opportunities of Broadening our Ecosystem." To register for this free special event, [click here](#).

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Spirit Night Opportunity from CodeWizardsHQ

CodeWizardsHQ is a coding school for youth. Their mission is to prepare students to thrive in a tech-driven world by teaching them the skill of programming. They teach through live, instructor-led, online classes where students learn real-world programming languages like Python, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Java and more!

As an exclusive opportunity, they have an effortless spirit night proposal for our PTAs. Here is how it works. You get to pick an evening or weekend to offer a 1-hour introductory programming class for your students. Students will attend this live online class from home. No school related co-ordination or management for you. They manage registration and all related logistics. You just need to let parents know about this spirit night.

This introductory class is normally priced at \$39. For RRISD PTAs, it would be offered at an exclusive price of just \$20. Plus, for every student who attends the introductory class, CodeWizardsHQ would donate \$10 to your PTA i.e. 50%. More importantly you get to expose your students to real-world programming. That's a win-win-win.

To bring this spirit night to your campus, please visit - www.codewizardshq.com/pta or email hello@codewizardshq.com.

PTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



The Dangers of Procrastination (and Tips for Children to Overcome It)

Some of the dangers of procrastination:

- Everything takes longer than it needs to.
- Children hold themselves back.
- It causes stress.
- Even with good intentions, children set themselves up to fail.

Some tips to help your child conquer procrastination:

- Embrace the planner.
- Prioritize each day's to-dos.
- Make homework time screen-free time.
- Set time goals.
- Rely on programs to help with tech distractions.

About Huntington:

Huntington is the tutoring and test prep leader. Huntington programs develop the skills, confidence, and motivation to help students succeed. Founded in 1977, Huntington's mission is to give every student the best education possible. www.huntingtonhelps.com.



'The weather is warming up! Grab your sunscreen, unpack your pool clothes and give Kona Ice a call.

We recently added a **new Kona KRAFTED truck**. Krafted includes new flavors like Aprium Rose Sangria, Blackberry Acai, Citrus Sour Swizzle, Coconut Lime, Lavender Lemonade, Moonflower, etc.

Our new Krafted line would be a GREAT treat for teacher/staff appreciation events.

In addition, call today to schedule your Spring field day, Kona day, book year or end of school year parties. All our Kona flavoring **meet all SMART SNACK standards**. Other than fruit as the first ingredient, all products need to meet sugar to weight ratios and calorie restrictions. Kona Ice is the **ONLY** dessert product that meets every requirement!

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Laundry versus Dry Clean Shirts

Many people do not understand why we dry clean some shirts as oppose to "launder" others. If you review the care label you may see "cool iron" which means we cannot use the equipment for laundered shirts. The temperature on the laundry side of the business is much higher than the equipment used to finish an item on the dry clean side of the business. You may also see a symbol with an iron. One dot represents a cool iron (i.e. dry cleaned) while two or more dots represent a warm iron can be used or laundered.

There are certain materials including buttons that cannot take the higher temperature. The pricing difference between the two options is based on the time it takes us to process.

[Reid's Cleaners & Laundry](#) offers [concierge services](#) and will have your clothes picked up, dry cleaned, and delivered at your convenience! Reid's offers wash and fold services to make your life easier! Drop at the stores or we offer home delivery.



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
www.dartemup.com

PTA PROGRAMS



Did you know there are many ways to advocate for health and wellness at the state and local levels? With the 86th Texas Legislative session upon us, I encourage you to check out the Texas PTA [Legislative Priorities](#) for Health and Safety and join us at [Rally Day](#) on Monday, February 25, 2019.

If you're also looking to tip-toe into local advocacy efforts, check out the [Healthy Lifestyles Resource Guide](#) of beginner, intermediate, and advanced level strategies to support health at your campus or district level. One intermediate step is serving on a district School Health Advisory Council ([SHAC](#)). Parents have a powerful voice with annual board recommendations related to health curriculum and so much more.

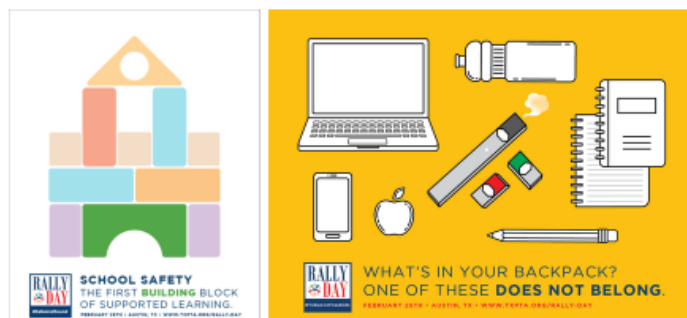
So, get out there and start advocating for the health of it!

Karen Burnell

Texas PTA Healthy Lifestyle Liaison

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Branded posters available for select [Health & Safety priorities](#)



FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES

- [American Heart Month](#)
- [National Children's Dental Health Month](#)
- [National Teen Dating Violence Month](#)

MARCH OBSERVANCES

- [National Nutrition Month](#)
- [National School Breakfast Week](#) (3/4-3/8)
- [National Sleep Awareness Week](#) (3/10-3/16)
- [National Brain Awareness Week](#) (3/11-3/17)

FUNDING AND FREEBIES!

[Carton 2 Garden](#) – **Deadline: March 25, 2019. Up to \$5,000.** Evergreen Packaging and Kids Gardening are proud to present their annual contest for an innovative garden creation featuring creative and sustainable uses for repurposed milk and juice cartons.

[Good Sports Equipment Grant](#) – Rolling deadline. Grants vary. Awards sporting equipment, footwear, and apparel up to six times over a two-year period.

[Action for Healthy Kids](#) – **Deadline: April 5, 2019. \$1,000.** Includes School Breakfast Grants, Game On Grants, and Parents for Healthy Kids Grants.

[Oliver Foundation](#) – **Deadline: April 15, 2019. \$750-\$5,000.** Provides a sustainable impact on children's nutrition and activity levels through innovative programs.

Health-e-Learning

[How to Start a Safe Routes to School Program.](#) (Previously recorded.) Presented by Safe Routes to School National Partnership.

[Introducing the New Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.](#) (Previously recorded.) Presented by The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

FROM TEXAS PTA

www.txpta.org



TEXAS PTA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Download a summary of the legislative priorities [here](#) (English/Spanish).

Select available priorities for more detailed information on those issues.

Support Student Success

Public School Funding System Reform

Pursue an adequate and equitable solution for school funding that maintains accountability and responsibility for educating the whole child and includes funding for enrollment growth.

Special Education Funding

Support increased funding for special education services sufficient to address the requirements of the federal government's corrective action, including teacher training, student evaluation, and increased student services.

Literacy by 3rd Grade

Support programs that ensure all 3rd grade students are reading and writing on grade-level, including full-day Pre-K funding that prioritizes students in at-risk environments.

Health and Safety

School Safety

Pursue comprehensive school safety legislation, including policies to fund the hardening of school facilities and improve access and utilization of Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) professional development and comprehensive safety and security plans.

Cyberbullying

Support policies to strengthen anti-cyberbullying laws.

Student Mental Health

Improve school safety by developing and funding a comprehensive plan of programs and services specifically designed to help students be mentally strong and prepared to cope with personal challenges, and systems to identify and provide services to students in need of mental health intervention.

Healthy Lifestyles

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

Juvenile Justice Reform

Support comprehensive reform of the Juvenile Justice system, increasing the age of adult criminal responsibility from 17 to 18, and policies that reduce the school-to-prison pipeline.

Campus Immunization Reporting

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

T21, Raise the Age to 21 for Tobacco Purchases

Support legislation to limit youth access to tobacco products — including e-cigarettes and vaping/juuling devices — through social sources such as older high school students.

Meaningful Assessment & Accountability

A-F Accountability System

Advocate for an accountability system that more broadly reviews school performance and includes a family engagement component.

State Assessment

Advocate for reduced emphasis on state-mandated testing, focusing on grades 3-8, monitor changes to STAAR for high school students, and encourage limits on benchmark testing for all tested grades.

Individual Graduation Committee

Advocate for the continuation of Individual Graduation Committees with authority to allow students to graduate when they have failed no more than two end-of-course exams, but successfully completed all required curriculum.

Strengthen Public Schools

Keep Public Dollars in Public Schools

Demand policies that prevent taxpayer dollars from funding private schools through a voucher system that lacks transparency and educational accountability.

RALLY DAY

AUSTIN 2019 • 86TH SESSION #2K4RallyDay

Save the Date
February 25

FROM NATIONAL PTA

www.pta.org

2019'S TOP 10 EDUCATION ISSUES



Education Week reporters and editors identify 10 of today's most pressing challenges in education and offer bold ideas for addressing them. [Learn more.](#)

What issues have the potential to define—or redefine—education in the year ahead? Is there a next

"big thing" that could shift the K-12 experience or conversation? These were the questions *Education Week* set out to answer in this second annual "10 Big Ideas in Education" report. [Learn more.](#)

- 1: Kids are right. School is boring. [Read more.](#)
- 2: Teachers have trust issues. And it's no wonder why. [Read more.](#)
- 3: Special education is broken. [Read more.](#)
- 4: Schools are embracing bilingualism, but only for some students. [Read more.](#)
- 5: A world without annual testing may be closer than you think. [Read more.](#)
- 6: There are lessons to be learned from the educational experiences of black students in military families. [Read more.](#)
- 7: School segregation is not an intractable American problem. [Read more.](#)
- 8: Consent doesn't just belong in sex ed. class. It needs to start a lot earlier. [Read more.](#)
- 9: Education has an innovation problem. [Read more.](#)
- 10: There are two powerful forces changing college admissions. [Read more.](#)



JOIN US JUNE 20-23 IN COLUMBUS, OHIO!

We're heading to America's Heartland! Get ready to advance your PTA's mission while enjoying all of the amazing art, culture and food that Columbus has to offer. Take advantage of our early-bird registration to [save some money!](#)

Advocacy Tip: Get to Know These Congressional Committees

Woodrow Wilson once said, "...it is not far from the truth to say that Congress in session is Congress on public exhibition, whilst Congress in its committee rooms is Congress at work." [Committees](#) play an integral part in the function of Congress overall and in the legislative process.

For the purposes of our work at National PTA, it is important to monitor the work of the following committees:

- [House Committee on Education & Labor](#)
- [House Committee on the Budget](#)
- [House Committee on Appropriations](#)
- [Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions](#)
- [Senate Committee on the Budget](#)
- [Senate Committee on Appropriations](#)

While votes, speeches and the introduction of bills are important, a fundamental understanding of committees is crucial for any successful advocate. Committee work is where bills are truly shaped and where members of Congress decide whether to allow bills to proceed in the legislative process. Don't forget about committees as you begin to shape your advocacy strategy for the 116th Congress.



PTA TAKES ACTION FOR KIDS

Join us March 12-14 for the **2019 National PTA Legislative Conference (LegCon)** to network with fellow PTA advocates, meet with policymakers, hear PTA advocacy success stories and learn how to shape public policy on Capitol Hill and at home.

LegCon will be held just steps away from Washington, DC.

You'll be joined by your fellow PTA members and other passionate advocates who will share advanced advocacy skills and tactics to help you meet your policy goals.

Don't miss the chance to expand your knowledge of the ins and outs of federal law, grow your advocacy skills, explore National PTA's priorities for the new 116th Congress, and meet with your federal representatives on Capitol Hill.

[Register Today!](#)

Campus PTA/PTSA Spotlights

Anderson Mill PTA

- AME PTA is looking forward to some fun events happening in March. We are hosting a Mardi Gras Glow Dance for our scholars and families on March 5th.
- On the 12th we are co-hosting our first Sister School Soccer Game with Spicewood PTA. It's going to be a great opportunity to build community and make new friends.
- We are also looking forward to being back at Dart Em' Up for our annual Sprit Night and Silent Auction April 18th. Pita Fusion will also be hosting us for a Spirit Day so come and have lunch and dinner then go shoot some nerf! Come join us or contact us if you are interested in supporting our Auction.
- Our Membership Chair Melissa McDowell is so happy to announce we achieved the Welcome Back award in January!

Blackland Prairie PTA

- BPE Wildcats have had a very active January! Our school was able to celebrate a successful fall donation drive with a PTA hosted movie night of "Coco" which was enjoyed by all young and old.
- We also hosted an incredibly educational "International Day" event at the school. BPE represents many families from so many other countries which allowed our PTA to host some amazing country themed booths from around the globe. Our "Where in the World is Whiskers" themed event allowed the students to take a trip around the world to help find our BPE Wildcat.
- The booths offered great information for the students to learn the many wonderful things about each country. We invited numerous groups to perform cultural dances & performances for our students/families to enjoy and we also had diverse food trucks that offered foods from around the world.

Brushy Creek PTA

- The Brushy Creek Elementary PTA had a fantastic STEAM family night January 17th. We had Planetarium Shows, Drones, Virtual Reality, Interactive Music, Art Projects, Film School, 3D Illusion Activity and STEAM building stations provided by Cordovan Art School, Let's Rock Music School, Coding Ninja's, Fun 2 Learn Code, 4 Reelz school of Film, RRISD and the PTA.

- Our Family Night Coordinator, Natalie Melnar did an amazing job and smoothly pulled off this fun, learning event.

Caldwell Heights PTA

- Caldwell Heights Elementary is hosting a huge Box Tops collection completion with prizes for the five classes that collect the most. We hope to raise \$1000 to put towards teacher mini grants.
- We hosted a concession stand at the Stoney Point Learning Community UIL completion- we offered breakfast and lunch to students and their families while they participated in the academic completion.
- Our Teacher Enrichment Representative organized and hosted a soup and chili lunch for the teachers and staff.
- On Friday Feb 8th we hosted our annual Valentines Dance. A free night full of dancing and fun! Our PE coach is our DJ. It is our most attended event each year with kids coming dressed in their best!

Canyon Creek PTA

- Canyon Creek Elementary PTA has been very busy this year. We have parent volunteers organizing 5 after school clubs: Destination Imagination, Math Pentathlon, Geography Bee, Chess Club and Mandarin Club.
- We raised almost \$3,500 in our Box Tops competition, and we were the 2nd highest school in the state for collections! We also raised over \$1,700 at our fall Fun Run which was almost triple the income we expected! We met our goal in raising funds with our fall Hassle Free Fundraiser, and now have 519 PTA members at CCE!
- Our Green Team has kept our school looking beautiful, our Language Enrichment program has brought 16 weeks of Spanish and German to all our students, the Robolab program has been teaching our 2nd-5th graders how to think creatively with LEGO robotics, the Hospitality team has fed our teachers with our monthly Friday Feasts, our Service committee organized 3 service drives already this year, the School Spirit committee facilitated a Family Movie night where we ate popcorn and watched a movie in the school cafeteria, our Enrichment committee held a Geography Bee and 10 students participated in the event, the Family Support Specialist partnered with our PTA to organize a book club and several coffee chats with our principal, our Library committee helped with the fall Book Fair, and we had 36 students participate in the Science Fair that our PTA sponsors.
- We were proud to have Westwood High School Principal, Mario Acosta, come speak at our last PTA

Campus PTA/PTSA Spotlights

meeting about the Westwood Math Track. We are also excited to see 11 of our students advance to the district level with the PTA Reflections program.

- We partnered with the Austin Spurs for our RRISD PIE Silent Auction Basket this month, and they donated a basketball signed by all members of the team, a fan sports package, complete with a duffel bag and t-shirts as well as 4 tickets to this season's game and 4 tickets to the next season's game. We are so thankful for their generosity with \$240 donation!
- Please come visit our campus on the evening of March 8th for our annual Multicultural Fair! There will be food, cultural booths, and student performances!

Canyon Vista PTA

- Thanks to Cabo Bobs for their donation to PIEF for a gift basket on behalf of Canyon Vista Middle School.
- February 14th CVMS PTA Teacher Appreciation Committee is hosting a "Sweet Treats" for the staff/faculty. Thank you to all of the parents for their donations as well as the volunteers to make this event a success.
- March 2019 is CVMS PTA first Annual "Mustang Hustle". Thanks to the hardworking team of our Healthy Lifestyles Committee, Moya Griffin, for leading the team.

C D Fulkes PTA

- The CD Fulkes Middle School PTA is very passionate about our students and staff. We want them to have a wonderful year and put their best foot forward.
- We purchased drinks and healthy snacks for 700+ students and staff members for the school's Reindeer Run.
- We supported the RRISD program called C.A.T.C.H. (coordinated approach to children's health) at our school. The PTA made and served over 300 samples of a delicious apple berry smoothie.
- Hosted a teacher lunch. We made sure to include the lunch & janitorial staff. We supported a local, family owned business, by having their restaurant cater the lunch.
- Hosted an academic achievement party for 120 students that have received a straight "A" report card this year. We purchased snacks and drinks for everyone. We also solicited prizes for the students from local businesses.
- 'Hope Austin' is a non-profit organization in Austin that provides 40 CDF students each week with a bag of meals to take home for the weekend. One time recently, the CDF PTA supplemented these bags, with an additional bag of a couple of fun snacks, a treat, and a drink. We put a card in each bag that said.

"Here is a little something extra from the PTA. Just because you are wonderful".

- The CDF PTA contributed to our school library so that the school could host a "Read it forward" campaign with a book called Restart by Gordon Korman. We were able to cover the cost of ½ of the books purchased.
- We also created a basket for each of our counselors and filled it with snacks for our students.

Cedar Ridge PTSA

- In honor of Random Acts of Kindness week, we are selling small gifts for the students to purchase that they can spread cheer to their friends around campus. We have carnations, confetti popcorn, raider bears and mugs with candy.
- We held a Chocolate Fountain & Sweet Treats bar for our teachers and staff – they were appreciative, especially with the end of the six weeks quickly approaching.
- We earned the Welcome Back membership award by adding an additional 17 members in January and we are working on earning the XOXO award for February.
- We are excited to have students and parents attend Rally Day and are coordinating efforts with our learning community.

Elsa England PTA

- England PTA helped sponsor the school's Science night which was put on by the 4th and 5th grade teachers.
- We have also been supporting teachers in the classroom with small "grants". We were also able to allocate some money to the school for technology purchases, the literacy library and playground equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc.) from the money we have raised thus far this year.
- We continue to see a large number of students involved in our popular Math Superstars program and the homeroom parents have been busy organizing Valentine's Day parties.

Great Oaks PTA

- Great Oaks Elementary PTA Hospitality committee provided breakfast tacos for staff following the Winter Break
- Souper Bowl of Caring was a huge success and our school donated 5,761 items

Campus PTA/PTSA Spotlights

- Providing staff lunch on February 15 with a soup theme and other goodies
- Planning Celebration of Cultures event on March 5 with 15 countries represented by our student families
- Upcoming PTA family movie night on March 1
- Planning is underway for our Spring Fling later in March.

Hopewell PTA

- It's so much fun granting wishes! Our PTA, thanks to our family and community support, was able to award grants to our teachers.
- From headphones for FAC to classroom books for language arts. It's like Christmas in February!
- Waffles full of love! On February 19th we provided our staff with a waffle breakfast.
- Getting our GLO on! We are excited for our upcoming glow in the dark dance.
- We got your back! HMS PTA loves to sponsor not only the Hive but our community too. Our PTA donated auction baskets to
- the PIE Foundation Gala and Stony Point Project Graduation along with sponsoring HMS CATCH Night.
- "Volunteers are love in motion" - author unknown.

Purple Sage PTA

- At Purple Sage, we're celebrating Valentine's Day by showing some LOVE to our campus!
- Our PTA Environmental Chair is coordinating a Campus & Garden Clean Up and has partnered with Keep Austin Beautiful for supply donations. PTA volunteers will be picking up trash on campus, tidying up flower beds, and spreading mulch.
- This month, we're also partnering with Austin Gymnastics Club for a Parents Night Out. Owners of AGC, who are also Purple Sage parents, are donating 100% of proceeds from this event to the PTA! We're blessed to have such generous folks supporting Purple Sage!

Teravista PTA

- Exciting things are happening at Teravista! Our PTA was thrilled to participate in the second annual Kindness Matters Week Kindness Tunnel on January 24, where we gathered together at the entrances of the school to greet students with encouraging words as they started their day.
- Our winter membership drive has been a great success, with our PTA adding 99 new members so far

to our roster! The class with the most student members by the end of the year will earn a popsicle party. Speaking of student members, our PTA student member wall is now proudly displayed in the front entrance of the school. All student members can see their smiling faces on the wall each and every time they walk by!

- On the horizon, our Staff Appreciation Week will take place February 25-March 1. We can't wait to shower our amazing staff with tokens of our gratitude throughout the week, including a yummy breakfast, a sweet and salty bar, and a luncheon on Friday. The fun week will conclude with our spring family dance, which will have an emoji theme this year.

Westwood PTSA

- The Westwood PTSA will be hosting a schoolwide flea market on March 30 and has invited all booster clubs to participate. Our goal for the flea market is to provide booster clubs an opportunity to raise funds for their clubs and to bring the school community together.
- In March, we will also offer a seminar to parents on helping their students deal with stress. The topic of this seminar was chosen based on suggestions from our PTSA student representatives.
- Also, in March, we will be gathering recipes from our school population to create a Westwood cookbook. Westwood has an amazing, diverse population that we hope to celebrate with this cookbook.

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2. Emotional Development Disturbances
3. Vision Disturbances
4. Sleep Detriments
5. Decreased Social Skills



"Text neck" can not only cause headaches and neck pain but can alter how the brain perceives the environment!
Journal of Electromyology and Kinesiology, 2018.



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ROUND ROCK ISD PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The #1 reason to join your PTA is to support your school and your students. As a BONUS, through your RRISD PTA membership you can also receive exclusive LOCAL offers and discounts!

Must show your PTA membership card and picture ID. ALL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS VALID UNTIL July 31, 2019.



RRISD PTA Members will receive a **10% discount** towards Reid's Cleaners services. Show PTA member card and photo ID. Valid at 9 locations in Round Rock, Georgetown, Cedar Park, Lakeway, Austin and Steiner Ranch.



RRISD PTA Members will receive a **Free Game-Building & Coding Session plus a Parent's Night Out Voucher** (\$35 value) for their child for PTA members only. Valid at Round Rock location. Contact 512-710-7864 or email roundrocktx@codeninjas.com



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TEXAS PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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NATIONAL PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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