

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

Newsletter of the RRISD Council of PTAs – November/December 2018 Edition

Parents, Teachers, ALL of US!



FROM THE COUNCIL PTA PRESIDENT

Dear RRISD School Community,

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers, PTA members, community and business partners in the District, who every day, donate countless hours of their time, talent or financial resources to benefit all 50,400+ students and over 6,500+ employees of RRISD. We are a destination district because of your spirit of volunteerism and desire to want to make a difference to the life of a child.

Speaking of volunteers, on behalf of the RRISD Council of PTAs, I'd like to extend a warm welcome our newest School Board Trustee's, Amber Feller, Cory Vessa, Amy Weir and returning Trustee, Steven Math. For those of you that didn't know, school board trustee positions are 100% voluntary. These individuals dedicate hundreds of hours of their time away from their families to serve in this role. While you may not agree with all their decisions, please take the opportunity to thank them for their service. FYI – January is School Board Recognition Month.

Council PTA is looking for volunteers to fill some executive board vacancies: Business Partner, VP of Training, Legislative Chair, SAGE Chair, Diversity Chair and Senior Scholarships. Please email me if you are interested at rrisd.pta.councilpres@gmail.com. We'd like to get these positions filled by the January 2019 Council PTA Delegate Luncheon Meeting.

I hope this holiday season brings you peace, joy and happiness. I challenge you to go out of your way each day to perform a random act of kindness for a friend, family member or someone you don't know.

Respectfully,

Dawn

#ONEFAMILYONEFUTURE – Together is better!

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Let us know if you'd like to sponsor our next Newsletter!

Contact rrisd.pta.councilnews@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact us. We're here to help!
Interested in a Council Position? See below.

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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

November was an eventful month in our nation, our state, and right here in Round Rock ISD.

Americans were inspired in record numbers to go to the polls on Nov. 6 and make their voice heard. I am thankful to the voters right here in Williamson and Travis counties who weighed in, not just on important national and state races, but also local elections that hit close to home.

Most importantly for Round Rock ISD, voters demonstrated their overwhelming support for the District's Bond package that will provide \$508.4 million for capital projects across the District. Our operations department is hard at work determining next steps—first up is purchasing much-needed buses for our fleet, which is the oldest in Central Texas, and laying the groundwork for projects that will start next spring, including safety and security upgrades, repair and replacement of aging HVAC systems, new roofs, and playground improvements. I am personally thankful to our community for supporting our schools and creating a path for us to improve and modernize Round Rock ISD facilities, so we can continue to provide a world-class education to our students.

Voters also elected three new members to the Board of Trustees and voted to keep Trustee Steven Math, who was appointed last year to fill a vacant position. My heartfelt congratulations go out to Trustee Math and our three new members, Amber Feller, Cory Vessa and Amy Weir. Serving on a school board is grueling, but critically important, work. I know all of our Trustees, both former and current, care about our students' future and are committed to making decisions in their best interests. I am so incredibly honored to have worked with our outgoing Trustees—Diane Cox, Suzi David and Edward Hanna. Their leadership has been invaluable and I will personally miss each of them. Thanks to all of you for your service.

As a former civics' teacher, I enjoy the excitement and debate of election season, but this one has felt especially vitriolic. I have to admit I'm glad that, for now, elections are over. During the heat of political battle, kindness is a rarity. And it seems that a servant's spirit, which should be endemic to someone with a self-proclaimed desire to be a public servant, is also in short supply.

Sometimes I think our state and national leaders could take a lesson from the men and women I encounter every day working in public education, not just our employees but also our incredible volunteers like those of you who serve on the PTA. Recently, I had the pleasure of sharing a meal with two wonderful Round Rock ISD employees. Sandra Thompson and Sandy Davis are the longest-serving campaign coordinators for our Partners In Education Employee Giving Campaign. Both have held the volunteer positions for more than 20 years and, to thank them, I took them both to lunch. Sandra, an account specialist in transportation, has been pulling extra duty on a daily basis, driving a special ed bus, filling in as we struggle to hire enough bus drivers. During the recent floods, Sandra, who lives in Marble Falls, drove through treacherous conditions to get to work. By the end of the day, flooding was so bad that she couldn't get home, so she booked a hotel room, bought herself a new set of clothes, and showed up early the next morning to drive a route. When I asked her why she went through all that effort, possibly putting herself in harm's way, her answer was simple: "I knew those students needed me. They're why we do what we do."

That phrase is elegant in its simplicity. And it exemplifies a true servant's heart.

Sandy, who supports students at the Round Rock Opportunity Center, shared with me how her three boys were all graduates of Westwood High School, and all three now are serving our country in the military. What a legacy of service from this one family! I was humbled just to hear her talk of her family's sacrifice. Though, Sandy didn't view it as a sacrifice. While she misses her sons and counts the days until they can come for a visit, this dedication, this drive to give back, is simply in her DNA, and she has passed it on to her boys.

Message from District Leadership

Steve Flores, Ph.D. Superintendent

I wrote recently expressing my admiration for Sen. John McCain, a politician who, both as a statesman and a war hero, personified what it meant to be a public servant. He recognized and honored the many ways we, as Americans, can choose to serve our country.

"Every day, people serve their neighbors and our nation in many different ways, from helping a child learn and easing the loneliness of those without a family to defending our freedom overseas," Sen. McCain once said. "It is in this spirit of dedication to others and our country that I believe service should be broadly and deeply encouraged."

That spirit of service is alive and well in Round Rock ISD. It's in Sandra and Sandy, in our Board of Trustees, old and new, and in every one of you who work so hard every day to support the mission of public education. Thank you, once again, for all that you do for our community. We would not be a Destination District without the support of our parents and community members.

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



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Council PTA Highlights

PTA FINANCIAL WELL-BEING...FAQs =

CAN PTAs PAY FOR WORKSHOP FEES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, SALARIES OR FEES TO ASSOCIATIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES?

PTA may elect to pay for workshop fees or reimburse for continuing education through a faculty scholarship process. Similarly, to student scholarships, criteria must be established and published either in the PTA's standing rules or in a policy voted on by the membership. A committee would be appointed to select the recipients. The scholarship would allow them to take a class or attend a workshop that furthers their education. Travel expenses (mileage, airfare, hotel fees and meals) are not included.

Professional speakers can be compensated for their services. If the professional speaker is paid more than six hundred dollars (600.00), then a Form 1099-MISC is provided to them by January 31 of the following year. School district employees are not allowed to be compensated for speaking engagements by the PTA but a token donation to another 501 (c) (3) is permissible. For example, if the school district employee is a member of another 501 (c) (3), a donation to their organization would be acceptable as long as it has a common purpose with PTA. If the school district employee is not a part of another like-minded non-profit, a donation to the school library for a purchase of a book would be a great use of the funds. This same policy would apply to PTA volunteers.

A letter to the individual who spoke along with where the money went is a great way to let them know how much the PTA appreciates their time and efforts.

This money could come out of the "Programs and Parent Education" budgetary line item.

PTAs may fund employee positions, under certain restrictions. The school district would have to be willing to accept the donation, and it is imperative the PTA understand they are funding a position, not a specific individual. The PTA cannot participate in the selection of the employee or any other part of the employment process. The PTA also cannot guarantee funding for future school years, as these decisions are made annually by the membership of the PTA.

- PTAs do not donate towards teacher payroll;
- PTAs do not donate towards paying taxes;
- PTAs do not donate towards association fees for other organizations; and
- PTAs do not donate toward paying rental expenses of the school building.

If a school district is experiencing financial troubles, PTAs do not give money to them for the maintenance and operations (M and O) portion of the budget. In addition, in Article IV: Basic Policies of the PTA's local bylaws, it states "that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to the boards of education, state education authorities and local education authorities." Taxes, rent and payroll are legal obligations of the school district; therefore, PTAs do not involve themselves financially in these areas.

Can we have a fundraiser to raise money for a student who needs an operation?

No. Funds cannot be raised through the PTA for an individual, no matter how worthy the cause. *The student's family may be encouraged to apply to the Texas PTA Emergency Relief Fund.* PTAs are encouraged to donate to this fund, but contributions may not be earmarked for a specific individual.

A local business wants to contribute to our PTA, but needs proof of our tax-exempt status. What do I give them?

Provide the business a copy of our IRS Determination Letter and a Letter of Good Standing from Texas PTA. Both documents can be obtained by contacting the Finance Team at the Texas PTA State Office.

Council PTA Highlights

MEMBERSHIP KUDOS

Thanksgiving has come and gone but it's never too late to be Thankful! I am thankful for all of you hardworking membership chairs! I am thankful for your selflessness, dedication, perseverance and your desires to make a difference! Thank you!

I am also thankful that you are doing a FANTASTIC job increasing our memberships, which is evident in the fact that we already have **22,088** members STRONG! We are at an all-time high in total members for this time of year. We are confident that the member mile marker of 23,000 will be achieved!

RRISD PTAs are #1!

LaKissa Bright, Council PTA 1st VP of Membership
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IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFO FROM TEXAS PTA...

The next membership award DEADLINE is December 21, 2018, for the **2018 PRESIDENTS LIST AWARD**. Mail membership roster and dues for more than 100% of previous year and achieve Good Standing. ***Special recognition in the Superintendent's PTA Report Card will be given to PTAs that earn this award.***

Cut and paste the following link for the 2018-19 Texas PTA Membership Award List:

https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Membership_Awards/2018-2019_Membership_Awards_Criteria_Flyer.pdf

A creative way to increase your PTAs membership is to "gift-a-membership". Remember, it takes a village to have "A Voice For Every Child". (Which happens to be an award too ☺.)

?s ABOUT PTA MEMBERSHIP DUES REFUND >

Cut & paste this link for the Texas PTA Dues Refund Policy:

https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Policy/Dues_Refund_Policy.pdf

MEMBERSHIP SHOUT-OUTS

Special **CONGRATULATIONS** to those PTA/PTSAs that have achieved the Golden Apple Award. Recognition for this is when 100% of full-time campus employees have joined their local unit PTA.

Whose "Golden" ??...

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| Bluebonnet Elementary |
| Brushy Creek Elementary |
| Cactus Ranch Elementary |
| Caldwell Heights Elementary |
| Callison Elementary |
| Deerpark Middle School |
| Hopewell Middle School |
| James G. Walsh Middle School |
| Laurel Mountain Elementary |
| Noel Grisham Middle School |
| Patsy Sommer Elementary |
| Pearson Ranch Middle School |
| Ridgeview Middle School |
| Spicewood Elementary |
| Stony Point High School |
| Westwood Senior High |
| Xenia Voigt Elementary |

If your name is not on this list and you have made this remarkable milestone, the following form must be downloaded, verified and signed by the principal, uploaded and sent back to Texas PTA:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByHX58X1Ou1Z1JTNINwZ1hCZ3c/view?ts=5991d741>

Now that the holiday season is here, use your **PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS!!**

Flyer is on the last page of this newsletter.

Council PTA Highlights

DADS - Dads of Amazing Daughters and Sons!

HELLO RRISD PTAs!! I wanted to chime in and tell you about some of the great ideas that have been brought to my attention since the last Council PTA Delegate Luncheon Meeting. As DADS we have an obligation to be the male role model for our students. With this is a great opportunity for you, as a PTA, to form a Mentor Chair position and really push for it to be a Dad. Have the chair work directly with Dawn Steele (dawn_steele@roundrockisd.org) at the district office STARs Mentoring Program, who will get them involved in mentor programs on your campus.

Another idea I would like to plant in your minds is, I am trying to come up with an end of school event to generate DADS involvement. The idea consists of having a school level cookoff that is DADS and students competing to win your schools' cookoff; this is a great way to have a teacher appreciation luncheon and.... teachers can be the judges!!! We would then bring the winners to a district level competition where they would be judged on student involvement, as well as quality of food. Just plant this idea in your mind so that when this rolls out you have a head start.

Thank you for all your amazing work through this year, you are the Heroes of our district.

Seth Flowers, Council PTA DADS (Dads of Amazing Daughters and Sons) Chair Sethflowers5@gmail.com

FACULTY APPRECIATION FOR THE ALTERNATIVE CAMPUSES

The RRISD Council of PTAs delivered healthy Halloween fruit and yogurt parfaits to the staff at Success, GOALS and RROC. We are thankful to be able to show appreciation for the hard work all these wonderful people do for the alternative campuses!

Sandi Bone, Council PTA Hospitality for RROC, Success and GOALS, bone.sandi@gmail.com

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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.

Council Connections Newsletters are available in hard copy format at each Delegate Meeting. Shortly after the meetings it is sent electronically to all executive board members whose names have been uploaded to PTave.

PTA Presidents, executive board members, Principals... all of y'all, are free to share this information with everyone in your network, especially the school community.

If you would like to include an article, or 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, or Council PTA President, Dawn Watson at rrisd.pta.councilpres@gmail.com.

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.

Thank your all for your awesome contributions that make this newsletter possible! We look forward to your articles and updates!

Council PTA Highlights

CLOTHES CLOSET GRAPHIC TEE DRIVE CONTINUES!

The RRISD Clothes Closet is continuing to hold an ONLINE GRAPHIC TEE DRIVE THROUGH WALMART AND TARGET! This is a first for us and so far, it's been very successful. Please help us get the word out. We would love to fill our racks with new (to us) inventory.

Here are the links for the wish lists:

WalMart

<https://www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=1858bf30-fda4-4b7e-9c83-d8c384300071>

Target

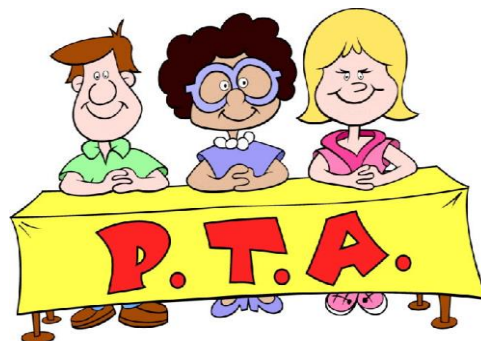
[tgt.gifts/b33c5d8567384b488788c3ef3d7635a6](https://www.target.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=1858bf30-fda4-4b7e-9c83-d8c384300071)

Would your school like bragging rights?
Add your schools name to the donation!

Thank you, thank you to those of you that have
contributed to this drive!!

Our kids  the NEW TEE's!

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



PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD PROTOCOL

GROUND RULES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

1. Support the Mission and Purposes of PTA.
2. Treat each board member with dignity and respect.
3. Approach all interactions and tasks positively, in word and deed.
4. Agree to disagree.
5. Recognize differences and use those differences for the benefit of all.
6. Focus on contributing to the good of the whole. Cast personal agendas aside.
7. Learn from the past, but always work in the present, with an eye on the future.
8. Provide leadership, support and encouragement.
9. Address questions or comments to individuals privately.
10. Listen quietly, without interruption.
11. Stand up to be seen. Speak up to be heard. Sit down to listen.
12. Smile. You are working for *every child ...one voice.*

IT'S TIME TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Presented by 

IT'S TIME for the ITT Community Challenge launches January 7, 2019. Communities are challenged to earn points by taking healthy action. PTAs can help **earn points** by completing the **PTA pledge** – **worth 250 points**, as well as various ways to earn additional points for your community.

Texas Action for Healthy Kids Annual Summit is February 1, 2019, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Education Service Center, San Antonio. Featuring a variety of topics that parents and School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) members can relay back to their campus wellness teams. Stay tuned for registration details!

RRISD PTA PARTNERSHIPS



ROUND ROCK
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RRISD Community Education

Future Readiness Parent Seminars - Spring 2019

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.

For more information, visit [Future Readiness Parent Seminars](http://communityeducation.roundrockisd.org/future-readiness-parent-seminars)
<http://communityeducation.roundrockisd.org/future-readiness-parent-seminars>

To register, visit [our registration website](https://roundrockisd.revtrak.net/future-readiness-parent-seminars-18/)
<https://roundrockisd.revtrak.net/future-readiness-parent-seminars-18/>

Location: Round Rock High School, 300 Lake Creek Drive, Round Rock
700 Cafeteria/Tool Box #200 Building (enter from Lake Creek Drive behind the 700 Bldg)

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

January 16, 2019

Study Skills: Organization and Notetaking

For parents/guardians with their 7th-12th grade students

January 16, 2019

SAT, PSAT, ACT Prepare. Achieve. Succeed.

For parents/guardians with their 8th-12th grade students

January 23, 2019

From Middle School to High School: Helping 8th Graders Transition

For parents/guardians with their 8th grade students

February 6, 2019

Study Skills: Time and Stress Management

For parents/guardians with their 7th-12th grade students.

On Anxiety...

Did you know nationally one out of four school aged children suffers from an anxiety disorder and most do not receive treatment?

By understanding signs and symptoms, children can get the help they need. Symptoms of anxiety include: restlessness or feeling wound-up or on edge, being easily fatigued, difficulty concentrating or having their minds go blank, irritability, muscle tension, difficulty controlling the worry, and sleep problems (difficulty falling or staying asleep or restless, unsatisfying sleep).

For more information you can attend a [FYI Seminar](#) by Counseling Services on Feb 25.

More resources include:

- [Community Mental Health Resources](#) (list from RRISD Counseling Dept)
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tKEZlQWc-F0fufZKQt_79-pZ4Guon554/view
- [Anxiety and Depression Association of America](#) <https://adaa.org/>
- [National Alliance of Mental Illness Austin](#)
<https://www.namiaustin.org/>
- [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)
<https://afsp.org/>
- [Coping with Anxiety](#)
<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/17/11/coping-skills-anxious-times>
- [What do Anxious Teens Need?](#)
<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/uk/anxiety>

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FUTURE READINESS
Round Rock ISD

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2019 Gala Basket Contest

We need **your** help! All RRISD PTA and RRISD Staff are invited to create baskets for the 2019 Silent Auction and the chance to win **\$200** for your PTA!

In order for your basket to be eligible to be judged, it must be **delivered** to the PEEF office by:

Friday, February 1, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

595 Round Rock West Dr., Suite 404, Round Rock, TX 78681

Baskets will be judged by community partners based on creativity and overall appearance.

\$200 – First Place Overall

\$ 100 – Best “An Evening in Paris” Theme

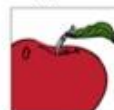
\$50 – (4) Random drawing winners for those who participate

For Tips and Tricks on how to receive items at little or no cost, please contact
Melissa Schmalbach at 512-464-5600 or Melissa_Schmalbach@rrisdeducationfoundation.org

THANK YOU for your support!

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GALA BASKET IDEAS

Gee, Your Hair Looks Terrific

- Brush & Comb
- Hair Clips
- Hair Bands
- Scissors
- Mirror
- Blow Dryer
- Hair Salon Gift Certificate
- Variety of Salon Products

Camping Fanatics

- Folding Chairs
- Dishes & Utensils
- Cookware
- Grill & Charcoal
- Compass
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight & Lantern
- Bug Spray & Candles
- Rain Poncho

Grilling on the BBQ

- Grilling Utensils
- BBQ Sauces
- Marinades
- Marshmallows
- Pot Holders
- Apron
- Grill Scrub Brush
- Gift Certificate for Omaha Steaks
- Gift Certificate to a Specific Butcher

Gone Fishin'

- Rod and Reel
- Tackle Box
- Foldable Chair
- Hooks, Sinkers, Bobbers
- Fishing Line
- Net
- Cooler
- Knives

Coffee Delight

- Coffee Pot
- Gourmet Coffee
- Creamers
- Sugars
- Coffee Mugs

Chocolate Lovers

- Everything Chocolate
- Chocolate Fondue

Family Day Trip

- Amusement Park Passes
- Gas Card
- Cooler & Water Bottles
- Map
- Sun Glasses & Window Visors
- Kid Car Games
- Wet Wipes
- Emergency Flares

PTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

FROM ROUND ROCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Help the Round Rock Chamber celebrate the Leadership Round Rock and Ascend Emerging Leaders Classes of 2018!

The [2018 Round Rock Chamber Leadership Program Graduation Ceremony & Dinner](#) will be held on Tuesday, December 11. Tickets are \$40 per person. Here are a few program details for your calendar:

2018 Round Rock Chamber Leadership Program Graduation Ceremony & Dinner

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH IN ROUND ROCK
2600 La Frontera Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78681

Special guest and keynote include Mayor Craig Morgan (Leadership Round Rock Class of 2007) & Major General Patrick Hamilton.

[Purchase your tickets online \(here\)](#) or call our office to [purchase your tickets \(512-255-5805\)](#)! Registrations must be received on or before Tuesday, December 4. Tickets will not be sold onsite.



3 WAYS DRY CLEANING MAKES YOUR LIFE EASIER

Gone are the days when dry cleaning was only for the rich! With this affordable service made easily available, dry cleaning has certainly reshaped our lives and made our schedules a lot more manageable.

- **Saves Time:** Doing laundry at home can be a long exercise.
- **Saves Space:** Who doesn't like having extra space in their homes?
- **Saves Money:** It's not just time and space you're saving; you're also saving on money!

Looking for a reliable dry-cleaning service in Austin? [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. Reid's has partnered with MyShoeHospital. Drop your shoes or we can come get it from you. **Show this for 20% off your first repair.**



Kona Ice is wrapping up our 10th and most successful **FUN**draising season!

*To start the year, our goal was to raise over \$100,000 for local schools and youth organizations. **Despite a rainy Fall season, we are VERY excited to have reached our ambitious 2018 donation goal!***

Our partnerships with RRISD schools/PTAs was (and continues to be) a HUGE reason we were able to reach our goal and we are very grateful for that relationship. We also had HUGE success serving our fruit based (Smart Snack approved) product at Spring field days. **We are also excited to have recently become a Platinum Plus sponsor of the RRISD council of PTAs.**

Moving forward into 2019, our goal is to expand our partnerships and **FUN**draising opportunities with RRISD schools/PTAs!



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

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



As we move into a busy holiday season full of sweet treats balanced out by healthy New Year's resolutions, there is one thing we might not have considered important to the equation — mindfulness. Google the term and you will get an assortment of answers similar to the assorted box of chocolates someone brought to your office party. So, how do we add mindfulness to our daily lives?

The key is to start simple. Consider these three easy steps to create a more mindful morning routine: *Feed your mind. Move your mind. Make up your mind.* In our crazy, time-crunched days, we may not think we have time to make a healthy breakfast, do light stretching, or even take some deep breaths in the morning. But it can be easier than you think! Check out [The Voice article](#) of the same name for more tips on how to create a mindful morning routine.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and a healthy New Year!

Karen Burnell, Texas PTA Healthy Lifestyle Liaison
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FUNDING AND FREEBIES!!

[Apples4Ed](#) – Deadline: December 31, 2018. Up to \$4,000. The U.S. Apple Foundation and its partners are promoting healthy snacking initiatives in a creative way.

[Cliff Bar Small Grants](#) – Deadline: February 1, 2019. Approximately \$7,000. These grants are awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects.

[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.

DECEMBER OBSERVANCES

National Handwashing Week (12/2 - 8)
National Safe Toys and Gifts Month

JANUARY OBSERVANCES

Family Fit Lifestyle Month
National Take the Stairs Day (1/9)
School Board Recognition Month

WHOLE CHILD COORDINATION TIP

Coordinate with the PE teacher to promote National Family Fit Lifestyles Month. Can your PTA share information about how to become an [active family](#)? Can families be encouraged to set [fitness goals](#)? Can the school offer a simple [family fitness night](#)? Help your PTA promote family fitness fun — the possibilities are endless!

Health-e-Learning

[Statewide Parental Involvement Conference.](#)
December 6 - 8, 2018, Frisco Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center. Hosted by Region 16 ESC and the Statewide Parent and Family Engagement Initiative.

[School Breakfast | Menu Options for Alternative Breakfast Models.](#) January 10, 2019, 4:00 - 4:45 pm. Presented by Action for Healthy Kids.

[Leveraging Data to Improve School Wellness.](#)
(Previously recorded.) Presented by Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Education Agency, and Texas Action for Healthy Kids.

[Keys to A Successful Family Fun Event.](#)
(Previously recorded.) Presented by the CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) Program.

Legislative Priority:

T21, RAISE THE AGE TO 21 FOR TOBACCO PURCHASES

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

Download information on T21 [here](#).

Background

- Nationwide, more than 3,800 young people under the age of 18 smoke their first cigarette each day
- 31.4% of high school students use tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.
- E-cigarettes are the most popular tobacco product used by youth, especially those in high school.
- Tobacco companies market smokeless tobacco, little cigars, and e-cigarettes in youth-friendly flavors like cotton candy, gummy bear, cherry, and watermelon.
- 81% of youth who tried e-cigarettes started with a flavored e-cigarette.
- Three in four smokers (ages 15 - 17) obtain cigarettes from social sources.¹
- Older teen smokers (ages 18 - 19) are a major supplier of cigarettes for younger smokers.
- 63% of high school students have given money to someone of legal age (18 years old) to purchase cigarettes for them.

¹ Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, "Increasing the Minimum Legal Sale Age for Tobacco Products to 21," <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0376.pdf>.

How raising the age will prevent tobacco use in younger teens

- Delays the age when people first use tobacco.
- Reduces the risk of becoming a regular smoker by creating a wedge in the social circles of those who can legally purchase tobacco and those who cannot.
- Makes it harder for younger teens to pass themselves off as 21 years old to purchase tobacco products.
- Reduces the likelihood that legal purchasers would be in the same social networks as high school students and therefore less able to sell or give cigarettes to them.
- Helps keep tobacco out of high schools where younger teens often obtain tobacco products from older students.

RALLY DAY

AUSTIN 2019 • 86TH SESSION #2K4RallyDay

Save the Date
February 25

Legislative Priority: 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.

Download information on this priority [here](#).

Background

- Half of all mental health conditions manifest by age 14, and interventions are most effective at the early stages of onset when symptoms are less severe.¹
- Among the 4.9 million Texas children between the ages of 6 and 17, 1.9 million are identified with behavioral health needs.
- Of those, the 20,000 children most at risk to commit violence are those with the most severe needs and fewest economic and family resources.
- Over the past 10 years, attempted suicide rates among Texas high school students have increased from 8.4% to 12.3%, and attempts requiring medical treatment increased from 2.6% to 4.5%.²
- Mental illness is not the driving factor of violence; those with diagnosed mental health conditions are more likely to hurt themselves or be hurt by someone else than to harm another individual.³
- The Centers for Disease Control identifies campus connectedness as an important factor to prevent risk behaviors and improve academic achievement.
- When schools fully implement comprehensive school counseling programs students feel safer, disciplinary referrals decline, attendance rates increase, and students improve and are more likely to pursue post-secondary degrees.⁴

¹ Dr. Andy Keller, CEO of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, testimony before Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, June 11, 2018.

² Dr. Clifford K. Moy, Director of Behavioral Health at TMF Health Quality Institute, testimony before Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, June 11, 2018.

³ Dr. Jeff Temple, director of Behavioral Health and Research at UTMB, testimony before Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, June 11, 2018.

⁴ Sharon Bey, Counseling Coordinator Waller ISD, testimony before Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, June 11, 2018.

Legislative Priority: 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.

Download information on this priority [here](#).

Background

- It is against federal law to limit the enrollment of students with disabilities into special education programs.
- A 2016 [Houston Chronicle investigation](#) and a [subsequent federal audit](#) found that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) set an 8.5% benchmark that was a de facto, illegal cap on the number of students receiving special education services.
- The 8.5% "target", in place for more than a decade, is well below the national average of students served in special education programs of 13%.
- U.S. Department of Education issued a report demanding corrective action by TEA to eliminate the cap and to begin to provide special education services to more than 150,000 additional students by 2021.
- Estimated cost to the state: up to \$3.3 billion, roughly a 30% increase.
- Without funding from the state, school districts will be forced to pay for increased services out of existing funds.

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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 by **Dec. 18, 2018** and **SAVE \$30!**
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Broadcasting Live on Facebook

Join us **LIVE** every week [on Facebook](#) for the very latest PTA news. Grants, upcoming events and interviews with PTA leaders from around the country – we're **LIVE** with all the details.

Comment to share your thoughts and we will respond in real time.

If you missed us, watch previous *PTA Live!* recordings on our [Facebook Video](#) page.

EVENTS CALENDAR

[Advocacy Award Submissions Open](#)

October 16 to December 14, 2018

Nominate a person or PTA unit for their outstanding advocacy work.

[Take Your Family to School Week](#)

February 10 to 17, 2019

Mark TYFTSW 2019 on your calendars! More information to come.

[2019 National PTA Legislative Conference](#)

Arlington, Virginia March 12 to 14, 2019

Join us the 2019 National PTA Legislative Conference (LegCon) March 12 – 14, 2019.

STUDENTS DESERVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

A founding principle of [National PTA's mission](#) is to promote the safety and well-being of all children and youth. All students and educators have a right to attend schools that are safe and conducive to learning and achievement, yet schools are experiencing increasingly frequent incidents that are having a devastating, long-term impact on students, parents, educators, and the community.

School safety is a multi-faceted issue with no one clear solution for each community.

National PTA believes:

- The most effective day-to-day school climate is gun-free, which includes not arming teachers and administrators; however,
- All efforts to address school safety must be locally determined, collaborative, and specifically include input from students, parents, and families and take into account a variety of factors including the physical and psychological safety of students.

Read the full National PTA position statement on [Safe and Supportive Schools](#).

What You Can Do:

It is imperative that families are actively engaged in creating safe and supportive schools for kids. National PTA has developed resources for parents and PTAs to support you in becoming effective, successful school safety stakeholders.

- [20 Questions Every Parent Should Ask](#): Helps parents have a conversation with their School Principals about school safety policies and procedures, preventative resources for students, families and school personnel, and what type of communication channels in place for families and students.
- [Mobilizing Family Stakeholders](#): Provides PTA with resources to get in the know about school safety, host a school safety forum and advocate to decision makers about school safety.
- [Webinar: School Safety - Mobilizing for Change](#): Focuses on action – what family members and PTAs can do to ensure that schools are safe and supportive places for our children to learn.

Campus PTA/PTSA Spotlights

Anderson Mill PTA

- Anderson Mill PTA is so thankful for all the support from our teachers, community and local businesses for their support with our successful Carnival on November 13th.
- We are excited for our STEM + Families Math Night sponsored by a Grant from National PTA and Mathnasium on Tuesday, December 4th.
- Join us for our Barnes and Noble Bookfair Fundraiser December 8th. We will be showcasing our scholars with fine arts performances, art show, cookie decorating, Holiday shopping and gift wrapping for a donation.
- We are preparing to honor our teachers in the upcoming 12 Days till Holiday Break. As we continue into the new year we hope to increase our membership and focus on being families together. Go Dillos!

Caldwell Heights PTA

- We hosted our annual Eagle Extravaganza Carnival. It was a fun event including a talent show, blow ups, games, craft and food trucks.
- We donated milk and cookies to the school for Family Literacy Night to help make it a fun community event
- We coordinated and provided a huge Thanksgiving lunch for teacher and staff to show our appreciation
- We kicked off our Holiday Mason Jar Mix sale. We are offering four variety's ranging in price from \$5-10. We hope to sell 100+ jars.

Canyon Vista PTA

- Teacher and Staff Thank You Lunch at Canyon Vista: The Canyon Vista Staff and Teacher appreciation lunch took place on Thursday, October 25. It provided a vast buffet of soups, stews, salads and homemade breads and desserts. The families showed their appreciation to our amazing educational and support team by bringing them delicious dishes. Thanks to our teachers for all that you do!
- CVMS Reflections Celebration: Canyon Vista families and PTA celebrated the 50th annual "Reflections" contest with a showcase on Tuesday, November 13. The Canyon Vista PTA received 24 entries that reflected the theme of "Heroes Around Us". The students were to choose someone whom they admired and express this in visual arts, literature or musical composition.

- Pies Pies Pies! The Canyon Vista PTA thanks our families for donating to the Annual Teacher/Staff Pie Drive. Families and the PTA worked together to collect funds for "virtual" pies also known as HEB gift certificates for all 130 staff and teachers for the purchase of a fresh pie for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- November PTA Meeting at CVMS: Canyon Vista Middle School's most recent PTA meeting took place on Tuesday, November 13. Principal Nicole Hagerty and School Resource Officer Pope presented a session on Campus Safety at Canyon Vista. The next meeting on January 15 meeting will address Social media safety.

Cedar Ridge PTSA

- We continue to add more members as the year progresses and are 1177 members strong.
- We have earned the 1000+ Club Honor Roll Award, Fall Membership Increase Award and we are striving to earn the President's Challenge Award – we need 205 more to reach this goal.
- We collaborated with Stony Point PTSA to host a jump rope station at C.D. Fulkes' C.A.T.C.H. night – the kids were hesitant to participate at first, but once they got started, they didn't want to stop.
- We treated our staff with a pie to take home for the Thanksgiving Break and worked with Blackland Prairie and Ridgeview to provide pies for Success.
- We are looking forward to organizing a Healthy Lifestyles Fair planned for the spring time.

Chandler Oaks PTA

- Cheetah Pride is overflowing at Chandler Oaks Elementary. We had an amazing turnout at our annual Truck-or-Treat and costume parade in October. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a great time.
- We are excited to continue our Mini-Grant Program this year. We were able to award eight Teacher Mini-Grants this fall and look forward to awarding more in the spring.
- Chandler Oaks PTA was able to assist and help provide fun activities and games for all our students at our Field Day in November. Because of our PTA members and parent volunteers, the yoga and smoothie bar were a huge hit along with so many outdoor games.
- We kicked off our annual Staff Pie Drive before Thanksgiving and were able to give every staff member a pie to enjoy over the holidays.
- We are thankful for all our PTA members who have helped make this a successful semester. We look

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forward to another wonderful semester filled with fun events and programs in the spring.

Elsa England PTA

- England PTA has has a record year as far as memberships go for 2018-9. We currently have 250 members more than we ever had before!
- True we do have a larger student population this year but not that much more.
- Increasing membership was one of our goals this year as we want people to feel more involved and included in their child's school, even its a simple as just submitting dues.
- We are hoping to get everyone more involved.
- Several members of our PTA team were involved in increasing our membership. It was definitely a team effort.
 1. We had packages with spirit wear, yearbooks and memberships to simplify things for the month of August. These were available online but also at Open House night.
 2. The September Membership drive was advertised on our ENN news with many teachers helping with our efforts and the winning classes getting popsicle parties.
 3. Our most popular program, Math Superstars, now requires participants to have a family member who is a PTA member along with having the same requirement for Spelling Bee now.
 4. Memberships could be purchased via a form sent out at the beginning of September or on our online store.
 5. We are communicating with our community better than ever via weekly updates, a monthly newsletter, Facebook, and occasionally handouts.
 6. Our staff is so supportive and share their appreciation with PTA by both joining and just letting parents know how we help the school.
- There are several other reasons to our membership success this year, but we think membership is a key element of our PTA's future and our goal to involve more families.



Great Oaks PTA

- Great Oaks Elementary PTA has enjoyed many activities since the beginning of school, starting with a new sock and underwear donation drive for the RRISD Clothes Closet on Parent/Teacher night in August.
- We also kicked off our Watchdog Program with an Information and Pizza night on September 5, and we have seen an increase in volunteers.
- The PTA purchased over \$6,000 in books for our reorganized Literacy Library which has increased its use and has been extremely successful this fall.
- In October, GOE PTA partnered with APEX for our major fundraiser and it was a sensational hit with our students and families. We surpassed our goal by \$10,000!
- Our students excitedly donned costumes for our October 19 Membership Meeting and family movie night where we watched Hotel Transylvania 3.
- We have distributed \$12,000 for teacher grants this fall, positively affecting all grade levels with a wide range of educational enhancements.
- The Reflections deadline was met with many many wonderful entries from our students in all categories and 15 works have been submitted to the next round.
- We continue to provide monthly teacher luncheons for our staff and look forward to positively impacting our students and school as the year continues.

Laurel Mountain PTA

- Laurel Mountain PTA has had a busy Fall welcoming our community back to school. While our Family Picnic was rained out, we more than made up for the fun at our Fall Carnival, where the kids were finally able to get some pent-up energy out on the bounce houses, and enjoy homemade treats like cookies and samosas. We also had a very successful first general meeting where we invited families and kids to build clay creations. The handy crafts have finished firing just in time for the holiday season.
- We have moved to a new website this year, Membership Toolkit, which has significantly streamlined communications, ordering, and membership. We are discovering new benefits to the system each day. It also holds all the financial info, allowing the officers to stay on top of budgeting and expenditures.
- PTA has taken over managing all of the after-school clubs this year. We have approximately 550 kids signed up for at least 1 club. Science Fair is coming up in January, and it is one of the favorite activities at

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our school with nearly 25% of our students participating.

McNeil PTSA

- McNeil PTSA has been busy! We had our Pie Day for Teacher Appreciation before our wonderful staff left for the Thanksgiving Holiday! It was a huge success. This is one of the staff's favorites. It was greatly enjoyed by all and all the donations were wonderful! McNeil really pulls together for our staff! Next, December's Teacher Appreciation Event... Cookies!!!
- Reflections has also come to a close. McNeil passed on 8 entries this year! We are always excited when our students rise to the occasion. Janet has done a wonderful job the last few years getting the word out about Reflections.
- Membership is still ongoing and doing well. Our students have really stepped up and shined this year. The PTSA is shocked at how many students have joined! We currently have achieved and gone over our membership goal...and they keep coming in!
- Lastly, I would like to say McNeil parents and staff are very grateful for all our board does for the staff and students. It takes a lot of work and a large commitment to run a successful PTSA. Thank you to our board members and to Anita Frey. Without them, we wouldn't have the school spirit McNeil High School loves!

Noel Grisham PTA

- Grisham Middle School's celebrated the first annual "GrizGiving" family Thanksgiving event where PTA volunteers assisted with serving dessert to students, teachers and approximately 200 parents. That was a lot of pies! In December, Grisham held its schoolwide Fine Arts Festival and Winter Book Festival in a new location -- the school library and new Study Lounge. All the performing arts had their turn on the stage, and the Art students did face painting and card making with young attendees. PTA volunteers managed the Cafe where patrons dined surrounded by student artwork. Proceeds from the book fair and cafe go towards the library.
- PTA hosted a November brunch and December Cookie Exchange for our excellent teachers and staff as well as a Totally Awesome 80s school dance for students which is also a PTA fundraiser.
- PTA board members provided refreshments for the November Principal's Coffee where Ms. Hadzi presented on Grisham's innovative Restorative Practice program and answered parent questions. Videos of the presentation were later posted on our closed Facebook PTA group and YouTube for the many parents who were unable to attend.

- At our November PTA meeting, members voted to approve supporting a massive, multi-year fundraising initiative to replace the school's aging stage curtains since district funding does not seem to be forthcoming.

Purple Sage PTA

- In October, Purple Sage PTA hosted its 3rd annual Monster Dash Fun Run and Dance Party.
- In November we hosted a Family Movie Night, where 5th graders sold concessions to raise funds for their end-of-year celebration.
- We had a wonderful turn out for both of these community-building events!
- As the holiday season nears, we are preparing for our annual Las Posadas celebration that showcases Purple Sage's Spanish speaking and dual language students.
- We love our diverse community at Purple Sage, and we're privileged to be able to host events that bring all our Riders together in *One Family*!

Stony Point PTSA

- Stony Point PTSA was the first High School to do the "bragging presentation" at the school board meeting and have passed on the "Spirit Stick". We are thankful so many of our students were in attendance to get the recognition they deserve.
- Our campus is so excited we are the first High School in the state of Texas to be an official President's Volunteer Service Center. And our campus has already won the Gold Award.
- Our PTSA teamed up with Cedar Ridge PTSA recently to cohost a jump rope booth at the CD Fulkes CATCH night. We enjoyed working together and look forward to creating other opportunities. Thank you to CD Fulkes for inviting us.
- Our school staff was treated to a Frito pie luncheon by the PTSA and our families before the Thanksgiving break. We are thankful for the best staff at SPHS.
- Come out this Saturday to help support Project Grads Vendor Fair at Stony Point High School. From 9AM-2:30PM, lots of vendors with unique gift ideas.



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Teravista PTA

- The holiday season is in full swing at Teravista Elementary! Our PTA treated our staff to a "Pies and Pop" party before the Thanksgiving holiday to show our appreciation for all they do. The PTA volunteered to help in the cafeteria to serve the delicious Thanksgiving meal to students and visitors, and we will help again in December with the holiday meal.
- On November 8, the school held its annual 7 Habits Harvest night for families, which is a time for families to come and engage in fun leadership activities. Our PTA provided a free dinner to families in attendance. We are always so happy to play a part in this school event! On December 8, the school will hold our CommUnity Fest to celebrate the diverse cultures in our community, and PTA has provided funds to bring in an African storytelling presentation for families to enjoy. We will also be providing a free hot chocolate bar, and we will have supplies on hand to let families make holiday cards to send to soldiers. This is one of our favorite give-backs of the year.
- We are so happy to have achieved our Golden Apple status for the year, and we are well on our way to meeting our membership goals for the year. We will

hold a membership drive in January to encourage new families to become a part of our PTA, so we can provide a voice for every child at Teravista!

Westwood PTSA

- In November Westwood PTSA delivered over 200 pies to the teachers and staff in our annual Pie Giveaway.
- We submitted our survey results as part of the School of Excellence program and will begin the next step in the School of Excellence process.
- Our Reflections committee received 22 submissions, 13 of which advanced to the state level.
- Both our officers and our Student Representatives met with the Westwood counselors to identify the program topics that our students feel they would benefit from most. Our student representatives came up with the idea of a club, are in the process of forming a "Treat Yourself" club to bring attention to the importance to taking time for themselves by doing something they enjoy.
- We are preparing to hold a Supply Drive for our teachers so that their supplies can be replenished after the winter break.

UPCOMING COUNCIL PTA EVENTS

Council PTA is hosting the following events:

Council PTA Delegate Luncheon Meeting – 1/15/19, 11:00am to 1:00pm, Round Rock Sports Center, 2400 Chisholm Trail, Round Rock (INVITATION ONLY)

The program speaker will be former RRISD Superintendent, Dr. Jesus Chavez

Morning Coffee with the Superintendent – 1/31/19, 2/8/19, 4/11/19 & 4/23/19

A flyer will be sent via Peach Jar closer to the scheduled dates providing the event details. Coffee's are 8:15am to 9:45am.

C.R.A.S.E. = Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

We are in the process of confirming dates for the last two of these events in the new year. They will be held during the evening and will be located on the west side and central to the District Office (RRHS).

Council PTA Districtwide Reflections Awards Ceremony

Invitations for this event will be sent out in advance. It will be on 2/25/19, 7pm, at the Cedar Ridge Performing Arts Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend and bring a friend!

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.

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|  <p>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.</p> |  <p>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</p> |
|  <p>RRISD PTA members will receive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Consultation 2. Nerve and Muscle Scans 3. Report of Findings <p>\$20 Individual/\$50 Family (\$100 value/ person)</p> |  <p>SPECIAL FOR RRISD PTAs: \$150 includes up to 100 KONAs for all school parties and reward programs. (\$200 value)</p> |
|  <p>MATHNASIUM The Math Learning Center</p> <p>MATHNASIUM - 1 FREE TRIAL</p> <p>We invite you and your child to visit our center, meet the instructors, and experience a full Mathnasium tutoring session for FREE!</p> | <p>Spot AVAILABLE for a LOCAL Business to be a Member Benefit Provider!!</p> <p>Interested? Contact LaKissa Bright, rrisd.pta.councilvpmem@gmail.com or Dawn Watson, rrisd.pta.councilpres@gmail.com</p> |

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