

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

Newsletter of the RRISD Council of PTAs – May/June 2019 Edition

Parents, Teachers, ALL of US!



FROM THE COUNCIL PTA PRESIDENT

Dear RRISD School Community,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2017-19 RRISD Council PTA President. It has been my honor and privilege.

I recently came back from the National PTA Convention in Ohio, where the National PTA Executive Director included the following in a presentation to us:

“A hundred years from now... it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, nor how much money I had in my bank account, but the world may be better because I was important in the life of a child.”

Each of you that are PTA members and PTA volunteers impact children's lives daily. As you progress through your children's educational career, please continue to be involved with PTA. Don't stand on the sidelines. Remember it takes the “A” in PTA.... ALL of US! **You are important to the lives of ALL children in this District!!!**

At the writing of this article, the RRISD Council of PTAs membership is **23,938 MEMBERS STRONG, growing by just over 1,000 voices this year!!!** We're at an “All Time Membership HIGH!!!”. Texas PTA has recognized us with the award of **“Outstanding Council”**. We are 1 of 12 (out of 65 Councils in the state) to receive this distinction. *Let's keep up the good work as we move into the new school year.* **THANK YOU for supporting this school community!**

Whatever you do, wherever you go this summer... have fun and be safe!

Be #PTAPROUD and #PTASTRONG !!!!

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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

RRISD Superintendent



From Dr. Steve Flores, Superintendent of Schools

What an amazing year 2018-19 has been!

I am so fortunate to lead Round Rock ISD and even more fortunate to have the privilege of conferring high school diplomas to our more than 3,600 graduates on May 24 and 25. In Round ISD schools, we strive every day to inspire learners and empower leaders. I know that our graduates will go on to do great things in their lives with the foundation they have built here.

We kicked off this school year back in August by hosting the Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath, who asked to come to Round Rock ISD to announce the first-year results of the state's new grading system. Why Round Rock ISD? Because we are one of the only large districts in the state to have earned an A on the state's report card and our schools posted some of the highest test scores in Texas.

When the first official enrollment numbers came in, we learned that we had passed the historic 50,000 student mark, growing by 1,200 from last school year. We now stand at 50,300 students in Round Rock ISD.

In November 2018, our community made history again when voters approved a \$508.4 million bond to address growth; modernize schools; provide crucial upgrades to campus security; replace and upgrade aging and obsolete items and systems in older facilities; and replace out-of-date technology. In the intervening months, our Operations Department has been hard at work prioritizing projects and moving through the process for design and permitting, which will be followed by implementation and construction.

And throughout the year, our students have received scores of regional, statewide and national honors in academics, athletics and fine arts. Our educators have been honored as well by state and national professional organizations.

Like our students and staff, our PTA is the best in the state as well! Led by outgoing PTA Council President Dawn Watson, PTA membership continues to be among the highest in the state and Texas PTA just shared the news that Round Rock ISD's Council of PTAs is one of only 12 in Texas that have achieved a continuous membership for three or more years. To put that in perspective, there are more than 1,200 districts in Texas, so that puts you in the top 1 percent!

As the school year draws to a close, I want to give a special thanks to our teachers. Just this month, we wrapped up many long weeks of testing—from TELPAS, STARR and EOC to AP and IB exams. While we're proud of the A we earned from the state, we will never consider it our goal. I personally will never believe that one standardized test can be the true measure of what a student has learned or how they have benefitted from all our schools have to offer. In Round Rock ISD, our focus will always be on the "whole" child and we will never underestimate the importance of those things not covered on standardized tests, like fine arts, extracurricular opportunities and enrichment.

And so, I want to thank our teachers and administrators for developing interventions and tutorials to help all of our students show what they learned this year. For encouraging struggling learners and helping them know that they are much more than a test score. For whispering words of encouragement to a student with test anxiety. Although no one ever went into teaching because they love testing, when our educators implement assessment tasks with fidelity and integrity they contribute to what makes Round Rock ISD the World Class District that it is, and model for students what it means to take all of our responsibilities seriously, not just the ones we like!

Now that the school year is over, I hope all of our students, parents and staff take the opportunity to spend some quality time with family, find time for discovery and self-care, and come back in August for an even better 2019-20!

Thank you for all you do for students and educators in Round Rock ISD. We would not be who we are without you. Have a great summer!

Message from District Leadership

President, RRISD Board of Trustees



**From Nikki Gonzales,
Vice President, RRISD Board of Trustees**

One of the most rewarding aspects of serving on the Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees is the ability to see the wide variety of exciting, innovative, life-changing programs at work across the District.

I believe one of the reasons we are a Destination District is because we challenge our campus leaders to “Dream Big and Take Action!” They respond by designing programs that are tailor-made for their community and that we, as Trustees, are happy to support.

One of the ways we do that is by funding Round Rock ISD’s Innovative Schools Grant program. Since 2016, we’ve awarded more than \$5 million in grant funds to Round Rock ISD schools for initiatives like STEM/STEAM integration, environmental education, blended learning, maker space labs, Shakespeare Globe Experience, after-school enrichment and much more.

In many cases, schools were creative in looking at what set them apart and discovered ways to capitalize on that. For example, Laurel Mountain Elementary, located on the edge of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, has used Innovative Schools Grant to build an environmental program that is unlike anything else in the nation. But one of my favorite examples is Deep Wood Elementary, which took inspiration from what some would consider an eyesore and is turning it into something beautiful and beneficial for students.

Built decades ago, Deep Wood has a partially enclosed area underneath the building that essentially served no purpose. But with Innovative Schools Grants, Deep Wood and Principal Reba Mussey, with lots of help from community volunteers, has taken this dark, damp “underland” and is turning it into a bright and beautiful “Wunderland” that includes inspiring, innovative and collaborative learning environments for all students. These innovative environments will be used to enhance learning and meet students’ social, emotional and academic needs.

I am proud of our ambitious educators and their mission to provide a world-class educational experience for all of our students. I am also proud to be part of a Board of Trustees committed to supporting these worthy endeavors.

As local school board members, we do our part to provide resources for our schools, but we can’t do it alone. Like you, I am watching the Texas Legislature closely and hope our lawmakers are true to their promise of making funding Texas schools a priority this session. We are just a few days away from the final day of session and still waiting to see what the final plan will be. We are depending on those at the Capitol to do the right thing and invest in education. PTA’s mission is to provide every child with a voice. Make yours heard today! PTA has some great information on its website (www.txpta.org) to help.

Thank you for all you do to support our schools. I hope you have a wonderful summer!

**Be your kid’s biggest fan.
Be PTA.**

Council PTA Highlights

CLOTHES CLOSET

Anderson Mill ONLY New Hours starting next school year **10 am -12 noon!!!**

Our drop off day for all washed and gone through lost and found will be **Tuesday June 4th** at the **Voigt Clothes Closet** location.

We have had a great year! We look forward to more improvements at our clothes closets.

Thank you everyone who made this year spectacular!!!

Angela Thibeault, Council PTA Clothes Closet Chair,
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FACULTY APPRECIATION FOR THE ALTERNATIVE CAMPUSES

The council of PTAs Faculty Appreciation provided a lunch for each of the alternative campuses during the month of May for Teacher Appreciation week!

We were so happy to be able to provide them with this luncheon and wish we could show our appreciation more often. A huge thank you to all the staff members for all you do at GOALS, Success, and the Round Rock Opportunity Centre!

Sandi Bone, Council PTA FA 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.

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 PT Ave. During the months when 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.* 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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SUMMER TIPS FOR INCOMING PTA LEADERS

(from: <http://onevoice.pta.org/summer-tips-for-incoming-pt-leaders/>)

Summer vacation is here! While these months can be filled with road trips to the beach, summer camps, long nights and lots of “R&R” time—summer is also an opportunity to plan a smooth transition into the upcoming school year. Just as teachers must plan the next school year’s curriculum, PTA leaders have an assignment of their own, too.

At the end of their term, outgoing leaders transfer their procedures books to the incoming leaders. Even if an outgoing leader thinks the information is of no value, with these books you will have a better idea of what was done in the past and how the PTA went about doing it. Outgoing leaders can also offer valuable insight on things yet to be done, what they would do better and suggestions on how to be more effective and efficient in the performance of your new duties. Take notes and don’t be afraid to ask questions!

Start planning now for your own smooth transition into office. Here are a few tips for incoming local leaders to consider:

Share contact information with outgoing leaders and set up a directory to be and remain connected. With previous leaders’ contact information, you’ll be able to reach out for additional support throughout the year or to ask for insight as problems arise.

Review procedures books given to you from outgoing leaders. If there are none, do not worry; start one by getting and reading your local unit bylaws. The PTA unit’s secretary should have a copy. If you can’t find it, call your state/congress office; they’ll be happy to mail or email you one.

Visit PTAKit.org and review the sections that may apply to your new position. If you don’t see your position listed, the information this website contains is of value to the entire PTA board. Even if you’re an experienced PTA leader, it is worth reviewing every year as it is updated with the most current information and trends to help you and your unit to be successful.

Check out your state PTA’s website. They may have information that can start you off on the right foot for the year. For example, templates, training opportunities, resources, program materials, newsletters, etc. You might

find ways to connect with your state through Facebook, Instagram, Legislative Alerts, Twitter, etc.

Take advantage of the e-learning courses. National PTA offers online training courses to help you grow as a leader at PTA.org/eLearning. Although you may want to start with what you’ll need for your own PTA position, please take all courses. As a board member, it’s important to know the role of each position and what to expect.

Meet with your school principal to learn about school goals and objectives for the incoming year. Share with the principal the programs the PTA would like to hold (Reflections, Family Reading Experience Powered by Kindle, Healthy Lifestyles, Fire Up Your Feet, Take Your Family to School Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, Connect for Respect, etc.) and how these programs will support the goals and objectives of the school. Think about becoming a School of Excellence in the process!

Set up a communications plan. Newsletters and social media keep everyone informed, engaged and proud of what the PTA is doing. Go through your PTA’s goals, identify specific strategies your PTA or committee will use to achieve each goal and then create a step-by-step plan for each strategy. This is key to growing membership and gaining members and community support.

Have a successful PTA year and thank you so much for your dedication and commitment to the mission of PTA!

FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION

PREPARING FOR THE FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION

The outgoing treasurer presents the following financial records to be reviewed by the committee:

- most recent financial reconciliation report
- all checks for all accounts, both cancelled and unused
- bank statements and deposit receipts
- treasurer’s books and ledgers
- annual financial report
- all receipts for expenditures
- minutes from membership and executive board meetings
- adopted budget as amended
- sales tax returns filed
- Form 990
- all correspondence with any taxing authority
- all financial reports for the period to be evaluated
- report of all fundraising events since the last sales tax return was filed. Include dates held, tax-free day

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designations, total sales, taxable sales and sales tax collected.

- roster of all dues-paying members and the executive board
- current bylaws and standing rules
- any other information requested by the Financial Reconciliation Committee.

DURING THE FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION

- Checks should only be written in the case of an emergency and cannot be signed by the outgoing treasurer.
- Committee information and discussions are confidential; therefore, meetings should be conducted in a private location and only include appointed committee members. The committee may contact the outgoing treasurer for any clarification required.
- The committee should adhere to the Financial Reconciliation Checklist as provided below.

FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION CHECKLIST

PTAs can visit [txpta.org/governance](https://www.txpta.org/governance) to download the current Financial Reconciliation Checklist and Report.

IRREGULARITIES IN THE RECORDS

If the Financial Reconciliation Committee finds irregularities in the records of the treasurer, follow the steps listed below:

- Contact the treasurer to secure additional records or information.
- If the matter cannot be settled to the committee's satisfaction, contact the Local PTA president to determine what additional steps need to be taken.
- The Local PTA president can request additional guidance from the Council PTA or the Field Service Representative.
- A Council PTA can request additional assistance from the Field Service Representative if the matter cannot be resolved by the Council PTA.

REPORTING THE RESULTS

- A member of the committee should present a report for adoption at the first membership meeting held after the conclusion of the review.
- A copy of the annual report should be attached to the financial reconciliation report and maintained permanently by the treasurer and placed in the minutes.

- In the event a complete financial reconciliation cannot be done due to the inadequacy or unavailability of the records, the membership should be notified, and the report should include recommendations to correct the situation.

More questions: Please refer to the FAQ section at https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Resource_Guides/2018_Treasurer_Resource_Guide_Web.pdf

Make plans to attend LAUNCH July 19-21, 2019

[The Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center](#)
Grapevine, Texas

Whether you're a first-time PTA Leader or a veteran attendee, LAUNCH has something for you! With more than 150 workshops offered and 200 booths in the exhibit hall, your weekend will be filled with valuable information, networking opportunities, and priceless experiences with passionate Leaders! We look forward to seeing you this summer in Grapevine!

Download the LAUNCH schedule

Take a moment to review all of the event options so you can create the ultimate LAUNCH experience to fit your needs.

Special Events

All-Access Meal Pass (\$85)

Be our guest at all three catered events and save money and time by purchasing one all-access pass!

LAUNCH Lift Off Dinner | Friday, July

19 (\$35): Celebrate the "Lift Off" of our weekend together! Grab dinner in the exhibit hall while visiting with vendors and networking with your closest and newest PTA friends.

Talk of Texas Lunch | Saturday, July 20 (\$35): Help honor our 2019 Outstanding Educators of the Year! This inspirational luncheon highlights our education heroes who work each day to make every child's potential a reality.

back the future Brunch | Sunday, July 21 (\$35): Don't miss the chance to see PTA's mission in action as we celebrate our state's top student awardees for the Reflections arts program.

Tickets to special events will not be available for purchase onsite.

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More Options

Official LAUNCH T-Shirt (\$10): Take home LAUNCH 2019 with a [commemorative t-shirt!](#) Onsite purchases are limited.

LAUNCH Lunch | Friday, July 19 (\$25): Get a jumpstart on the weekend with lunch on the go at one of several workshops open only to LAUNCH Lunch attendees. Tickets will not be available for purchase onsite. All workshops at LAUNCH Lunch will also be offered later in the weekend.

***View the LAUNCH Lunch workshops [here](#).**

[Registration Info](#)

PTA Leader LAUNCH Fees

Early Bird: \$100 (Deadline June 24)

Full Registration: \$135 (Deadline July 1)

Late Registration: \$150 (July 12 - July 17)

Due to the availability of late registration, onsite registration will not be available this year.

Complimentary Registration

Campus Administrator

One campus administrator (principal or assistant principal) may attend for **FREE** when accompanying registered members of their PTA.

New PTA Welcome

Texas PTA welcomed over 50 new Local PTAs during the current membership year, and we're excited to offer each of those PTAs a grant for two **FREE** LAUNCH registrations. Welcome to the PTA family! For a list of eligible PTAs and instructions to redeem the complimentary registrations, click [here](#). Deadline is June 24, 2019.

Register for LAUNCH

Pay by Check Online

The ability to pay by e-check eliminates the need for paper registrations. All LAUNCH registrations will be processed online.

Simple Online Registration

Each registration requires a few fields of contact for each attendee:

- First and Last Name
- Unique Email Address
- School District and Local PTA Name (yes, even if a Council board member!)
- Birth Month and Birth Date

Register Others for LAUNCH

As long as you have the required information for each attendee (see above), you can register as many Leaders as you like! We were not able to provide multiple registrations in a single transaction, so you will need to begin a new registration for each attendee.

Registration Links

[PTA Leader Registration](#)

[Administrator Registration](#)

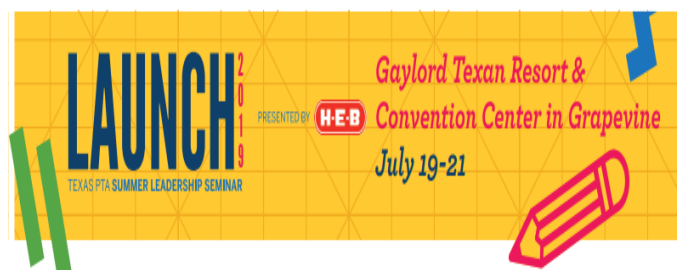
[Transfer or Change Your Registration](#)

All transfers or additional options must be submitted online no later than July 8, 2019.

[Apply for Financial Assistance](#)

Texas PTA offers financial assistance for a limited number of PTAs to offset a portion of the costs incurred in attending LAUNCH. If applying for financial assistance, do not process a paid registration while awaiting a decision on your application. Texas PTA will not refund paid registrations if PTAs are awarded assistance.

Deadline to apply is June 14, 2019.



**"Don't let what you can't do stop you
from doing what you can do."**

— John Wooden

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RRISD PTA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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

Platinum individuals and/or businesses joined EVERY PTA in RRISD! They are:

PLATINUM PREMIER



PLATINUM PLUS



PLATINUM BASIC



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

SILVER LEVEL

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Please share their name and logo on your local unit PTA website. As members, please include them in your PTA emails and keep them in the loop on what's happening on your campus. They'd love to partner with you!! Remember to "Pay it Forward". Help those that help us to achieve "A Voice for Every Child".

RRISD PTA PARTNERSHIPS



ROUND ROCK ISD
FOOD SERVICES

RRISD FOOD SERVICES

PRESS RELEASE

Summer Meals Provide Nourishment During School Break

USDA-funded food program provides free community breakfast and lunch.

Round Rock TX, May 20, 2019 – Each summer at various sites around the Round Rock Independent School District, free meals are available to children of the community.

The **Seamless Summer Option (SSO)** is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are not available.

Children aged 1-18 and persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public education agency to be mentally or physically disabled are eligible to receive free meals. No applications are necessary to drop in and receive a meal.

“Childhood nutrition is a priority in Round Rock,” said Yana Koleva, Food Services Director. “We are honored to provide healthy meals to our community throughout the year.”

The Seamless Summer Option begins on May 29, 2019.

The locations and serving times can be found below:

Callison Elementary

May 29-June 27, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 7:30 AM-8 AM
Lunch: 10:30 AM-12 PM

Forest North Elementary

May 29-June 27, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 7:30 AM-8 AM
Lunch: 10:30 AM-12 PM

Caldwell Heights Elementary

May 29-June 27, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 7:30 AM-8 AM
Lunch: 10:30 AM-12 PM

Cedar Ridge High School

May 29-June 26, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 8 AM-8:30 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Round Rock High School

May 29-June 26, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 8 AM-8:30 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Westwood High School

May 29-June 26, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 8 AM-8:30 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Success High School

May 29-June 26, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 8 AM-8:30 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Stony Point High School

May 29-June 26, 2019
Days: Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 8 AM-8:30 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

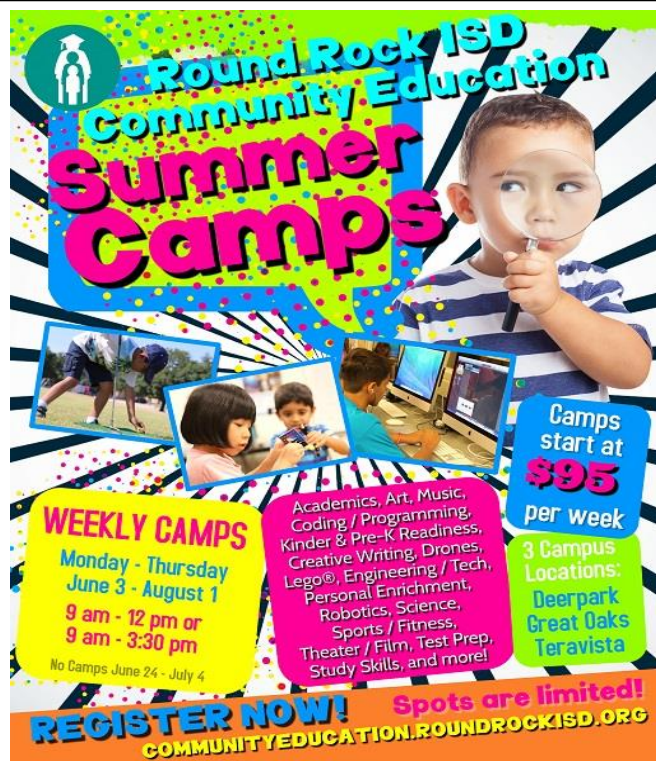
For more information, contact:

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About RRISD Food Services: The Mission of the Round Rock Independent School District Food Services Department is to guarantee high quality food and nutrition programs in every Round Rock school through educational support, resources, and advocacy. For more information visit our website at <http://roundrockisd.org/departments/food-services/>. Follow us on Twitter @FoodRRISD.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Register Now for Round Rock ISD Community Education 2019 Summer Camps!

Weekly Camps for All Ages

Monday-Thursday
9 am-12 pm or 9 am - 3:30 pm
June 3rd - August 1st
(No camps June 24 - July 4)

3 Campus Locations:

Deerpark, Great Oaks, Teravista

Topics Include:

Academics, Art, Music,
Coding / Programming,
Kinder & Pre-K Readiness,
Creative Writing, Drones,
Lego®, Engineering / Tech,
Personal Enrichment,
Robotics, Science,
Sports / Fitness,
Theater / Film, Test Prep,
Study Skills, and more!

You don't have to be a resident of RRISD to attend. Camp prices start at \$95 per week.

Visit CommunityEducation.roundrockisd.org for more information and to register online!

National Suicide Prevention Week

As Mental Health Month is coming to a close, remember this is not the only time you can bring awareness to your campus PTA.

National Suicide Prevention Week is September 8-14.

As you are planning fall meetings and activities think of ways you can incorporate awareness materials in meetings and newsletters during September.

It is only through talking openly about mental health and suicide that we will reduce the stigma.

Together we can make a difference for our students.

You are always welcome to contact Amy Grosso for assistance at amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org, 512-464-5976 @amylgrosso.

National Suicide Prevention Week 2019

September 8-14

afsp.org/NSPW



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention

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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
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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

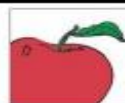
- STEMfest
- Pre K Rodeo & RROCK Ready
- Professional Development



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STUDENTS
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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!



PTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Thank You!
THANK YOU!



Spirit Night Opportunity from CodeWizardsHQ

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

- Learn to Code in the Popular Programming Language Python
- Get an Introduction to Real, Text Coding (no drag & drop)
- Do Hands-on Coding Exercises
- Evaluate whether he/she will Enjoy Learning to Code
- CodeWizardsHQ nurtures curiosity and builds confidence while promoting computational thinking.

Let's get your students started today!

Sign up for your own Coding Spirit Night by visiting:

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1. Sugar
2. Lack of natural sunlight (vitamin D) with decreased exercise
3. Imbalanced nervous system

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PTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



The Importance of Personalized SAT/ACT Test Prep.

When it comes to teens preparing for success on the SAT or ACT, here's something parents need to know: Not all test prep programs are created equal. And one of the most important things parents should look for when evaluating companies that deliver test prep courses is whether the program meets students' distinct needs. There are several reasons why parents should seek out personalized SAT/ACT test prep for their college-bound teens:

- **Every student has different strengths and weaknesses.**
- **Every student learns at a different pace.**
- **Not all SAT/ACT tutors have the same qualifications.**
- **A personalized SAT/ACT test prep program begins with a practice test.**

Huntington's excellent track record with college entrance test prep is due to the learning center's individualized approach, but parents should rest assured that Huntington SAT/ACT test prep is both specific and thorough.

www.huntingtonhelps.com.



'Kona Ice would like to thank you for another great school year!

Looking forward to the hot Summer, please keep Kona Ice in mind for your vacation Bible school, Summer camp or other community event.

As we get closer to the 2019-2020 school year, Kona Ice is a great addition to your meet the teacher or back to school night.

It is never too early to plan your next refreshing Kona visit! Reach out today!

konaiceaustin@yahoo.com



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

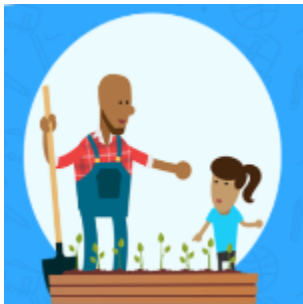
School of Excellence Enrollment is Open!



What does becoming a School of Excellence look like? Ask Ashley Elementary PTA in Frisco, Texas. Through the [School of Excellence process](#), Ashley Elementary PTA found that parents weren't motivated to volunteer in the ways they offered. So, Ashley Elementary PTA created completely new ways to

volunteer that were meaningful and accessible to parents. Way to go! Learn more and enroll at PTA.org/Excellence

Stride Forward This Summer



Summer is a great time to [make a simple plan](#) that gets children ready for the next grade. Learning Heroes, National PTA, National Summer Learning Association and Univision have launched [Summer Stride](#), a research-based, bilingual, parent resource to help you help every child stride forward this summer! [Learn more.](#)

Share Your PTA Story!



Why did you join PTA? How has PTA changed your child's life? We want to hear from you! Your submission could be displayed at the 2019 National PTA Convention & Expo. [Share your #MyPTAStory!](#)

Is Your State's ESSA Report Card Clear?



Do you have a few minutes to spare? We need to hear from you! Help us ensure parents can access, interpret, and advocate for education data by filling out our short survey

on your state's ESSA report card. [Start the survey.](#)

Catch Up with PTA!

1. **Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant.** In 2018, the Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant recognized high quality arts learning programs at Harvest Hill PTA in California and Tiffany Park Elementary PTA in Washington. [Read about their projects](#) and [apply today!](#)
2. **What's Your Summer Stride?** Learning Heroes, National PTA, National Summer Learning Association and Univision have launched Summer Stride, a research-based, bilingual, parent resource to help you help your child stride forward this summer! [Get the new Readiness Check](#), a mobile-friendly tool that connects you to videos, activities, and more to support learning on the go or at home!
3. **The GreatSchools College Success Awards** celebrates high schools that excel at preparing students for college and beyond. [See if your school won](#) and [help them celebrate](#). If not, talk to your school leader to find out what they can do to win next time.
4. **Reflections Awards at #PTACon19!** Join us for the 50th Anniversary of Reflections Awards June 22 in Columbus, Ohio! This event celebrates the value of the arts in education and the life-changing impact of PTA volunteerism. [Get your ticket!](#) Check out our new theme for the 2019-2020 Reflections program and [register today!](#)
5. **Share your PTA story!** Why did you join PTA? How has PTA changed your child's life? We want to hear from you! Submissions will be displayed at the 2019 National PTA Convention & Expo. [Share your #MyPTAStory!](#)
6. **New! #PTACon19 Elections webpage.** Learn more about the proposed bylaws and resolutions amendments, and get photos and bios of all of the candidates. [Check it out!](#)

FROM TEXAS PTA

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PTA HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

HOT DAYS

COOL NIGHTS

Let's face it, the temperature at night in Texas is not always "cool", but we know it will be a heck of a less hot than during the day! There are plenty of things we can do over the summer to combat these hot days and cool nights. I hope these tips will keep you active, eating healthy, and sleeping well over the next few months.

Karen Burnell, Texas PTA Healthy Lifestyle Liaison
healthylifestyles@txpta.org



Marathon Kids Walk and Talk: Walk a mile with your child and talk about a new topic each day with conversation starter cards – one for each mile. Try to walk in the morning before it gets too hot!

Home Improvement Store Workshops: These classes offered in the comfort of a/c will get you out of the house and possibly inspire projects to keep your family physically active all summer long.

Supermarket Scavenger Hunt: Head to the grocery store for more than just apples and broccoli. Kids can search for healthy items while getting their exercise, too. And walk the frozen food aisle for added chill!

Texas Swimming Spots: Looking for a fun getaway, but want to stay local? There are many great swimming holes across Texas – perfect to cool down on a hot day!

Cold Lunch Ideas: Don't heat up the kitchen this summer. There are plenty of options to keep your lunches cool when you're feeling hot!

LAUNCH: Friends ✓ Learning ✓ Empowerment ✓ Air conditioning ✓ Escape the heat with Texas PTA this summer at The Gaylord Texan in Grapevine. Look for many Healthy Lifestyles workshops, vendors, and Leader2Leader sessions!



Kids Fit Menu: Need something healthier for your kids to eat in the evening? The Kids Fit Menu started in the Dallas-Fort Worth area but has now expanded statewide. Check out La Madeleine's new Kids Fit Menu for Texas, as well as other restaurants coming soon!

Web-Based Brain Breaks: Great for a quick, get-your-wiggles out kind of activity when you've spent the entire afternoon out of the 105-degree heat ... again. Make it a family challenge to do one every hour! Everyone might sleep a little better.

Meal Delivery Services: Maybe you have a little more free time in the summer to sharpen your knives and cooking skills. Meal delivery services not only deliver fresh ingredients to your door, but they also help you try new foods and practice cooking techniques you might have not tried before. Perfect for a night in!

Candlelight Yoga: Close the curtains and use no-flame battery-powered candles to set the tone for evening yoga. Not sure how to lead your kiddos in yoga? There are many YouTube videos to help lead even the most novice yogi through some sun-salutations.

Sleep Cool: Many sleep experts say a cool room makes for the best sleep. If you're cold-natured and can't imagine sleeping like that, check out these other tips for a good night's sleep.

Bored and Brilliant: These challenges were developed to help you detach from your phone and spend more time thinking creatively. Or consider reading the Bored and Brilliant book (instead of watching TV) before you go to bed.



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in **COLUMBUS, OHIO!**



And so much more! Want to get a sense of what Convention is like? Check out [our highlight reel](#) from last year's event in New Orleans, La.

Register Now

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Convention is Just 28 Days Away!

Don't miss out! Register now for the [2019 National PTA Convention & Expo](#) to enjoy...

Leadership Training

Access **45+ workshops** in three tracks spanning educational [topics that interest you most](#):

- State PTA Leadership Institute Workshops (5 sessions)
- Local PTA Boot Camps (5 sessions)
- General Workshops (35+ sessions)

Industry Expertise

Choose one of two Urgent Issue Symposia that will feature [national experts sharing the latest information](#) and specific ways you can amplify your voice as a child advocate:

- Advocating for Robust and Equitable Funding for Public Schools
- How PTAs Can Support Students in Foster Care

PTA Palooza!

We're turning our Expo Hall into a [fun-filled extravaganza](#) on Saturday, June 22. Come enjoy:

- The Reflections 50th anniversary gallery
- Hands-on activities and crafts
- Local entertainment on the Palooza stage
- Snacks! Including Jeni's ice cream

Awards & Reflections 50th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for an evening of fabulous food, friends and fun as we celebrate the amazing artwork from our national Reflections winners and salute the recipients of PTA's awards. You'll also enjoy a special performance by The Paragon Project. [Get your tickets!](#)

Proposed Resolutions for the 2019 National PTA Convention & Expo

During the [2019 National PTA Convention & Expo](#), PTA delegates will vote on the following proposed resolution, amendment to an existing resolution and revision to an existing resolution.

- [Proposed Resolution on Financial Literacy](#)
- [Proposed Amendment to Resolution on Dangers of Alcoholic Energy Drinks](#)
- [Proposed Revision to Resolution on Lead Poisoning](#)

The resolutions will be considered during General Meeting 2, which will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 20 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. All primary amendments for the resolutions must be filed at the Resolutions Submission Table (Convention Center Battelle Grand) by Thursday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m. EDT in order to be debated.

Want to Learn More About the Proposed Resolutions?

Resolutions are an important part of the advocacy work of National PTA; the 54 Congresses of PTA; and regional, council and local PTAs. Join the Resolutions Committee for a [PTA Live! on Facebook](#) Thursday, May 30 at 3 p.m. EDT on the resolutions that will be considered at this year's convention.

In addition to the *PTA Live!*, join the Resolutions Committee for the amendments writing lab from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. EDT Thursday, June 20 at [the Greater Columbus Convention Center](#) in room B230-232. Get answers to your questions about the proposed resolutions, prepare your amendments and collaborate with other delegates with similar recommendations.

Campus PTA/PTSA Spotlights

Anderson Mill PTA

- We are closing out an amazing Anderson Mill year. Our membership continues to go up!
- Our Silent Auction and Spirit Night generously hosted Dart Em' Up and Pita Fusion was the most successful one to date. Thank you to all who donated and participated!
- We enjoyed serving our teachers and staff a wonderful upscale beach themed luncheon from Frieda's Seafood Grille. Los Reyes donated chips and salsa for the event too.
- May 17th we will be partnering with Grisham, Purple Sage, and Canyon Creek PTA's to build community with the families of the Incoming 6th Grade to Grisham for our 4th Annual Mixer.
- Best of luck to our 5th Graders Promoting on to Middle School!
- A huge Thank You to all who volunteered this year, all our community supporters and business partners who make AME PTA the best it can be.

Blackland Prairie PTA

- We have truly had a spectacular and successful year at Blackland Prairie Elementary!
- We raised enough funds to reward the school with many programs, functions and events that all the students, facility and parents could enjoy.
- The PTA's biggest initiative was being able to finally start the funding and building of an Outdoor Learning Lab (OLL).
- This initiative will help enrich each student with learning more from nature around us but be taught in an outdoor learning environment with fresh air and sunlight too.
- Our BPE PTA didn't stop there, we are overwhelmed with excitement that our generous parents have been able to continue to support the school with the many important programs that are important to each child.
- This year, BPE PTA helped completely fund the schools Weekly Readers, Brain Pops, Big Brainz, every child being able to attend field trips at no cost to them, Movie Night, Cocoa & Carols, Spring Carnival, Teacher grants and much, much more many programs!

Caldwell Heights PTA

- Caldwell Heights Elementary paid for field day rentals - the kids had a wonderful day of fitness and fun with classmates. \$5050 in mini grants were awarded to

teachers, items purchased include outdoor classroom supplies, STEM kits, subscription, books, PE equipment, and much more.

- We finished up our year by awarding a \$500 scholarship to a CHE alumnus graduating from high school this year.

Callison PTA

- Callison PTA is celebrating record high membership for the 2018-19 school year. We are ending the year at 306 members!
- The board is very excited to make those numbers grow next year!
- Diversity and inclusiveness are important at our school and we have already recruited 3 Dads and 1 student member to be on our 2019-20 board.
- We look forward to getting to go to LAUNCH this summer and coming back with fresh ideas and inspiration for next school year.

Cedar Ridge PTSA

- CRHS PTSA achieved the Reaching High Award in April by growing our membership for three consecutive years! Currently we have 1257 members!
- Our inaugural Healthy Lifestyles Fair was a huge success with around 50 organizations, vendors and fitness stations in attendance.
- Our student members loved all the Student Appreciation events.
- We celebrated Teachers Appreciation Week with three great events to appreciate our wonderful CRHS Staff and Faculty.
- Our last S.N.A.C.K. drive for the year was a huge success as well. We had a wonderful response and were able to provide bags of food and hygiene items to each student.
- We updated our standing rules and bylaws and are planning on adding student representatives to the board next year.
- We awarded two scholarships to two deserving seniors.
- This year we honored Rachel Sotelo and Snehal Phirke with Texas PTA Lifetime Memberships for their help and dedication to CRHS PTSA.
- We attended C.D. Fulkles and Ridgeview 8th grade promotion ceremonies to offer support and answer questions.
- Congratulations to all our seniors! We wish all our best to their future endeavors!
- CRHS PTSA will be represented at National PTA convention this summer.

Campus PTA/PTSA Spotlights

England PTA

- England PTA pulled out all of the stops for Teacher Appreciation week with cards from the kids, door decorations for the teachers, a Sonic day and a catered lunch.
- Many home room Moms also did other things for their teacher like bringing in a coffee or getting money together for a small gift or creating a cute memento for the teacher.

Forest North PTA

- Forest North PTA is proud to be named the Forest North Elementary Partner of the Year!
- We are honored to be recognized by our school for our partnership to serve our students, families, teachers and staff.
- In addition to celebrating that "There's No Place Like Forest North Elementary" during our teacher and staff appreciation week events, our PTA has been able to meet several campus needs and help teachers refresh their classroom libraries with new books this spring.
- We look forward to wrapping up our year with a free ice cream social and yearbook signing party the last week of school.

Purple Sage PTA

- Purple Sage PTA held it's annual Spring Carnival and Silent Auction in April, and we're happy to report that it was the highest grossing fundraiser on record for our campus!
- Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers and sponsors who helped make it an awesome event. From cake walk donations, to volunteering at booths, to donating class baskets, to generously bidding, and just showing up for a fun night--it was so encouraging to see our whole school community come together to support our students and raise funds for our school!

Stony Point PTSA

- The Stony Point High School PTSA hosted a Staff Appreciation Smashed Potato luncheon for our wonderful staff for Teacher Appreciation. A Big THANK YOU to all our staff!
- We will be awarding 2 seniors a \$500 scholarship each on Senior Awards night.
- We have granted 2 staff members with money for senior survey prizes and a field trip to Fredericksburg, totaling \$1,000.
- Our students in all grades have done a wonderful job in Volunteering in the community this year. We look forward to seeing all the great community service this summer will bring.
- Our PTSA has had a great year. We are excited for the upcoming school year and the new board. Congratulations and Good Luck!



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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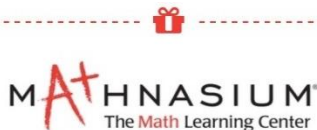
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