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Important Info and Upcoming Dates

Auction 2017, "RCE Goes Gatsby", is just two and a half weeks away! This is our largest fundraiser held every other year, and it funds our PTA budget for two years. Our auction team is spending countless hours making final preparations for an evening that you won't soon forget in order to raise as much money as possible to maintain our standard of excellence at RCE. It's going to be an absolutely amazing event. If you haven't purchased your tables/tickets yet please do so ASAP! Be sure to read all the communications coming down regarding auction for the latest information you need to know. The success of this event takes ALL of us, and benefits our amazing school and children!

Please visit www.rcepta.com and be sure to like the "Rummel Creek Elementary", "RCE Auction", and "RCE Life Events Team" Facebook pages.

UPCOMING DATES (extended calendar at www.rcepta.com):

[Click here](#) to go to the calendar and select "Subscribe" at the bottom to sync the PTA Calendar with your calendar so you never miss out!

Date	Event	Time
1/27	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
1/30	Deadline to sign-up for Pre-K lottery	
1/31	Pre-K Lottery in library	8:00 a.m.
1/31	Cultural Arts Program "Swing, Jive, and Pop Into Dance"	8:15 and 9:30 a.m.
2/1	Kindergarten 100 Day Parade	8:05 a.m.
2/1	Pre K to SBISD Ag Center	10:00 a.m.
2/1	2nd Grade to SBISD Ag Center	12:00 p.m.
2/1	Author Visit - Jerry Pallotta, grades PK-3	
2/3	PTA General Meeting (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
2/7	MMS Parent Information Sessions for 5th Grade Parents	11:30 a.m. in library or 6:00 p.m. in auditorium
2/7	Parent Session: "How To Parent So Children Will Learn", Ad Bldg.	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
2/8-14	PTA Staff Appreciation Smooch Bags distributed	
2/10	Outdoor Learning Center Garden Clean-Up Work Day	8:00 a.m.
2/11	RCE Auction at Westin Memorial City	6:30 p.m. (VIP 5:30-6:30)
2/13	Class/Individual Pictures	
2/14	Valentine Parties	1:00 p.m. PK-2; 2:00 p.m. 3-5
2/16	Founders' Day Dinner at RCE	5:30 p.m.
2/20	NO SCHOOL - Flex Day for Staff	
2/20	SBEF Sporting Clay Tournament	
2/20	WatchDOGS Happy Hour at Caliente	

Message from the Principal

- The election/lottery for CIT 2017 is upon us.
- The timeline for the CIT 2017 election/lottery is attached.
- Please see the following link for more information:
 - ◦ <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/plan2012/campus-improvement-team>

PreKindergarten at Rummel Creek for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

Do you have a child who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017?
If so, you need to get on the list for PreK at Rummel Creek.

How do you do that?

- 1. January 4-30** Parents sign up for lottery. We have two PK class at Rummel Creek for 48 students. If we have more than 48 students sign up, we will have a lottery drawing. Priority will be given to children with an older sibling expect students who are currently in 5th grade and are attending middle school next year.
- 2. January 31** Lottery drawing at 8:00am in the library.
- 3. February 1-28** Notification to lottery winners to complete the pre-registration process. \$50 deposit is required unless the child qualifies for free PK***
- 4. February 1-28** Pre-registration of children at Schools for Early Learning
- 5. March 1** Parents of children on *waiting list* are contacted for pre-registration if space is available.
- 6. March 1-31** Parents of children on waiting list pre-register if space is available.

All parents must come to registration which begins in mid-August.

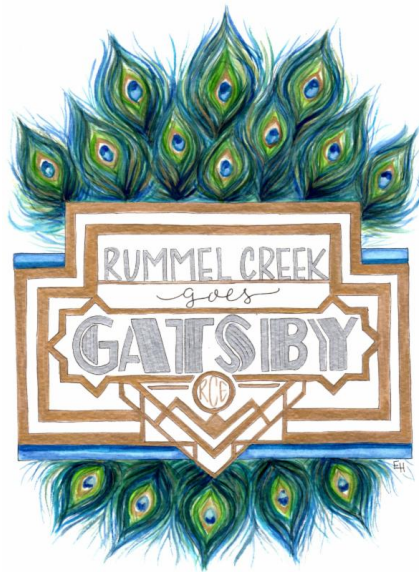
***Full day PreK is from 7:55-3:00. It is tuition based unless the child is eligible for free PreK.

Eligibility criteria for free PK:

1. Limited English Proficiency
2. Qualifies due to Income
3. Homeless
4. Military Families
5. Children Protective Services Custody

LOTTERY →	PREREGISTER WITH DEPOSIT →	REGISTER IN AUGUST →	BEGIN PK
Jan 31	Feb 1-28	Mid-August	Late Aug

RCE Goes Gatsby - Auction Update



COUNTDOWN to Auction: 17 Days

SNEAK PEAK FEATURED ITEM: Shopping & Home and Garden

Woody's Furs	Pashmina Shawl and wrap with fox trim
Jewelry	Ladies Michele Urban Mini Watch, Beautiful Diamond Necklace, etc.
Memoriabilia	Jordan Speith Guitar, Glenn Wilson ball and picture, Texans Memorabilia and more!
Stone Systems, Inc.	50 square feet of Sensa granite or Silestone quartz
Day	
Landscape & Design	Landscape Design

AUCTION TICKETS & TABLES are now on SALE!

- There are only individual VIP Tickets left! VIP Tables are SOLD OUT!
- Whole General Tables are Available
- You can upgrade to VIP with the VIP Access Add-On Ticket while they are still available
- Buy Tickets visit www.bidpal.net/rcegoesgatsby
- Everyone who is attending must register on www.bidpal.net/rcegoesgatsby
 - Registering on Bidpal gives you access to bid!
 - You can donate money to the Auction
 - Pre- Purchase Wine Pull and Raffle Items (Wine Cellar, Whiskey, Scotch & Bourbon Basket, Michele Watch, Beretta 686)
 - Browse our Featured Items

Wine Pull:

- Have a bottle of wine you'd like to donate? Contact Laurie Davis: lyjacksonm@yahoo.com

Wine Cellar Raffle:

- We are seeking high end (\$40+) or rare wines for our wine cellar raffle. If you'd like to donate to this new raffle, please contact Ashley Marshall (ashleyk.marshall@yahoo.com)

Whiskey, Scotch and Bourbon Raffle:

- This auction, we will be raffling a whiskey, scotch and bourbon basket. If you'd like to donate to this great raffle, please contact Laurie Davis lyjacksonm@yahoo.com or Ashley Marshall ashleyk.marshall@yahoo.com

**To see a listing of all of our splendid raffles, visit:
www.Bidpal.net/rcegoesgatsby**

- Wine Cellar
- Whiskey, Scotch & Bourbon Basket Raffle
- Michele Urban Mini Ladies Watch (only 100 tickets available)
- Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon I 12 Gauge Break- Action Shotgun (only 100 tickets available)

Learning Express Basket: Now- February 10th

- At Learning Express buying a gift? Please consider donating to the Rummel Creek! Ask for the "Rummel Creek" basket and a sales associate will be happy to help you!

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

Décor Assembly, Setup and Teardown Volunteer:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4DADA92DA2F49-auction

Night Of Volunteer:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4DADA92DA2F49-auction1

Thank you! We are looking forward to celebrating this exciting event with you while raising money for RCE!

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Joanna Graham: Joanna.graham@motivaent.com


Rally Day!



Get on the Bus for Rally Day - 2.27.17!

The SBISD Council of PTA's is making a trip to Austin on February 27 to attend Texas PTA Rally Day. The Rally will be in the steps of the Capitol at 11:30 a.m., and then SBISD PTA members will have meetings with our area legislators in the afternoon before heading home. SBISD Council has reserved a bus and ALL PTA members are invited to join us! A Sign-Up Genius is linked below. Please note that there is a nonrefundable donation required to help cover the cost of the bus and a box lunch. Thank you for your support, and Get on the Bus!

Get on the Bus! Sign Up Genius for Texas PTA Rally Day:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805054BA4A6292-getonthe 

[Click here to get more information from Texas PTA about the Rally.](#)

GT Parent Session

GT Parent Education Seminar:
"How To Parent So Children Will Learn"
Presented by Pamela Johnson, Director - Advanced Studies for SBISD

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017

This session is appropriate for K-12 parents and will provide no-nonsense advice on how to:

- Parent with a united front
- Work with teachers and schools
- Set limits for children
- Encourage independence without overpowering students

To RSVP, click [here](#) and reply with "How to Parent" in the Subject line and specify which date you plan to attend.

Memorial Middle School Information Sessions

Parents of 5th Graders

Please mark your calendars for
Memorial Middle School Parent Information Sessions

Tuesday, February 7th

11:30 a.m. in the MMS library

or

6:00 p.m. in the MMS auditorium

Kindergarten Roundup - Save the Date

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be in Kindergarten next year? Please plan to join us for the **Kindergarten Roundup!**

Thursday, February 23rd

12:25 p.m.

in the

Kindergarten classrooms

Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

Outdoor Learning Center Committee News and Work Day Information

The Outdoor Learning Center would like to thank all of the moms that participated in our first prairie clean up day on January 13th. Katy Prairie Conservancy donated their time, resources, and expertise to make it a successful event. We had the prairie back in tip-top shape within an hour thanks to Kristin Hodges, Audra Marye, Rose McNally, and Mary Carvalho working alongside OLC chairs Carrie Stallwitz and Laura Fineberg!! Also a special thank you to RCE teacher, Theresa Trevino for taking care of the OLC during this last big freeze. It seems that most everything survived!

Please join us on **Friday, February 10th at 8 a.m.** for the garden clean-up. This will only take about an hour of your time and will consist of cleaning the fountain and pulling weeds in the garden area. All you need is yourself and a pair of gloves. As always we are looking for additional committee members to join the OLC and give of their time. You do not have to have a green thumb to make a big impact in the OLC. The gift of administration and coordination would be greatly welcomed! We are currently in need of an Urban Harvest liaison. They have so much to offer our school that with the right person coordination can extend the learning opportunities to our RCE students in a big way. If interested in learning more please contact Carrie Stallwitz at carrie@witzpr.com or Laura Fineberg at lgilmore05@aim.com.

Parents for Full and Fair Funding of Public Education

Parents, you may have been contacted recently by a new parent group formed to address the school funding issue. **Parents for Full and Fair Funding of Public Education (PF3)** is a group formed by SBISD parents to help shine a light on the desperate funding plight of our public

schools. School funding is the ONLY issue that they address, unlike Spring Branch Speaks which addresses ALL issues that affect SBISD. PF3 is currently circulating a petition. If you are interested, please click [here](#) to see/sign the petition. However, please know that signing a petition is NOT ENOUGH to get legislators address the funding issue. We still need parents to call and write and call and write and meet with legislators to get funding addressed this session. Signing the petition is great, but additional action will be needed.

While it can be a little confusing to have multiple groups, rest assured that they are ALL working together closely to ensure a good outcome for all students in SBISD.

Watch DOGS



Calling all RCE Dads/Watchdogs.

Please join us for Happy Hour

Monday, February 20th from 7-9 p.m.

Caliente (next to Fleming's in Town and Country)

790 W. Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 112

Caliente will be serving some complimentary hor d'oeuvres for those that show up early. This is for all RCE Dads, whether you have been a WatchDog or you are thinking about being one this spring or next year.

This will be a good chance to hear from how the day goes and more about the program. We will have a short talk about 7:45 to cover a few things of importance, but mostly this is just a chance for all us WatchDogs to get together and enjoy a cold drink and some networking.

Make sure you wear your WatchDog T-shirt if you have one already.

No dinner will be served but bring cash for soft drinks, tea, cold beers & margaritas.

**Plenty of parking in the parking garage (Tickets will be given to those that park in garage.)

SBEF Sporting Clay Tournament



REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://SBEF.EJOINME.ORG/SPORTINGCLAY](https://sbef.ejoinme.org/sportingclay)

JOIN US

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

GREATER HOUSTON GUN CLUB • 6700 McHARD ROAD • HOUSTON, TX 77053

EVENT CHAIRS:
DOUG GOODSON
ROB STEWART

SCHEDULE OF SHOOTING EVENTS

11:30 A.M. - REGISTRATION & LUNCH
12:30-12:45 P.M. - SAFETY BRIEFING
1 P.M. - SHOTGUN START
AWARDS CEREMONY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

FOR MORE
INFORMATION:
713-251-2381



SBEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charitable foundation. Your gift will be tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Screenagers

Join us for a special screening of

SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: Cornerstone Academy PTA

WHEN: February 13, 2017 6:30 pm

WHERE: Cornerstone Academy Cafeteria

TICKETS: FREE

screenagersmovie.com



[Click Here for More Information](#)

Daddy Daughter Dance

The Wildcats Dance Team presents

Daddy Daughter DANCE

February 10th from 6:30-8:30 pm

"The first true love any girl has is her father"

Please join us for an evening full of dancing, prizes, and memories
with the special girl in your life.

Westchester Academy for Int'l Studies
901 Yorkchester Dr. Houston, TX 77079

Tickets per couple: \$35, \$40 without RSVP

Additional \$10 per daughter

Light refreshments will be served and a photographer will be present
to capture the special moments.

ATTIRE: Girls, K-6th grade, wear your fanciest dress.

Dads wear a Suit and Tie. It will be a night to
remember when you dance with your cutie pie.

Show off your best
moves to win a
tiara and sash!

Items include:
Bouquets of Flowers
Chocolates
Stuffed Animals
Valentine's Day
themed Baskets
Tickets to events

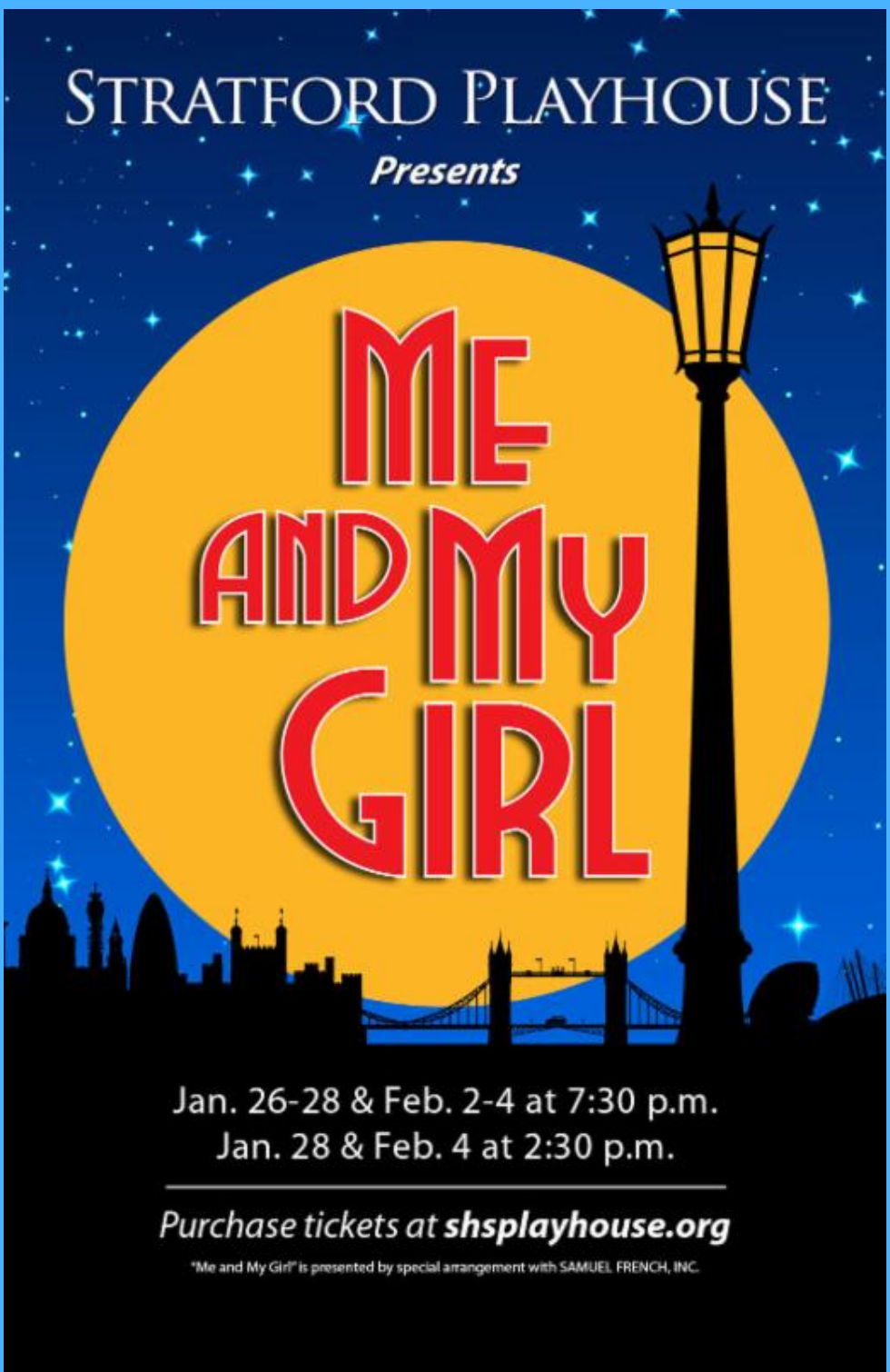
RSVP at www.waisdance.weebly.com, by emailing Olivia.henry@springbranchisd.com or
mailing in RSVP form to 901 Yorkchester Dr. Houston, TX 77079 by **FEBRUARY 8, 2017**.
You may pay at the dance or mail payment to address listed above addressed to Olivia Henry Checks
are to be made out to WAIS PTA. If student's father is unable to attend, an adult male relative or close
family friend may attend in his place.

This organization and its activities are not related to or sponsored by the Spring Branch Independent School District

Stratford Playhouse

STRATFORD PLAYHOUSE

Presents



ME
AND MY
GIRL

Jan. 26-28 & Feb. 2-4 at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 28 & Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Purchase tickets at shsplayhouse.org

"Me and My Girl" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.