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Important Info and Upcoming Dates

Auction 2017, "RCE Goes Gatsby", is just a week and a half away and it's going to be the bee's knees! If you haven't purchased your tables/tickets yet it's not too late! You don't want to be the only dame or fella on your block to miss this fun-filled evening raising funds for our amazing school!

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
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	
2/11	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	
2/21	Spirit Night - Chick Fil A	
2/22	BUGZ Dress Rehearsal	TBA
2/23	Kindergarten Round Up	12:25
2/23	BUGZ Play	6:00 p.m.
2/24	RCE Go Texan Day (note this is not the city-wide date)	
2/24	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
2/27	Texas PTA Rally Day in Austin "Get on the Bus" with SBISD Council	

Would you like to join the RCE PTA mailing list?

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

2017-2018 PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs

It's that time of year again when we begin to plan for next year! If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on the PTA Executive Board, please contact our Parliamentarian, Ginger Messer (gmesser92@gmail.com), so that she can pass that information along to the Nominating Committee as they begin to work on the slate for next year.

Additionally, if you are interested in filling a committee chair position for next year, please contact 1st VP of Committees, Caroline Bennett (carolinehbennett@hotmail.com), as soon as possible, as she has already begun working to fill positions. A complete list of committees can be found in your directory or online at www.rcepta.com.

Message from the Principal

- **CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT TEAM (CIT) LOTTERY**

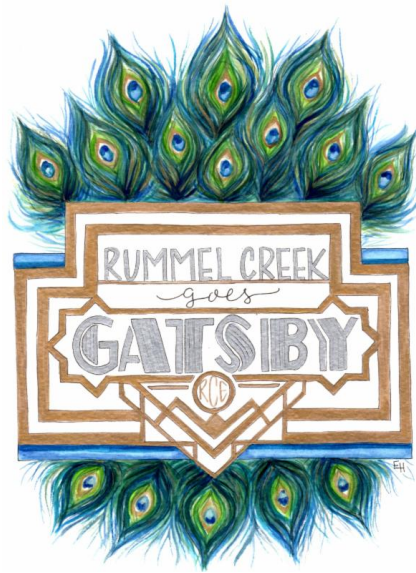
The Campus Improvement Team assists the principal in establishing the measureable Campus Performance Objectives and the Campus Improvement Plan. They also monitor the progress toward the accomplishment of the objectives. We normally meet the 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month for about an hour after school.

It is once again time to let us know if you are willing to serve a 2 year term as a member of the Campus Improvement Team for 2017-2018 school year. We have 2 parent openings for next year. To serve as a parent you must have a student in RCE for the 2 year term. These 2 positions do require a lottery drawing if there are more than 2 candidates interested. The nomination forms can be requested at the front office or obtained from the SBISD website. Please consider joining this team!

- Third Grade Parents treated the entire staff to a fabulous Chinese Food Luncheon last Friday. The food from Feng Ling was yummy. And this meal was topped off with desserts and door prizes. We love the many ways we receive appreciation throughout the year. Thanks to the hostesses - Phoebe Katterhenry, Kerri Fry and Shayne Baker. What a treat!

Nancy Harn
Principal @ Rummel Creek Elementary
713-251-6700

RCE Goes Gatsby - Auction Update



COUNTDOWN to Auction: 10 Days

SNEAK PEAK FEATURED ITEM:

Travel & Getaways, At Your Service

Hotel Granduca

Two Night Stay in a luxurious Granduca Suite with Continental Breakfast for Two Guests

- Memorial Bend Families
- Plaza Oaks Women's Club
- Wilchester Roadrunner Moms
- Women's Club of Gaywood, Memorial Glen, Memorial Trails and Rustling Pines

Homemade Meals on Wheels packages from each of these Women's Clubs

AUCTION TICKETS & TABLES

- There are only individual VIP Tickets left!
- 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

Fly Your College Flag Contest:

You better Sic 'Em, Gig 'Em, Hook 'Em, Eat 'Em Up and Geaux

Boomer Sooner and vote for the college flag you want displayed for a week at RCE to kick off football season! Get with your friends and be sure your favorite college flag stays on top.

\$1 per vote- voting opens at lunch on Monday, 2/6 and will last until Friday, 2/10.

Whiskey, Scotch and Bourbon Raffle:

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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)

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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Margo Kaplan: margomkaplan@gmail.com

Kelley Phillips: kellyhphillips@gmail.com

Joanna Graham: Joanna.graham@motivaent.com

Healthy Choices Contest



FEB 6-MARCH 10 MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES CONTEST

My Class is the Healthiest

Each class will be competing against their other grade level classes for an Awesome Bite Muffin and Extra Recess party. Each week will begin with a focused Health topic by a special guest. During the week, students will have the opportunity to earn “Healthy Choice” stickers for their class. The class with the most stickers from each grade level at the end of the program wins an **Awesome Bites** muffin party and extra recess. The class with the most stickers for the whole school will win a **Figilia Kitchen** party, learning to make their own healthy food.

Week 1: Feb 6-10

Nutrition

Week 2: Feb 13-17

Active Lifestyles

Week 3: Feb 20-24

**Filling Buckets
and Mental Health**

Week 4: Feb 27-Mar 3

Hand Hygiene

Week 5: Mar 6-8

Recap

**WHOSE CLASS
IS THE
HEALTHIEST?**




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.](#)

If you are unable to attend the Rally Day but would like to have your voice heard, you may write letters to our legislators which we will then hand carry with us on that day to give to them when we meet with them in the afternoon. Please have all letters to Susan Marks no later than Sunday, February 26th!

Letter writing tips:

- 1) Remember to include your name, address and phone number. This is to prove that you are a constituent. They will not call you back and debate you. They may send you a "thank you for your comment" note.
- 2) Remember to use proper letter writing etiquette.
- 3) Letters can be short. Two to three sentences is okay – why you are writing, what your position is, what you want them to do.
- 4) Form letters are a big no-no. When staffers see form letters (i.e .the same sentences over and over) they put them in the circular bin. Speaking from the heart is always best. You don't have to be a good writer (there are no grades on this!). You don't have to be eloquent. Just tell it like it is.

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 Work Day Information

Please join us on **Friday, February 10th at 8 a.m.** for 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

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)

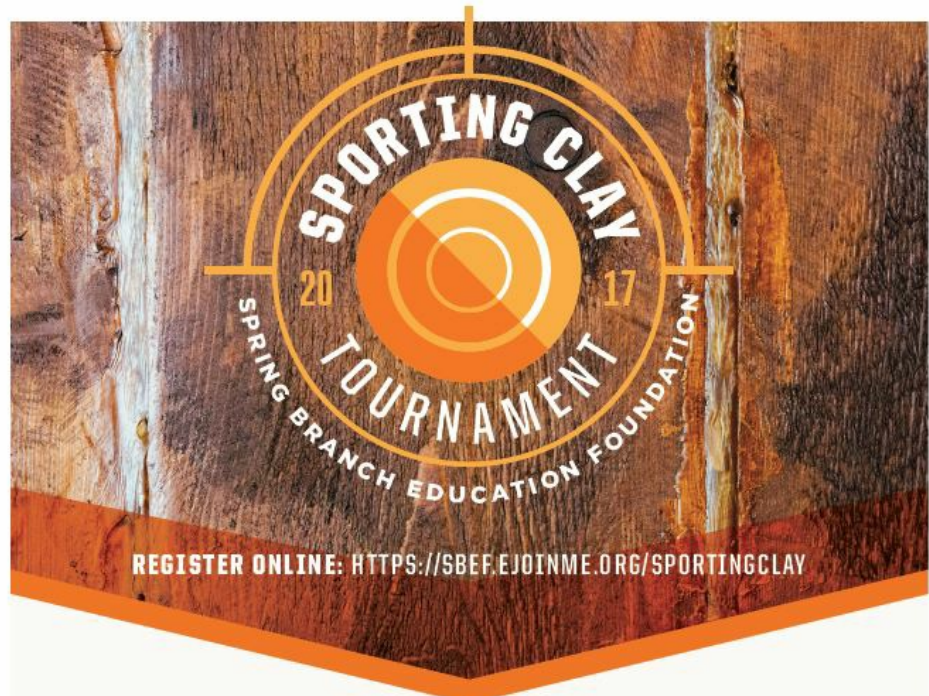
790 W. Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 112

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.)**



REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://SBEF.EJOINME.ORG/SPORTINGCLAY](https://sbeef.joinme.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



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[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



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.

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

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.

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

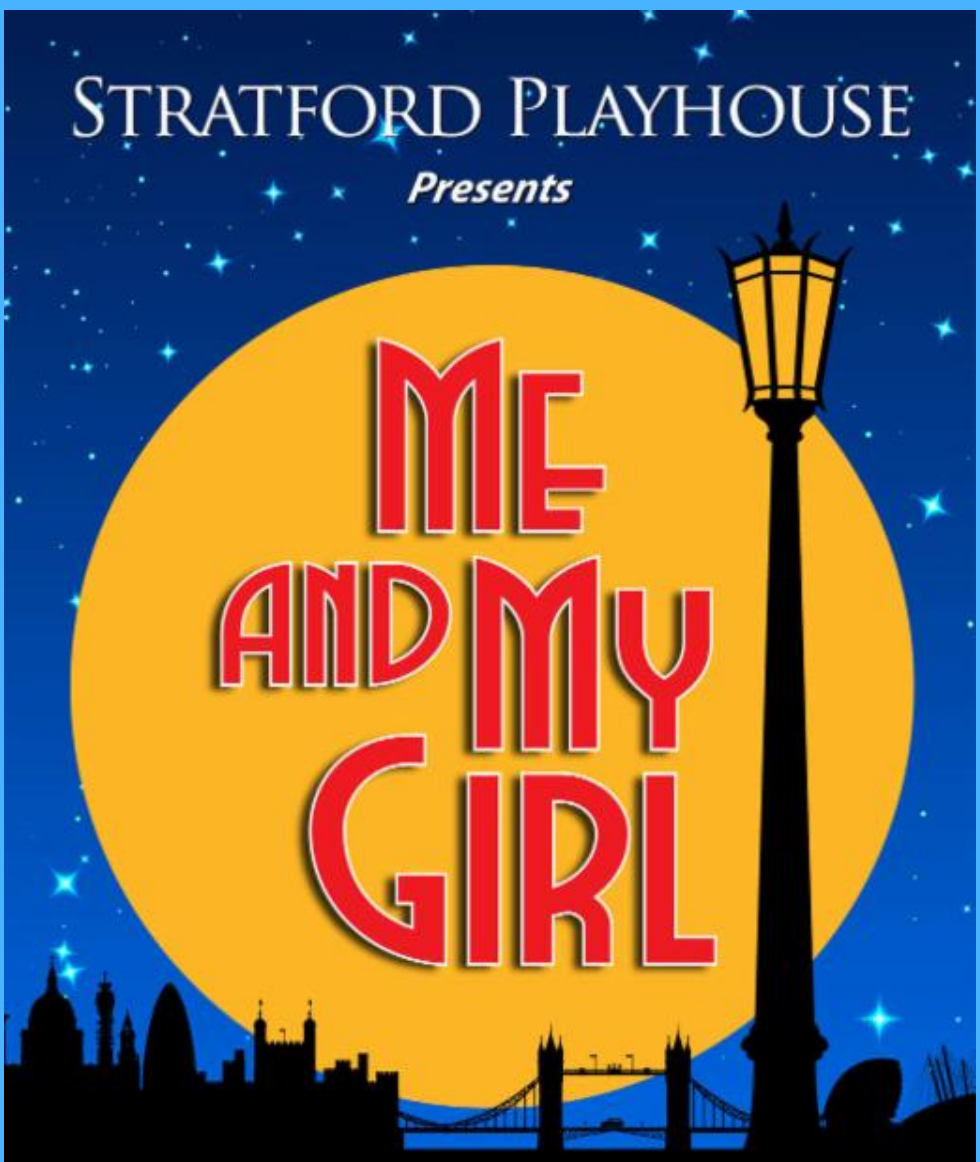
RSVP at www.waisdance.weebly.com, by emailing Olivia.henry@springbranchisd.com or
mailing in RSVP form to 901 Yorkchester Dr. Houston, TX 77079 by **FEBRUARY 8, 2017**.
You may pay at the dance or mail payment to address listed above addressed to Olivia Henry Checks
are to be made out to WAIS PTA. If 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.