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Important Info and Upcoming Dates

Our Gatsby Gals **Joanna Graham, Margo Kaplan, Ashley Marshall, and Kelley Phillips**, really outdid themselves on Saturday night and the evening was a huge success for RCE PTA! RCE Goes Gatsby was the bee's knees, and everyone who attended looked fabulous and had a swell time! Be sure to thank these ladies for all their hard work when you see them, as the evening's success will certainly contribute much to enhancing the education of all of our students here at RCE! If you were unable to attend or just missed buying a party or two because you were having too much fun Saturday night, please be sure to check out the auction after-sales link located below!

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
2/20	NO SCHOOL - Flex Day for Staff	
2/20	SBEF Sporting Clay Tournament	
2/20	Watch DOGS 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	
2/24	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
2/27	Texas PTA Rally Day in Austin "Get on the Bus" with SBISD Council	
3/3	Pre-K Go Western Day	TBA
3/3	PTA General Meeting (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
3/4-5	PTA Plant Sale Fundraiser at The Ground Up, 8705 Katy Freeway	

Message from the Principal

Gatsby Auction - A Huge Success

Last Saturday night was a delightful step back in time that was enjoyed by many RCE parents, staff and friends. From the time we entered the ballrooms - the decorations, the flapper dresses and the auction items set the stage for an evening filled with entertainment and fun. Because of the generosity of so many, a surprising amount of money was raised to fund many opportunities for learning through field trips, books, learning materials, programs and new technology. RCE students and staff

appreciate the hard work and contributions of so many parents and friends. This fabulous event would not have been possible without the many hours of time and effort spent by the 4 chair women of the Gatsby Auction. A heartfelt thank you to Margo Kaplan, Ashley Marshall, Kelley Phillips & Joanna Graham. They gave so much time, passion and work to make this one of the most successful evenings ever in support of Rummel Creek.

Regular Practice Drills help with Safety

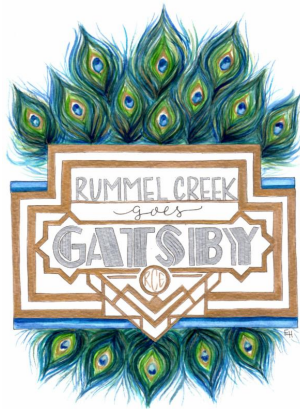
On Valentine's morning, all the SBISD schools and buildings had an emergency bad weather Shelter In Place for about 40 minutes. Because the RCE students and staff often practice for a number of emergency situations, everyone did a great job of following the exact procedures that would keep them safe in the event we had felt the effects of a tornado. I was so proud to hear that our students stayed quiet and safe until the threat of danger had passed. If you ever have any questions about our safety drills, don't hesitate to ask.

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.

RCE Goes Gatsby - Auction Update



AFTER SALES

Dear RCE Families, Teachers and Staff,

Thank you for joining and supporting RCE at our RCE Goes Gatsby bi annual auction! We are still tallying our final numbers, but are looking forward to contributing a GREAT donation to our school!

We are so thankful so many items were sold on Saturday evening.

We still have a few great items for sale, which is open to everyone. If you were not able to attend or were having too much fun to bid on everything, here's your chance to participate in this fun event! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to purchase silent auction items, adult, kid, teacher/staff parties and RCE Pride items, as these items won't last long.

All After Sales:

<https://portal11.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe301953/catalog/items.html?itemType=6>

"Raise the Paddle":

RCE is also still accepting donations for our "Raise the Paddle" item. This year, our "Raise the Paddle" is for Google Chrome Books and Carts. This is the technology that SBISD supports and our kids use on a daily basis. Currently, our children are waiting to use Google Chrome Books, as we do not have enough for everyone.

Our children worked so hard to create a compelling video, in hopes of encouraging our supporters to donate and "raise their paddle". We are so disappointed the video wouldn't work the night of auction. We raised \$13,500, but we haven't yet met our goal. Please consider directly supporting our children's technology access at RCE.

You may view the video here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-5209RVNpSubUtvb3BqbjFKMWM>

Donate to "Raise the Paddle":

<https://portal11.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe301953/catalog/item.html?id=1975&categoryId>

Post Purchase Details:

1. 1. Item Pick-up: Chris Holmes has kindly agreed to handle pick up of physical items purchased (silent auction, kid art etc) contact Chris at csholmes1@yahoo.com or 832.419.0876 to schedule pickup

1. 2. Party Purchase (adult, kid or teacher/staff): Don't miss out on these incredible parties- these are always one of the main features and sources of donations for our Auction, plus a great way to meet and visit with friends. When our main push is over in the next couple of weeks on Bidpal, please contact LeeAnn Kulka (Adult parties) or Han Wright (Kid Parties) for party sales.

Don't miss out on these exciting and fun-filled school wide events:

RCE's 1st EVER Schoolwide Dodgeball Tournament (Grades 1-5)! This party is held at Westside on March 26th at 12pm. Our host

(dads) will form teams, so all you need to do is sign up and show up to enjoy this party. Winners will receive AMAZING prizes. Let's make this a fun tradition!

<https://portal11.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe301953/catalog/item.html?id=1008&categoryId>

The Great Gatsby Pajama Day! This is a school wide event. What a fun way to support your school! Date TBD before the end of school.

<https://portal11.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe301953/catalog/item.html?id=1585&categoryId>

1. 3. Roadrunner Pride- For those who purchase Roadrunner Pride items (i.e. Name the..., Teacher of the Day, Bedtime Stories, etc.), we will share your names with the contact that is coordinating the events or items. There are a few items remaining so check the Fixed Price items list to get your fabulous experience before someone else does!

Thank you for continuing to support Rummel Creek Elementary!

We had a dashing time with all of you!

Cheers!

Ashley Marshall: ashleyk.marshall@yahoo.com

Margo Kaplan: margomkaplan@gmail.com

Kelley Phillips: kellyhphillips@gmail.com

Joanna Graham: Joanna.graham@motivaent.com

First Annual RCE Plant Sale Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE!

Did the freezing temperatures take a toll on your landscaping? Be sure to save the date! On **March 4th and 5th**, The Ground Up will host the **1st Annual RCE Plant Sale and Fundraiser**. 15% of all purchases that weekend will go back to RCE PTA. Offer good only at the Memorial location, 8705 Katy Freeway (frontage road, before the old Las Alamedas restaurant site.) Thanks to RCE dad and The Ground Up General Manager Luis Chamorro for helping the PTA!

Spirit Night

SPIRIT NIGHT

Rummel Creek Elementary

February 21, 2017 • 5pm-8pm

Come out and support RCE at Spirit Night. Dine in or drive thru, just remember to put your receipt in the Spirit Night boxes to help raise money for your awesome school. We hope you will join us!!



Chick-fil-A Memorial & Dairy Ashford
(832) 770-4576
753 Dairy Ashford Rd

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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!

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 Â

[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.

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

I was reviewing the end of day survey answers and the response were fantastic and really shows how cool it is to be a WatchDogs Dad. I really hope we get a great turn out to our WD Happy Hour on Feb 20th of dads that have been and have not been Watchdogs.

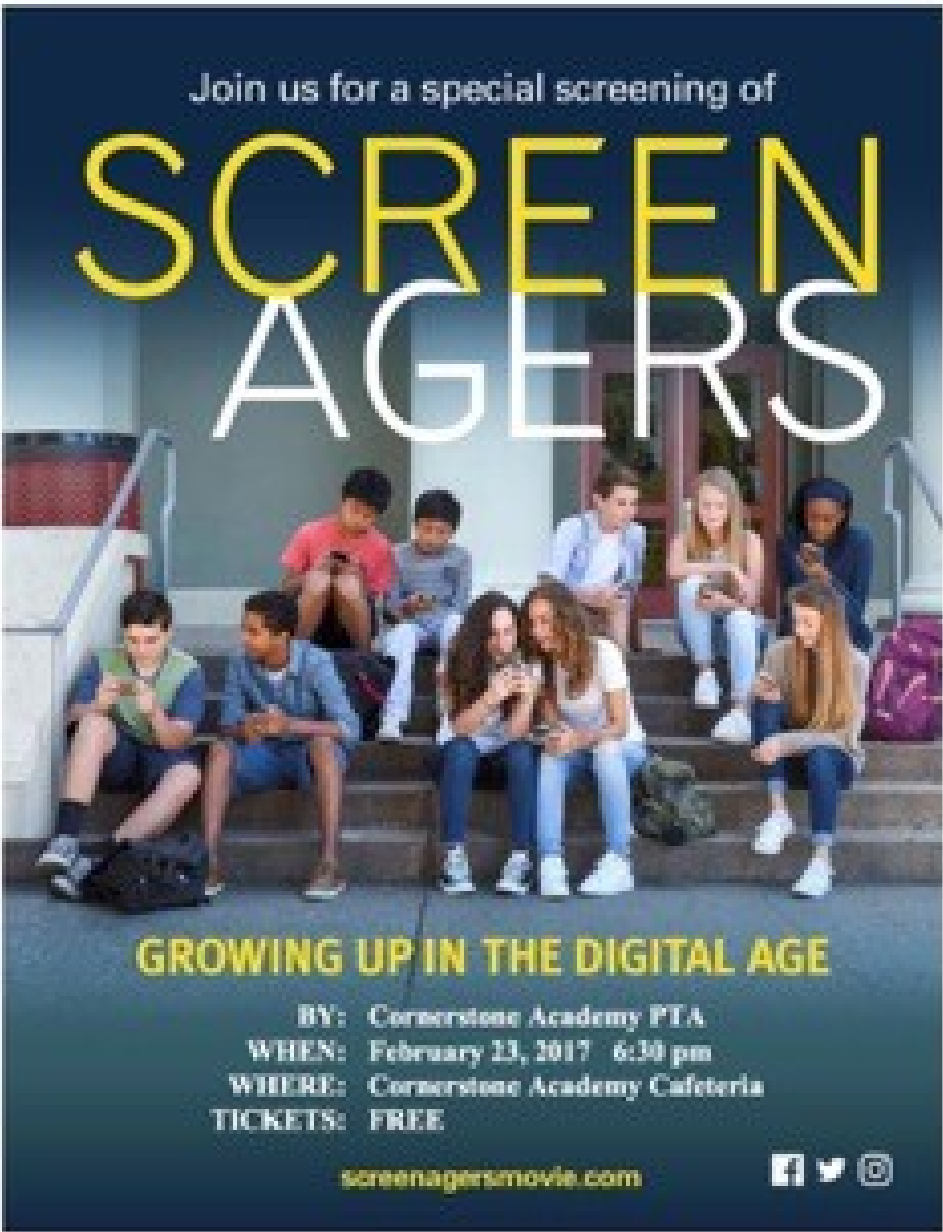
Here are a few of the response, and reason why you should be a WatchDogs Dad if you have not yet:

1. Spending quality personal time with all the students, neighbors, and awesome teachers. Especially spending time with my daughter.
2. Seeing the pride and excellent behavior of both of my boys.
3. Experiencing what my kids experience every day and seeing classrooms at all grade levels in action
4. Watching a cow eyeball dissection
5. Watching our wonderful teachers and how dedicated they are and one that is most often given- Spending time with kids

This is such a great program and I am so happy it has been embraced and accepted in our school and community. I look forward to catching up with

everyone Monday February 20th. Make sure you are there.
Make sure to join us Monday night February 20th from 7-9 at Caliente's in Town
& Country.

Screenagers






Join us for a special screening of

SCREEN AGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: Cornerstone Academy PTA
WHEN: February 23, 2017 6:30 pm
WHERE: Cornerstone Academy Cafeteria
TICKETS: FREE

screenagersmovie.com

Houston Texans Kids Triathlon/Team Rummel Creek RCE

Join the Rummel Creek Elementary Triathlon Team - Houston Texans Kids Triathlon
May 20 and 21, 2017 at NRG

If your child came home asking you to sign them up for the triathlon, find all the
information you need at: www.houstontexans.com/kidstriathlon

The Junior Division (ages 6-10) will swim 100M, bike 3 miles and run 1/2 mile on
Saturday the 20th and the Senior Division ages (11-15) will double those distances at
their race on Sunday the 21st

Note: Race age is determined by the age your child will be on Dec 31 of 2017 so
any children born in 2006 or earlier will be in the Sr. Div even if they haven't turned
11 yet)

Click this link to register for the race:

<http://www.imathlete.com/events/EventOverview.aspx>

Don't forget to list Rummel Creek Elementary(RCE) as your team/group name! Siblings and former students can sign up for our team as well. We will receive \$10/participant (as long as we have a minimum of 10) in an educational grant back to our PTA.

NOTE: For kids ages 6-10 Make sure you email Chris Holmes at csholmes1@yahoo.com and

For kids ages 11-15 Make sure you email Kimberly Davis at kmdavis424@yahoo.com to tell them that you have signed your child up for the race as they will be sending out periodic updates about training and race weekend.