

## PTA NEWS

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### Important Info and Upcoming Dates

Please visit [www.rcepta.com](http://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](http://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
2/23	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	7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. both days
3/6	How Does Your Garden Grow Dress Rehearsals	TBA
3/7	How Does Your Garden Grow Performance	6:00 p.m.
3/9	RCE Choir "St. Patrick's" Performance	4:30 p.m.
3/9-10	5th Grade Growth & Development Talks	TBA
3/13-17	SPRING BREAK	

### Message from the Principal

- This week at the Creek
  - We are looking forward to seeing all of our second graders perform the BUGZ play on Thursday evening. Both student performances went extremely well. Thanks goes to our talented music teachers and our 2nd grade teachers for working to help get students ready for this show. None of this would have been possible without the numerous parents that worked on costumes, scenery and dances. You don't want to miss this show on Thursday evening @ 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
  - Chik-Fil-A Night turned out to be a fun event. We had numerous families enjoying chicken and such. Quite a few students ate some oversized ice cream cones after their meals. Even if you were only watching, laughter could be heard throughout the restaurant. Thanks for supporting our restaurant evenings. Our next Spirit Night will be at Town &

### Country Fuddrucker on March 21st.

- ○ Three important dates to remember:
  - Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday at 12:25 in Room E 106.
  - Go Texan Day K-5 on Friday during specials times in the gym. Ya-Hoo!
  - Odyssey of the Mind @ Paul Revere MS on Saturday - 6 Teams to perform (39 students) Good Luck RCE OM teams!
- Reminders
  - ○ The staff and students are working on be more conscious with the care of our building. Please help us by reminding students not to sit on the bollards in front and behind the school. Also please remind children not to climb on shrubs and trees.
  - ○ All students in cars are to be dropped off using the carpool lane. It is UNSAFE to let students out on the street. Please report any unsafe practices to the office so we can address them. We appreciate the help and watchful eyes of our Watch Dogs in the morning and afternoon.

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

### Message from the Assistant Principal

Dear RCE Parent,

It is quickly approaching the time of school year where our students have the opportunity to demonstrate all that they have learned.

Here's a quick look at the full STAAR testing schedule:

- March 28th - 4th grade STAAR Writing
- March 28th - 5th grade STAAR Math
- March 29th - 5th grade STAAR Reading
- May 8th - 3rd and 4th STAAR Math
- May 9th - 3rd and 4th STAAR Reading
- May 10th - 5th grade STAAR Science

Everyone wants our students to do their best on these days. Teachers at RCE are helping prepare their students for the STAAR, but we know that parents are looking for ways they can help their students at home. Here are a few suggestions:

- It is important that children get plenty of rest on the days leading up to the test, particularly the night before.
- It is also a good idea to organize a family meal the night before, and plan a healthy breakfast on the morning of the tests to ensure children have the fuel which their brains and bodies will need to help them to function effectively on test day.
- Your student may not feel able to eat a large breakfast, but it is vital they eat something. Please try to encourage them to eat the foods they like. Proteins are best. They won't burn off as quickly as carbohydrates. Fluids are equally important, but sugary drinks should be avoided.

- The evening before the test, don't spend time drilling your student. Instead give them time to relax, play outside, or do something that doesn't add to any stress they may be feeling.
- On test day, remind your child to read the questions all the way. Provide encouragement and support your student and reassure them that they can only do their best.
- Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and the classroom climate to avoid discomfort during the test. Layers work best.
- Plan to get your child to school on time so that they don't feel rushed.
- Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If he/she gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help him/her practice some relaxation techniques to use one the test begins.

The electronic device policy will continue this year. Before the testing administration begins, students that have brought an electronic device to school will be asked to turn them off, place them in a brown envelope, and leave it with the teacher. Once all students in the room have completed and turned in their test, devices will be returned to students.

On these testing days, much of the campus is testing in classrooms and other areas around campus. We are asking that parents and volunteers not come up to campus on March 28th, March 29th, May 8th, 9th, and 10th. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support. As always, we appreciate your continued commitment to excellence at RCE!

Sincerely,  
Kim Reynolds

Go Texan Day



# RCE

## “GO TEXAN DAY”

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

Parents, Grandparents, other family and friends!

Come join us in the gym WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL PERFORM A DANCE OR TWO TO ENTERTAIN YOU!!!

(take pictures at the end at our “booth-like” display)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 8:15

Kinder- 12:35

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 9:10

1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 1:25

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 10:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 2:15

### First Annual RCE Plant Sale Fundraiser

TGU PRESENTS  
**1ST ANNUAL  
RCE PLANT SALE  
& FUNDRAISER**

*It's the  
NEW SEASON!*

When: **March 4th-5th, 7:30 am - 3 pm**  
Where: **TGU Memorial, 8705 Katy Frwy**

15% OF ANY PURCHASE GOES BACK TO  
RUMMEL CREEK ELEMENTARY PTA

NOTE: THIS COUPON IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE DONATION.  
PRINT OUT THE COUPON AND BRING IT WITH YOU.

**RCE**  
Rummel Creek  
Elementary PTA

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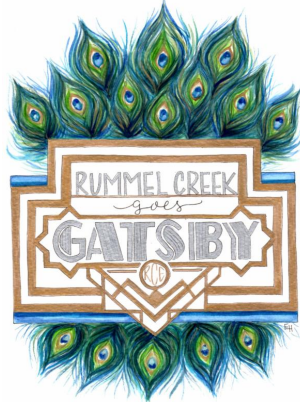
### 2017-2018 PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs

It's that time of year again when we begin to plan for next year! Our nominating committee has been hard at work on our Executive Board slate for next year, which will be presented at the March General PTA

meeting on March 3rd.

If you are interested in filling a committee chair position for next year, please contact 1st VP of Committees, Caroline Bennett ([carolinehbennett@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 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

### 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](http://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.

## 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.

## Get your WATCHDOG SPOT NOW!!!!



The end of the school year is coming quicker than you think. We still have about 40 spots open for you to sign up for, so click this link and sign up NOW> If you have already been a WatchDog please grab a friend that has not been one yet and the two of you pick a day to go together. There are several days where 2 spots are still available.

Grandads and Uncles can be a Watchdog as well, so grab your brother, or dad and sign up with them for what may be one of the most memorable days of your kids school year.

Click this link to sign up now:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044dadaf23a31-welcome>

## 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](http://screenagersmovie.com)



SBEF Golf Classic



# SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY  
APRIL 8

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

RIVER RIDGE GOLF CLUB  
3133 BRAZOS OAK LANE • SEALY, TEXAS 77474

For more information call 713.251.2381 or email [sbef@springbranchisd.com](mailto:sbef@springbranchisd.com)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast | 9 a.m. – Shotgun Starts, Tee-Off, 4-Player Team Scramble  
Reception and Lunch to follow

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PUTTING • LONGEST DRIVE • CLOSEST TO THE HOLE

*Event Chairs*  
MIKE BAKER & JAY SARTAIN

### *Golf Committee*

Debra Aitken	Kamden Kanaly	Roy Montalbano	Ron Nunley	Warren Sloan
Doug Goodson	George Kurisky	Paul Moreton	Lisa Schwartz	Rob Stewart
Scotter Hicks	Warren Matthews	Ted Nowak	Debbie Slack	Cece Thompson



## 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](http://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](mailto:csholmes1@yahoo.com) and  
For kids ages 11-15 Make sure you email Kimberly Davis at [kmdavis424@yahoo.com](mailto: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.