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Important Info and Upcoming Dates

Can't believe that "RCE Goes Gatsby" is this Saturday! We look forward to seeing you all there to raise much needed funds for our amazing school! Our Gatsby Gals **Joanna Graham, Margo Kaplan, Ashley Marshall, and Kelley Phillips**, have poured their hearts and souls (and a lot of blood, sweat, and tears, too) into this event, so be sure to thank them for all their hard work when you see them! They are still in need of volunteers for different areas the night of the event so check out their Sign-Up Genius below if you're willing to help. If you're unable to attend on Saturday, you can still support the auction and RCE PTA by purchasing raffle tickets, etc. through midnight Friday at www.bidpal.net/rcegoesgatsby.

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
2/8-14	PTA Staff Appreciation Smooch Bags distributed	
2/10	Outdoor Learning Center committee Garden Clean-Up workday	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	
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	

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.

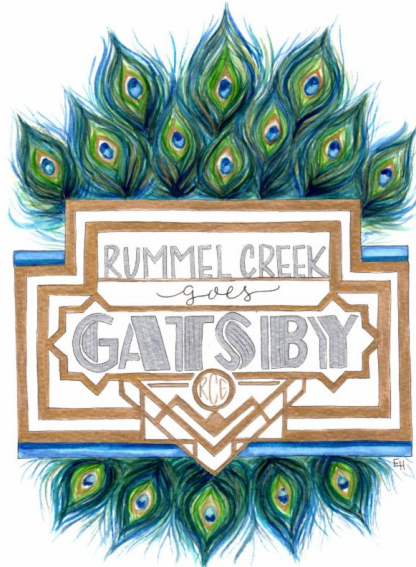
SBISD Parent Survey

SBISD wants to know what you think about our district and school communications. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by taking our communications survey at the link below:

Parent Survey, English:

<http://sbisd.scopeschoolsurveys.com/index.php/912616/lang-en>

RCE Goes Gatsby - Auction Update



COUNTDOWN to Auction: 3 Days

**SNEAK PEAK FEATURED ITEM:
Roadrunner Pride**

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| RCE | - | Front of the Carpool Line |
| Pride | - | Time Capsule (to be opened at high |
| Items | - | school graduation- buried at school) |
| | - | VIP Bike Parking (North & South) |

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

NIGHT OF INFORMATION:

- 5:30PM:All VIP's will receive a text message with a personalized link allowing them bidding access with their bidder number.
- 6:30PM:All general tables and ticket holders will receive a text message with a personalized link allowing them bidding access with their bidder number.

***Only ticket purchasers or attendees will be allowed to bid. Bidding will only be allowed at the above times for the designated ticket purchaser or attendee.

Fly Your College Flag Contest:

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

Voting opened at lunch on Monday, 2/6 and will last until Friday, 2/10. We welcome any donation! The kids are having fun with this contest and we will have this on Auction night for adults to enjoy too!

**Don't Forget to Pre- Purchase Raffle Tickets!
Raffle ticket prices will increase the evening of,
so take advantage of these GREAT pre- sale offers!**

17. Michele Urban Mini Ladies Watch- \$30 (Pre- Purchase \$25)
Donated by: Lewis Jewelers, Uptown Park

The Michele Urban Mini Ladies watch is bold yet elegant with 44 sparkling diamonds detailing the white guilloché dial on the barrel-shaped gold-plated case of the Urban Mini Diamond watch. The strap features a steel blue quilted leather strap. Only 100 raffle entries available, so don't miss out on this beautiful timepiece! Est. value \$1,500

13. Whiskey, Scotch & Bourbon Basket Raffle- \$30 (Pre- Purchase \$25)
Donated by: RCE Families

From Scotland to Kentucky to Japan, this basket will surely offer you a variety of different whiskey, scotch and bourbon from around the world.

14. Wine Cellar Raffle- \$50 (Pre- Purchase \$25)
Donated by: RCE Families

Red? White? This raffle is for YOU! This raffle includes high end wines collected from our RCE families from different regions around the world.

Buy one raffle ticket for \$50 or (5) for \$200 to increase your chance of winning!

15. Shotgun Raffle: Gatsby Gat \$50 or five for \$200 (Pre- Purchase \$25) Donated by: Academy Sports & Outdoors

The Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon I 12 Gauge Break-Action Shotgun features break action with a 2-round capacity, a 28" barrel length and a select walnut stock with a semi beavertail fore-end. The shotgun also has a gold-plated single selective trigger, a metal bead sight, an integrated Mobile choke and bore system, manual safety, rubber butt plate and engraved satin nickel Monobloc-design receiver. Only 100 raffle entries available, so don't miss out on this Gatsby Gat!

[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!

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!

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.

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 this **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 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

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.

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



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!

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.

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

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