

## 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
3/9	RCE Choir "St. Patrick's" Performance	4:30 p.m.
3/13-17	SPRING BREAK	
3/21	Spirit Night - Fuddrucker's	
3/24	Pre-K Art Car Parade	
3/24	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
3/28	STAAR - 4th Writing & 5th Math	
3/29	STAAR - 5th Reading	
3/29	1st Grade to George Ranch	
3/30-31	STAAR Make-ups	
3/31	3rd Grade to Arboretum	9:30 - 1:00

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

Our nominating committee has been hard at work on our Executive Board slate for next year. The slate presented and approved at the March 3rd PTA meeting last week is as follows:

**President: Caroline Bennett**

**1st Vice President - Committees: Jennifer Terveen**

**2nd Vice President - Communications: Erin Cunningham**

**Treasurer: Lauren Reichenau**

**Recording Secretary: Shannon Mahan**

This slate will be voted on at our April 7th PTA meeting. If you have any input regarding the slate prior to April 7th, please contact our Parliamentarian Ginger Messer, [gmesser92@gmail.com](mailto:gmesser92@gmail.com). The remaining board positions (3rd VP - Ways and Means, 4th Vp - Correspondence, Publicity/Historian, and Parliamentarian) are to be appointed by the President with input from the board following the election.

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 been hard at work filling positions. A complete list of committees can be found in your directory or online at [www.rcepta.com](http://www.rcepta.com).

## 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 once 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

## School Supplies

# Coming Soon!

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year. School Tool Box™ comes with the teacher-approved school supplies your student requires and includes trusted brands like Avery, Elmer's and Crayola. School Tool Box™ saves you precious time searching for those hard-to-find items in the back-to-school crowds. Just place your order and it will be waiting for your child in the fall.

**schooltoolbox.com**  
**800-952-1119**

School Supplies online sales  
begin March 21st.

The last day to order school  
supplies is June 27th.

Please contact Maren Cooper at  
meh2613@yahoo.com  
or  
Kelley Phillips at  
kelleyhphillips@gmail.com if you  
have any questions.



It is hard to believe, but your school supplies chairs have been hard at work getting everything ready for the 2017-2018 school year. Online school supplies sales with School Tool Box kick off Tuesday, March 21st. Not only is this the easiest way to ensure your child has the correct supplies, the teachers also prefer it!

Your child's supplies will be delivered to his/her classroom the week before school starts. The teachers are able to sort and organize the supplies ahead of time, helping them prepare for a smooth start to the year.

Our PTA has generously decided to pay for the "Specialty Curriculum Items" (magazines, vocab and grammar books, recorders, etc.) that have been included in school supplies in the past for the 2017-2018 school year, so the supplies you are purchasing are simply the consumable items your child needs on a daily basis (glue, markers, spirals, etc.). This puts money

back in your pocket!

Along with saving you money on specialty curriculum items, PTA is no longer using School Tool Box orders as a fundraiser as we have in the past, so the package price charged is just for the items requested by the teachers. We are simply providing supplies as a service, and, again, because our teachers prefer this! Ordering through School Tool Box is a cost effective, convenient, and a parent/teacher friendly way to set your child up for success!

### STAAR Test Snacks/Library Assistance for Sherwood

We are currently collecting donations for snacks to supply to our sister school to help them do their best on the STAAR test. We have a donation box located in the front lobby where people can drop off their snack donations. We are kindly requesting prepacked/individually wrapped fruit snacks, pretzels, goldfish crackers, and small bottles of water. We are trying to supply enough snacks for about 500 children. Thanks so much for your help, I know Sherwood really appreciates it.

Also, the Sherwood librarian would love some help on Tuesdays and Fridays in the morning. If you are able to help out in the Sherwood library sign up on the link below.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080C4CACA828A31-sherwood](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080C4CACA828A31-sherwood)

### Bike Brigade

#### Bike Safety rules for RCE BIKE BRIGADE

Bike Rider parents I need your help. Lately we have had more kids riding without their helmets and this could be dangerous. Please express the importance of helmets when riding their bikes. This is not only the law in Houston for kids under the age of 17 but it is just good common sense safety.

Also bike riders need to be mindful of the cars around them whether parked or moving. I have noticed some dangerous behavior with kids riding between parked cars or turning in front of moving cars coming behind them. Bike riders need to look and communicate with all drivers before making any moves and try to be as predictable as they can, not making sudden changes or turning in front of the cars.

Lastly our bike riders need to be respectful of slower traffic, meaning if kids are riding or walking slower in front of them they need to slow down until they can safely pass them. Recently I noticed a bike rider crash into another rider from behind. Just like when you are driving a car it is the responsibility of the following vehicle to adjust their speed to the leading vehicle. Please ask your kids to either slow down or walk their bikes until they can safely make it around those in front of them but also maintain normal rules of traffic. This means not darting around into the street or other unsafe areas without checking their surroundings.

Getting kids out of the cars and buses is a great thing and the more they

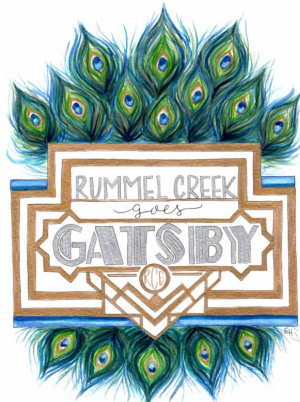


ride the more these issues need to be addressed. We want all our kids to be safe, please help.

Spring Luncheon - Save the Date



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. 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
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!

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### 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>

Spartanaire Show



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*Spring Show* **2017**



Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

1455 Fern Street - Houston, Texas 77079

Purchase Tickets online at: <http://Spartanaires.weebly.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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MIKE BAKER & JAY SARTAIN

*Golf Committee*

Debra Aitken  
Doug Goodson  
Scooter Hicks

Kamden Kanaly  
George Kurisky  
Warren Matthews

Roy Montalbano  
Paul Moreton  
Ted Nowak

Ron Nunley  
Lisa Schwartz  
Debbie Slack

Warren Sloan  
Rob Stewart  
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.