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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Please visit www.rcepta.com often and be sure to like "Rummel Creek Elementary" and "RCE Auction" on Facebook for up-to-date information.

UPCOMING DATES (see extended calendar at www.rcepta.com):

Did you know you can sync the PTA Calendar/Events with your own online calendar and never forget or miss out on a PTA event? [Click here](#) to go to the calendar and select "Subscribe" at the bottom. Calendar events will automatically be added and updated in your own calendar!

9/15	Back to School Night	5:30 - 6:30 p.m. PK-2 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 3-5
9/21	Gifted & Talented Community Awareness Meeting for parents considering referring children for GT testing (Administration Bldg Board Room)	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
9/22	Gifted & Talented Parent Presentation: Advocacy 101, Where Does Gifted Education Stand? Tracy Weinberg, speaker (Administration Bldg Board Room)	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
9/23	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
9/26-30	Go Gold Week	more info to come
9/26	SBISD Board Meeting (Administration Bldg)	7:00 p.m.
9/30	SBEF Style Show at Royal Sonesta	
10/3-7	GenTex Week	
10/6	General PTA Meeting - Special Presentation by Katherine Dawson, SBISD Board of Trustees, regarding school finance and the recapture issue affecting SBISD (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
10/7	District Deadline for GT Referrals - no exceptions	
10/7	NO SCHOOL for RCE students - Staff Development	NOTE: NOT ON DISTRICT CALENDAR
10/10	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day	

Would you like to join the RCE PTA mailing list?

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Message from the Principal

- Mark your calendars for Parent-Teacher Conferences on Oct. 20 & 21. Most of our conferences take place on those dates. But that does not mean that we might need to find a different day and time to meet with you. These conferences are a good time to hear more specifics about how your child is performing this year. It is also a good time to answer any questions you have about the curriculum, instruction, or routines and procedures.
- Respect, Courage and Excellence

These attributes are some of the main cornerstones of how we work, act and treat each other here at Rummel Creek. Each day on the announcements, there is a message to focus students on what these words mean and look like in action. I see much evidence of how our students are working hard to use these words to guide them every day. Please ask your child about the ways they learn and live by these principles.

Nancy Harn

Principal @ Rummel Creek Elementary

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Counselor's Corner

2016 - 2017 Gifted and Talented Identification - Key Dates

- **September 6th - October 7th** - Parent Referral Form available to families
 - To access the parent referral form, you may click the below link and then click where it says Elementary GT Referral Form, or you may ask the front office staff for a referral form.
 - <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/curriculuminstruction/Academic-Performance-Support/Departments/Advanced-Academic-Studies/Gifted-and-Talented>
- **September 21st - GT Community Awareness Meeting** (informational session for parents considering referring their children for GT), SBISD Administration Building Board Room, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- **October 7th** - Referral Deadline - Referrals will not be accepted after this deadline. No exceptions. (Please keep in mind that our RCE students do not have school on this day so it would be best for referrals to be completed by October 6th.)

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RCE Back to School Night

Back to School Night Thursday, September 15th

PK - 2nd will meet from 5:30- 6:30.

3rd - 5th will meet from 6:30 - 7:30.

All presentations will be in your child's classroom.

(5th grade will begin in the cafeteria.

4th grade Coolidge/Machen/Roche will begin in the library.)

Because of the importance of the information that will be shared in a presentation format and limited space in the classrooms, this will be an **'Adult Only' evening**. We hope all parents will be able to attend this event in order to set the stage for a successful year.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

We will be conducting vision and hearing screening over the next two weeks for our RCE Kinder, 1st, 3rd and 5th graders. Please remember to send your child to school with their glasses or contact lenses during this time. We also still need several volunteers to help us with the screening. If you're able to volunteer please visit the Sign-Up Genius link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084cacad2da6fa7-vision/>

We will be screening 3rd and 5th grade in the morning sessions and Kinder and 1st in the afternoon sessions. Thanks for your support!!

Special Presentation Regarding School Finance/Recapture Affecting SBISD

Mark Your Calendars for a Special Presentation at Our October PTA Meeting!

Our local property values are rising sharply, and as taxpayers we are writing ever larger checks to SBISD. But there is actually less money to spend on our children because of "recapture" payments to the State of Texas and reductions in state education funding. This year, SBISD will pay \$33 million to the state in recapture payments. Want to find out more about recapture and how it's affecting SBISD? Plan to join us at the next PTA meeting on **October 6th at 9:00 a.m.** when **Katherine Dawson, former RCE parent and SBISD Board of Trustees Secretary**, will share a special presentation regarding the issue of school finance and recapture and how it affects SBISD now and for the future.

Parent Evening with Dr. Crystal Collier

Wednesday, October 26th
6:00 p.m.
RCE Library

Join Dr. Crystal Collier, director of the Behavioral Health Institute and Choices Prevention Program for the Council on Recovery, for her presentation, "The Science of High Risk Behavior", which teaches parents how drugs and alcohol as well as other high-risk behaviors, such as technology or pornography, affect brain development. Parents who attend this event will learn how to prevent children and adolescents from engaging in such risky behavior. Practical, every-day solutions to parenting children will be discussed, so bring your questions! This is an evening you won't want to miss, sponsored by the RCE PTA.

Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATE FOR NOVEMBER 4!!
RCE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL!!

Committee chairs are busy at work preparing for Fall Festival and need your help! We are asking for gift card donations to the following:

- * Toys R' Us
- * Best Buy
- * Target
- * Academy

Please send gift card donations in your child's backpack by Friday, September 23 and help make our raffle a success!

5th Grade Yearbook Pictures

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS:

The yearbook committee needs to collect two photos of your 5th grader. The two pictures will be featured as a collage along with their current 5th grade picture in the school yearbook.

Picture 1 – your child as a baby (less than 2 years old)

Picture 2 – their first year at Rummel Creek OR age 4 and up (before 5th grade)

They should be the best quality jpeg format (digital copy, no less than 1 MB).

Please save the photo file by:

–child's first name, last name, and their teacher's last name.

Please email the two pictures of your 5th grader by Friday, September 30, 2016 to rceyearbook@yahoo.com, subject: 5th grader baby pictures

OR

Submit using smartphone app: Balfour Image Share, Project Code: 727356, Password: rce.

WATCH DOGS - Sign Up Now!



WATCHDOGS!!!!!! DADS, Sign Up NOW!!!!!!

RCE is excited to kick off this new program for the 2016-2017 school year to help dads become more involved in the daily routine of RCE.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement program offered by the National Center for Fathering in which Rummel Creek Elementary is enthusiastically adopting. This program focuses on safety and education by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures for a two-fold purpose: (1) to provide an unobtrusive fathering presence, and (2) to provide a positive and active role-model for students at the school. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and uncles are asked to spend at least one day at their student's school volunteering. They will support the school through monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance either working one-on-one or in small groups.

Here is a link to the national program that we have adapted to fit our RCE community

<http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/>

If you want more info on this program or you are ready to sign up for your day of volunteering at school please click this link and follow all directions.

<http://rcepta.com/2016/08/14/watch-d-o-g-s/>

Box Tops

Keep Clipping Those Box Tops RCE!

This year, Student Council will be coordinating our Box Tops collection and redemption, and using the proceeds to help fund their various service projects throughout the year, such as holiday meals for our custodians and projects to benefit our Sister School. Please continue to clip your Box Tops and send them in to the collection box located in the library to help Student Council help others! For more information on participating products, bonus opportunities or to print collection sheets (to help Student Council out with counting) please visit:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>