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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Please visit www.rcepta.com often and be sure to like the "Rummel Creek Elementary" and "RCE Auction" Facebook pages.

UPCOMING DATES (see 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 own calendar. Calendar events will automatically be added and updated in your own calendar so you never miss out!

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| 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 Board Room) | 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 (Since we do not have school on 10/7 best to complete by 10/6.) | |
| 10/7 | NO SCHOOL for RCE students - Staff Development | NOTE: NOT ON DISTRICT CALENDAR |
| 10/10 | NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day | |

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Library Link

A few updates from the library...

- Book Fair is coming **October 17th-21st**. We'll be open during school hours that week. Late night is Monday, October 17th. The RCE Singers will perform and we'll have student art on display. More information will be coming soon.
- Parents are welcome to check out books from the Rummel Creek Library - drop by one day and take books you want your child to read.

Our goal is to get books in your child's hands. Along with books for children, we have a Parent section with books on how to support your child at school. Drop by and see what we have to offer.

- We have access to online books and resources. Please check out the Library Link from the RCE home page (<http://rce.springbranchisd.com>) or drop by the library for assistance. We have a nice collection of ebooks and e-resources for all.
- Send your Box Tops for Education to the library. Student Council has started and they are ready to cut and get labels ready for submission.

The RCE Library Learning Commons is here to provide for the learning needs of your children, please feel free to drop by!

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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Life Events Committee

Did you know that RCE has a "Life Events" committee, a mighty army of Roadrunners who are ready to support and assist when there is a need in our community? If your family is dealing with a life event (birth, adoption, illness, loss of a loved one, etc.) we have a family of friends ready to help - be it meals, prayers, carpools, assistance with childcare, etc. Confidentially email our team at lifeyventsRCE@gmail.com.

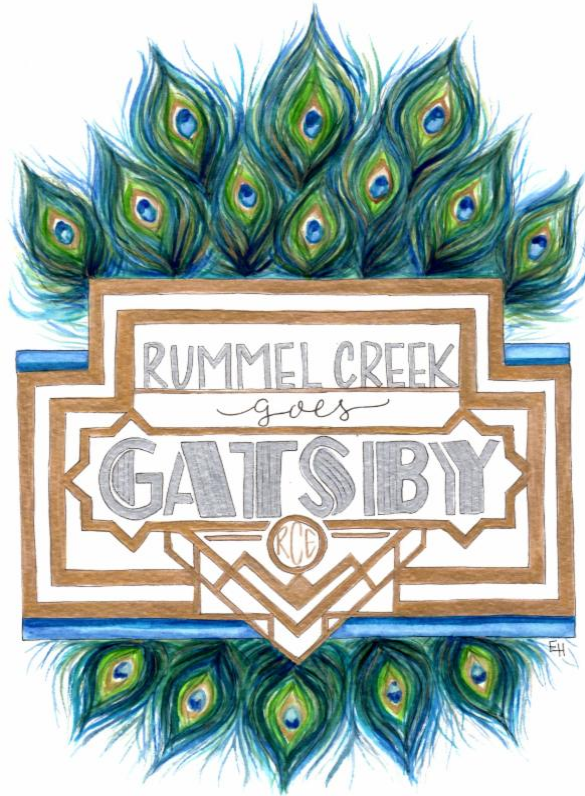
We currently have a family in need in our community, and the Life Events committee needs your assistance. Please like and follow the "RCE Life Events Team" FB page for more information or contact Ann-Margaret Dudley, adudley@mlaglobal.com, or Chris Holmes, csholmes1@yahoo.com, if you'd like to help!

Go Gold/Turn It Gold Week

SBISD GO GOLD/TURN IT GOLD WEEK starts September 26th!

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month. During the week, students will learn about Bravery whether starting a new school, a new challenge or conquering a fear and being BOLD in standing up for themselves or friends. **On Tuesday and Thursday, Go Gold wristbands will be sold for \$2 from 7:30-7:45 a.m. outside the cafeteria.** All proceeds will go towards pediatric cancer research. The week will end with a **"Turn It Gold" Day on Friday, September 30** and children can wear gold socks, shirts, shoelaces, etc. Be BRAVE, BE BOLD, TURN IT GOLD! For more information, please see www.gogold.org.

RCE Goes Gatsby - February 11th



**Save the Date for "RCE Goes Gatsby"
Saturday, February 11, 2017
Westin Memorial City**

The Rummel Creek Elementary PTA proudly presents "RCE Goes Gatsby".

The evening will include silent and live auctions, as well as dinner and dancing. This event is the single largest fundraiser for our school and is only held every other year. More information coming soon!!

Understanding the School Finance Crisis

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. In 2016, SBISD paid \$33 million to the state in recapture payments, in 2017 that amount doubles to \$66 million, and our projected 2018 payment will be over \$90 million. Want to find out more about recapture, how it's affecting SBISD, and HOW YOU CAN HELP? Join

us at the next PTA meeting on **October 6th at 9:00 a.m.** **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 what it means for 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, 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!

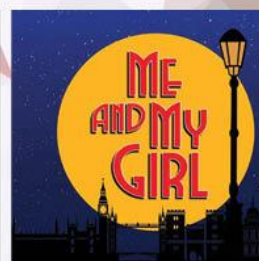


WATCHDOGS!!!!!! DADS, Sign Up NOW!!!!!!

"My dad is going to be a WatchDog also". This is the number one thing I heard on my days as a WatchDog. Make sure you sign up and get your day, your kids will think you are the best for it. 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/>

Stratford Playhouse 2016-17 Season Tickets on Sale Now!



Only a few days left to purchase your Stratford Playhouse 2016-17 Season Tickets at shsplayhouse.org.

