

PTA NEWS

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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Reminders:

BIG FORM closes **THIS FRIDAY, September 9th!!** Don't miss your chance to:

- Join the PTA!
- Contribute to the underwriting campaign.
- Purchase directories and yearbooks.
- Reserve a spot for your child's birthday on the marquee.
- Volunteer! Lots of great opportunities still available!

If you've already completed a Big Form but need to add or change anything, you can complete another Big Form!

Our goal this year is to have 100% of our families join PTA as well as participate in the underwriting campaign at whatever level you're able!

<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/the-pta-big-form/>

Last 2 days to purchase **SPIRIT WEAR!**

Sales close **THIS FRIDAY, September 9th**. Be sure to take a look at the new merchandise being offered this fall!

<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/spirit-wear-fall-201617/>

Would you like to
join the RCE PTA
mailing list?

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)



DIRECTORY:

You must either **confirm** or **enter your family's data** in the My School Anywhere database in order to be included in the 16-17 RCE directory. The deadline to appear in the printed hard copy of the directory is **September 9th**. Please be sure to also select your child's homeroom teacher from the dropdown box. Use the join code RCEFAM or click here:

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/new-family.a5w?>

[fam=RummelCreekElementary44268](https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/new-family.a5w?fam=RummelCreekElementary44268)

Any questions, please contact Heather Willard (thewillardfamily@att.net) or Jordan Maedgen (jkmaedgen@gmail.com).

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!

9/9	Big Form, Spirit Wear and Class Dues Deadlines	
9/13	Picture Day	
9/13	Spirit Night at Los Tios	
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 (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
10/7	NO SCHOOL for RCE students - Staff Development	NOTE: NOT ON DISTRICT CALENDAR
10/10	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day	

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.

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.

Thank You's!

Many of our PTA committees require the chairs to spend lots of time before school ever begins in order to prepare for the new school year. Sincere appreciation and thank you's to the following committee chairs for their hard work in getting the school year off to such a great start:

School Supplies - **Audra Marye and Jordan Maedgen**

Spirit Wear - **Heather Willard and Tamie Gay**

Staff Appreciation - **Kimberly Davis and Melissa Simmons**

Financial Reconciliation - **Han Wright, Melissa Schultz, Ginger Messer, Lauren Reichenau and Audra Marye**

Room Parent Coordinators - **Jenn Terveen and Audra Marye**

WatchDOGS - **Chris Holmes and his team of "Lead DOGS"**

OLC/Grounds - **Carrie Stallwitz and Laura Fineberg**

and any others that I haven't intentionally overlooked! Thank you to all of our RCE volunteers for ALL that you do to make RCE the best!!

Susan Marks
PTA President

Family Underwriting

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Through the generosity of our families we are able to ensure an exceptional education for our students. Your **tax deductible** contributions fund FOUR staff positions, technology upgrades, new library resources, cultural programs and continuing education for our teachers. The fact that the PTA can support 4 staff positions (reading specialist, reading interventionist, math interventionist, and library assistant) through the generosity of our families is amazing! Let's continue the tradition of tremendous support for RCE to ready our kids and our school for success at the highest level.

<u>Recognition Level</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Platinum	\$1,500 and up
Gold	\$1,000-\$1,499
Silver	\$500-\$999
Bronze	\$250-\$499
Friend of Rummel Creek	\$100-\$249
Neighbor of Rummel Creek	\$50-\$99
Supporter of Rummel Creek	\$5-\$49

CONTRIBUTE NOW through the [PTA BIG FORM!](#)

If you accidentally skipped this on the Big Form, you can contribute online through the special [PTA Underwriting Form](#).

Company matching: Be sure to ask your employer if they match charitable contributions.

Remember our goal is to have 100% participation from our RCE Families, at whatever level you're able. No amount is too small!!

Questions or if you would prefer to pay by check, please contact Jacqueline Swilling at jrswilling@gmail.com.

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.
- **November 14th** - Counselor, Jennifer Buchert notifies parents of level 1 results via US mail
- **November 28st - December 9th** - Window for Level 2 testing
- **February 17th** - Counselor, Jennifer Buchert notifies parents of level 2 results via US mail
- **February 21st - March 10th** - Level 3 (highly gifted) testing window - coordinated by Jennifer Buchert, conducted by Advanced Academic Studies department
- **February 27th** - Kindergarten GT services begin
- **March 24th** - Advanced Studies Department notifies parents of Level 3 results
- **March 27th** - School for Highly Gifted application window OPENS
- **April 13th** - School for Highly Gifted application window CLOSES
- **May 1st** - School for Highly Gifted students lottery
- **May 8th** - GT Appeals due to counselor, Jennifer Buchert
- **May 26th** - Advanced Studies Department notifies parents of Appeals results

Jennifer Buchert
Counselor, M.S.
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Save the Date for 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.

Rally Night for Cub Scouts Pack 525

Cub Scouts Pack 525 will be having their Rally Night on Thursday, September 8th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Rooms F223/224 (2nd floor by racquetball courts). For more information contact Raul Vega, rauln2@yahoo.com or Lynda Diemont, lyndiemont@yahoo.com.

Spring Branch Education Foundation (SBEF) Event Calendar

Did you know that Spring Branch Education Foundation serves all 35,000+ students in SBISD in many different ways, such as fine arts field trips for

every student grades K-8, mentoring programs, teacher grants, scholarships, etc.? Through fundraising at its annual signature events listed below, SBEF can continue to support our students. For more information on SBEF or to donate to the "Making Our Schools Better" campaign, please visit: <https://cms.springbranchisd.com/sbef/>.



**Save the Dates
2016 – 2017**

Style Show

Friday, September 30, 2016
Royal Sonesta Houston

Co-Chairs: Michelle Majewski and Suzanne Stiles

SBEF Gala

Saturday, November 19, 2016
Omni Riverway

Co-Chairs: Melissa & Mano DeAyala
Sheri & Wayne Gross

Sporting Clay Tournament

Monday, February 20, 2017
Greater Houston Gun Club

Chair: Rob Stewart & Doug Goodson

Golf Tournament

Sunday, April 9, 2017
River Ridge Golf Course

Chair: Mike Baker

Running for the Arts

Saturday, May 6, 2017
Location TBD

Bright Stars

Thursday, May 18, 2016
Westin Memorial City

Young Leaders BBQ Cook-Off

Saturday, May 21, 2017

Lime Instruments (1187 Brittmoore Road, 77043)

Co-Chairs: Vincent Montalbano and Laura Stein