

PTA NEWS

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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

NEW this year: Fall Festival ticket pre-sales will be available **online ONLY**. Please see information below for details.

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 (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 calendar. Events will automatically be added and updated in your own calendar so you never miss out!

Date	Event	Time
10/13	Kindergarten to Dewberry Farms	
10/10-14	SBISD "Success Week"	More information below
10/17-21	Book Fair (library) - Late Night, Monday, October 17th (5:00 - 7:30 p.m.)	
10/18	Spirit Night at Reginelli's	
10/20	Pre-K to Pumpkin Patch	
10/20-21	Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal	12:00 p.m.
10/21	Donuts with Dads (cafeteria) - Book Fair opens at 7:15 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
10/24-28	Red Ribbon Week	
10/25	Picture Retakes	
10/26	Parent Night with Dr. Crystal Collier - "The Science of High-Risk Behavior"	6:00 p.m.
10/26	Fall Festival Ticket Pre-Orders Deadline	
10/28	PreK - Kinder Book Character Parade	
10/28	Spirit Rally for Red Ribbon Week	1:00 p.m. PK-2; 2:00 p.m. 3-5
10/28	All Fall Festival Ticket Pre-Orders delivered to students	
10/31	Reflections Entries Deadline	
11/4	PTA General Meeting (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
11/4	Fall Festival	3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Message from the Principal

- Fall Festival is Nov. 4!
 - Fall Festival at RCE is one of my favorite events. It is not only a fun time for our children, but it is also a great way to reconnect with staff and parents. There are so many ways that you can be a part of this fundraiser event. You can work in a booth, make a sweet treat for the cake walk, volunteer to clean up and buy lots of

tickets. Please join us on Friday, Nov. 4 from 3:30 - 7:00. There are many parents spending lots of hours to prepare for this fun event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact any of these chairmen.

Mary Dominguez - Marydominguez79@yahoo.com
Jay Mischon - jaymischon@aol.com
Kendall Barbles - kbarbles@gmail.com
Jenn Terveen - jterveen7@gamail.com

- PARENT CONFERENCES are scheduled for October 20 & 21. We will have NOON dismissal on both of these days. Sack lunches will be served that day for students who want to eat at school.

Donuts with Dads



Attention all Dads!!!

Join us **Friday, October 21st**, for a yummy breakfast with your child! Donuts, coffee and water will be served in the RCE cafeteria from **7:30 AM - 7:55 AM**.

If you have any questions you can email Loren Ottis at lorenottis@yahoo.com.

See you there!

Stuffed Animal Drive

Fall Festival Stuffed Animal Drive

A fun new addition to the festival this year will be a stuffed animal shop. Kids can buy stuffed animals big and small. This has been a big hit at other schools. Please send gently loved and clean stuffed animals to school for us to sell. Beanie boos, pillow pets etc. Clean out your closets...all sizes welcome! Look for collection bins near confetti egg drops by library, bus drive, etc.

Collection through Nov 1. Thank you!

Thank You!

A HUGE shout out goes to 3 awesome moms who took time out of their day to organize the Primary Literacy Libraries. The space looks AMAZING! Thank you ladies for taking the time to help us out.

Kendell Barbles
Mary Kathryn Aston

Laurie Davis

Another shout out to Phoebe Katterhenry for helping in another Primary Literacy Library with labeling books and boxes - putting the books in ABC order and placing labels on the boxes to make it easier to shelve and locate new and old readers.

Thank you to these amazing moms for all of their help!

Library Link

Book Fair is scheduled for **October 17th - 20th**. We will be open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 - 3:00 pm. On Monday evening we will be open from 5:30 - 7:30 for your late night shopping. On Friday we will be open from 7:15 - 8:15 for Donuts with Dad. Consider doing some of your Holiday Shopping at the Rummel Creek Book Fair. Flyers with some of the titles available will be coming home next week.

Author Bruce Coville, who has a new book coming out this fall, will be visiting Rummel Creek on **November 15th** for **grades 3, 4 & 5**. This author presentation has been coordinated through Blue Willow Book Shop. Books will be for sale through Blue Willow for autographing. This will be a great afternoon for grades 3, 4 & 5!

The **Primary Reading Program** is off to a good start. Keep reading and recording your books through October. Make sure to have your form in the library by **October 31st**. Can you find your name on the Wall of Honor? Find your scoop in the library windows off the main hallway

Parents feel free to come and check out books for your child and learn about the On-line Resources and e-books available to your child. (During book fair is a great time for a demonstration of the on-line resources.) Students are able to log in to Destiny and read e-books using the standard school log in. Rummel Creek's website - <http://rce.springbranchisd.com> then click on Library and you'll have access to all kinds of resources. Passwords are available at the circ desk (and on a form sent home in September)

Thank you PTA for supporting technology at Rummel Creek. Soon we will have new chrome books for grades 4 & 5. It is your support for the students that makes a HUGE difference in what Rummel Creek can provide for the students. Thank you so much for giving funds to the Library and Technology. It is appreciated!!!!

Counselor's Corner

"Success Week" at RCE October 10th - 14th

As part of SBISD's commitment to focusing on and preparing our students for post-secondary educational opportunities (the district's goal of T-2-4), this week, **October 10th -14th**, is designated as "**Success Week**". We invite RCE students to celebrate "**Success Week**" by participating in the following activities:

Thursday, Oct. 13th -"Our future is so bright we have to wear shades" - Wear sunglasses as a reminder of setting goals and

focusing on achieving those goals.

Friday, Oct. 14th - "Hats Off to College" - Wear a college hat to show your college spirit.

Stratford Tailgate Party

THE SPARTANS ARE

Calling You!

TO JOIN THE CLASS OF 2017 FOR A

TAILGATE FUNDRAISER
BEFORE THE BIG GAME
VS MEMORIAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH * 5:00–6:30 PM
SHS FRONT PARKING LOT (FERN SIDE)

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY WITH MUSIC, GAMES &
FACE PAINTING

COME OUT FOR A PREGAME MEAL WITH YOUR
STRATFORD COMMUNITY - FOOD, DRINKS, SHAVED
ICE, DESSERTS AND SHS SPIRIT WEAR SALES
BENEFITTING PROJECT PROM



PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TO 2017 PROJECT PROM

Fall Festival Ticket Sales



FALL FESTIVAL TICKET SALES!!!

PRE-ORDERS FOR FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS WILL BE MADE
ONLINE ONLY THIS YEAR!

PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO ORDER TICKETS!

<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/rce-pta-fall-festivalraffle-ticket-order-form/>

All pre-orders are due no later than **Wednesday, October 26th**!

Questions??? Email Mary Dominguez -
marydominguez79@yahoo.com.

Fall Festival Confetti Egg Contest

Fall Festival is right around the corner and that can only mean one thing. It's time to get ready for the...



Confetti Egg Contest!

Collection Time: October 10th through November 3rd
Festival Date: Friday, November 4th

The 2 classes with the most points will win a Class Prize!

Scoring points is easy! Here's how you can help your classroom earn points and win:

- 3 points for each carton of eggs stuffed with confetti
- 3 points for each \$5 donation.

Cash and checks are accepted.

Place Cash donations in an envelope with your teachers name and grade level. Check, please make it payable to Connie Wong, include your teacher's name and grade level on the memo

If you choose to save your own egg shells please follow these simple directions.

1. Gently tap the fat end of the egg with a knife and make a small hole. With your fingers break off a little more until you have a hole about the size of a quarter.
2. Shake gently to remove the egg. After you empty the egg out, rinse the egg thoroughly and let it dry in the carton.
3. Make sure the egg is completely dry then fill the egg $\frac{1}{4}$ full with confetti. Put a little glue around the opening and place the tissue paper on top or just stuff the tissue paper into the hole so the confetti doesn't come out.
4. When you have a full carton of shells, write your teacher's name and grade on the carton and deposit the carton in a Confetti Egg Box at school. The boxes are located inside the Parent Drive door, the Bus drive door, and at the Office.

No amount is too small or too large!!

If you are purchasing the Confetti Eggs at the stores, please purchase ASAP. The Confetti Eggs are in high demand with other surrounding school collecting.

Questions? Contact Connie Wong at Connie@SoldByConnieWong.com

Spring Branch Education Foundation Gala/Raffle Tickets for Sale

This year's **Spring Branch Education Foundation's (SBEF) Winter Wonderland Gala** will be held on **Saturday, November 19th**, at the Omni Riverway. Please get your tables together and plan to attend this fun evening filled with games, Big Board, Live Auction, dinner and dancing. All proceeds directly benefit Spring Branch ISD.

Whether or not you attend, you can support the gala and SBEF with the purchase of a raffle ticket. For **\$100/ticket**, you'll be entered for a chance to win a trip for two (2) of your choice from the following three (3) options:

1. **Jamaica All-Inclusive:** 5-night stay at Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall (family friendly) or Hyatt Rose Hall (adults-only)
2. **Canadian Fairmont Stay:** 4-night stay in a Junior Suite at Select Canadian Fairmonts located in Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, or Ontario
3. **U.S. Open Tennis Championship:** 3-night stay in New York with 2 tickets (Promenade level 300, upgrade optional) to the Men's and Women's Finals, as well as a \$150 American Express gift card.

Only 150 tickets will be sold, and you **do not** need to be present to win! Tickets are going fast and will likely sell out before the gala. Please contact Susan Marks, sgmarks@comcast.net or 713-248-1294, if you are interested in purchasing a ticket or would like more details about the gala or SBEF. I am pleased to serve as the SBEF Liaison for RCE and welcome your questions and feedback.

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.

Reflections Contest

EXPRESS

YOUR ARTISTIC TALENT!
WITH PTA REFLECTIONS



DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY



LITERATURE



FILM
PRODUCTION



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL
ARTS



MUSICAL
COMPOSITION

REFLECT ON THE THEME, CREATE AN ORIGINAL WORK, BE RECOGNIZED

2016-2017 THEME:

Enter ONE or ALL! Rummel Creek Elementary Reflections Contest

- Find Guidelines and Entry Forms [HERE!](#)
- Deliver Entries NO LATER than October 31, 2016.
- Turn in Entries to Front Office.
- Contact: Kristen Jurek
kkiurek@aol.com



@TEXAS PTA



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[Click here for Rules](#)

[Click here for Entry Form](#)

Free Money

You're shopping anyway—
make some **FREE MONEY** for RCE while you're doing it!

It just takes a few minutes to set up. Here's how!



The AmazonSmile Foundation donates **0.5%** of your purchases of products eligible for AmazonSmile.

1. Go to smile.amazon.com.
2. Designate RCE as your charity (listed as PTA Texas Congress 5216 Rummel Creek Elementary)
3. Shop as you normally do!
4. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile Donation" on their product detail pages—which will be most of the items you buy!

REMEMBER

Be sure to ALWAYS start your shopping session from smile.amazon.com so that RCE will receive the donations.



Kroger's Community Rewards program earns money for RCE every time you shop.

1. To link your Kroger Plus Card to RCE's Community Rewards number, go to kroger.com and Sign In to your account, or Register a new account.
2. Choose Account Settings, then Account Summary.
3. Under "Plus Card and Alt ID" Enter your Kroger Plus Card Number.
4. Under "Community Rewards."
5. Choose Rummel Creek Elementary School PTA or use our number **83616**.
6. Use your Kroger Plus Card every time you shop!

PLEASE NOTE

You must re-enroll your Community Rewards designation each year!



Randall's Food Neighbor Program donates to RCE **1%** of your total grocery purchases every time you shop and use your Remarkable Card.

1. Link RCE's Charity Number to your Remarkable Card by filling out Randall's Good Neighbor Program Form—attached below.
2. Under Charity#, enter 507 for RCE.
3. Turn in your form at the Customer Service Desk.
4. Use your Remarkable Card every time you shop!



Office Depot Office Max donates **5%** back in credits for free supplies for RCE!

1. When you purchase qualifying items in-store at Office Depot or OfficeMax, provide RCE's Back to School ID number 70098165 at checkout.
2. Or use RCE's ID number for purchases online at officedepot.com. Once you submit your order you will get the option on the next screen to enter the RCE's Back to School ID number.

TIP: Keep RCE's ID# in your phone!



Instantly turn pictures of your shopping receipts into donations for your school!

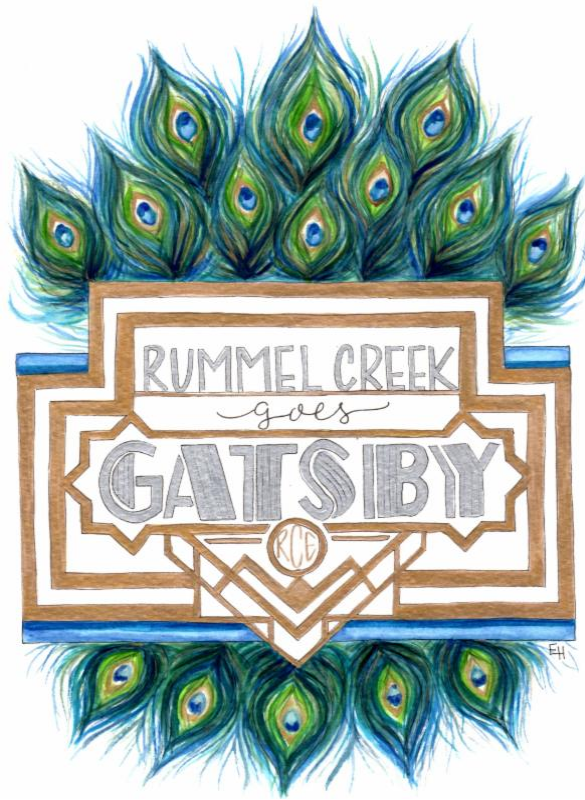
Become a Shoparoo and earn "Roo Points" for cash donations to RCE.

1. Download the Shoparoo app on your phone.
2. Shop.
3. Take photos of your receipts through the Shoparoo app to earn Roo Points.
4. Roo Points turn into cash donations for RCE!

For more information, visit shoparoo.com.

[Click here for the Randalls form](#)

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!!

RCE Bike Brigade

RCE BIKE BRIGADE KID PICS WANTED

Mrs. Harn is allowing us to use one of the walls in the hallway to promote Bike Brigade. We have two themes we want to do so we need your pictures and comments.

So please send us pics of your kids on their bikes with their backpacks on. We need pictures if your kids ride their bikes every day to school, or if they just started to ride to school this year.

Please make sure you give us the kids' names and which one of the two categories they fall into. Please send to csholmes1@yahoo.com or post them on the RCE BIKE BRIGADE page on Facebook.