

PTA NEWS

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Join Our Mailing List!

Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Fall Festival is just around the corner, on November 4th from 3:30-7:30. Lots of information will be coming down in the next couple of weeks about all the different ways you can support and participate in Fall Festival! Please be sure to read the Flash and any other communications you receive as well as refer to the PTA website and FB to make sure you know all the info! **Only one more week** to pre-order your Fall Festival tickets, **online ONLY** this year. See information below for details and link.

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(s) | Event | Time |
|----------|---|---------------------------------|
| 10/20-21 | Book Fair (library) | |
| 10/20 | Pre-K to Pumpkin Patch | |
| 10/20-21 | Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences | 12:00 p.m. |
| 10/21 | Donuts with Dads (Outdoor Learning Center - courtyard outside library) - Book Fair opens at 7:15 a.m. | 7:30 a.m. |
| 10/24-28 | Red Ribbon Week (details below) | |
| 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 (online at rcepta.com) | |
| 10/28 | PreK - Kinder Book Character Parade | |
| 10/28 | Spirit Rally for Red Ribbon Week (special guest appearance) | 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 | |
| 11/1-3 | Purchase Fall Festival Tickets/Enter Tickets for Raffle | During lunch |
| 11/1 | Fall Festival Stuffed Animal Drive Deadline (details below) | |
| 11/3 | Fall Festival Confetti Egg Collection Deadline (details below) | |
| 11/3 | Pumpkins due for Fall Festival Pumpkin Decorating Contest (details below) | 8:15 a.m. |
| 11/4 | PTA General Meeting (kiva) | 9:00 a.m. |
| 11/4 | Fall Festival | 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. |

Message from the Principal

- 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 Outdoor Learning Center (courtyard outside library) from **7:30 AM - 7:55 AM**.

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

See you there!

Fall Festival Ticket Sales

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT FOR PRE-ORDERS!!!



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.

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!

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

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Fall Festival Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Contest Rules

Date: Pumpkins must be brought to school by Thursday, November 3rd in the parent drive or bus drop-off. Judging will take place that day by 10:00 a.m.

Where: All pumpkins will be on display and for sale during the Rummel Creek Fall Festival. Pumpkins entered into the contest will not be returned. All proceeds go to Rummel Creek Elementary!

Pumpkins must be labeled with child's name and grade.
There is no size limit.

NO CARVED PUMPKINS PLEASE!

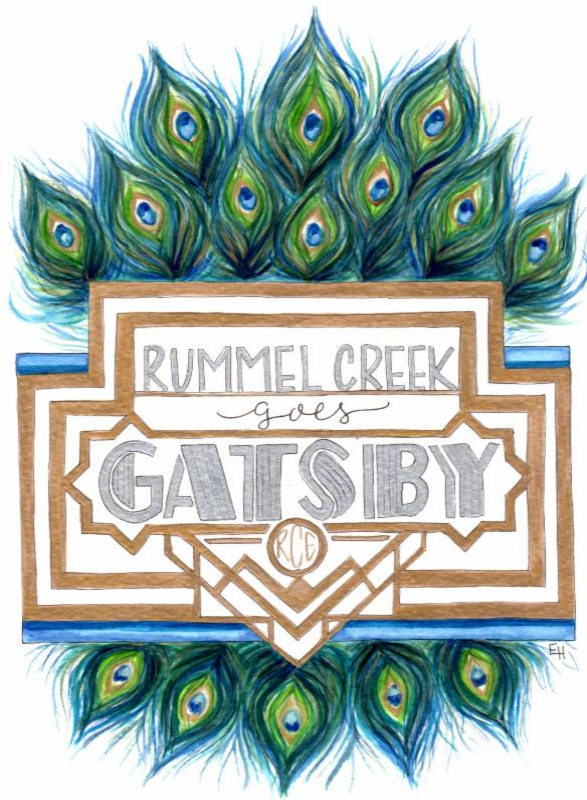
There will be an overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner

Categories by each grade level:

Most Original Funniest

Scariest Overall Best





Rummel Creek Goes Gatsby!

This year Rummel Creek's auction theme is "RCE Goes Gatsby"! We invite you to join us to support Rummel Creek, as this exciting fundraiser is held every two years and is the foundation of RCE's PTA budget for the next two years.

The success of our school has always been attributed to its community support. Rummel Creek could not continue to operate in the way it does without YOU! Rummel Creek uses the proceeds from this evening to directly pay for all supplemental and constrained budget items, which provide a thriving environment for our kids to learn and grow in. This fundraiser also allows our school to provide enhancements above and beyond what the district is affording us, such having the ability to pay for technology, building enhancements, teachers' aides and specialists.

With our district being a Robin Hood/Recapture District, our tax money barely impacts our school. More importantly, SBISD is faced with huge budgeting challenges, such as the increase in recapture funds, in which collected tax money is required to go back to the state throughout the next few years (\$33 million in 2016, \$66 million in 2017 and \$99 million in 2018). This means our school will increasingly rely on PTA funds to keep our exceptional education ranking above the level we expect for our kids.

Rummel Creek is depending on all community families to contribute and participate in this exciting fundraiser. Our hopes and goals are to make this event the most lucrative fundraiser for our incredible school, all while having fun and supporting Rummel Creek.

For a full list of all the items our PTA sponsors, please visit www.rcepta.com.

For more information on Robin Hood and where your tax dollars go, please visit www.springbranchspeaks.com.

How can you help?

- SAVE THE DATE: February 11, 2017 at the Westin Memorial City.
- Donate an item or solicit others you know that have something to donate! (i.e. trips, high valued items, experiences, stadium/venue suites or tickets...you name it, we need it) Donating is as simple as one click: <http://rcepta.com/auction/auction-donor-form/>
- Sign up to host a children's and/or adult party, which are some of the highest fundraising items of the evening.
- Donate wine or liquor for the Wine Raffle and/or Wine and Liquor Pull.
- Contribute to the grade level baskets or help with your child's class art project when requested.
- Read the Flash, like our Facebook Page (RCE Auction) to stay informed on this exciting event!

Have questions regarding RCE Goes Gatsby? Contact one of the Auction Chairs:

- Ashley Marshall (ashleyk.marshall@yahoo.com)
- Margo Kaplan (margomkaplan@gmail.com)
- Kelley Phillips (kellyhphillips@gmail.com)
- Joanna Graham (joannagraham77@yahoo.com)

Library Link

Book Fair continues this week though Friday. We will be open Thursday from 7:30 - 3:00 pm. 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.

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

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 24-28th

Each fall during Red Ribbon Week, communities around the country unite to educate children about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. This year's national Red Ribbon Week theme is YOLO - You Only Live Once...Be Drug Free!!!!

Additionally, Rummel Creek Elementary wants to emphasize the importance of making healthy choices, staying positive, and focusing on the future!

Please encourage your RCE Roadrunner to participate in the following dress up themes and remind them YOLO!!!!!!

#YOLO

Be Drug Free

#YOUONLYLIVEONCE

Monday- 10/24

Wear RED to school to kick off the week!
#YOLO

Tuesday- 10/25

Wear cRAZy socks to
'Sock it to Drugs!'

Wednesday- 10/26

Wear your favorite Halloween shirt to
'Say "BOO" to drugs!'
*Parent evening with Dr. Crystal Collier at 6pm

Thursday- 10/27

Wear a cap or hat to
'Use your head, don't do drugs!'

Friday- 10/28

Wear your favorite Texans or team shirt/jersey to
'Team up against drugs'
*Special guest at the Spirit Rally on Friday!

A graphic for Red Ribbon Week featuring a red ribbon shape on the left and a white banner on the right with the text "Red Ribbon Week" in red.

Red Ribbon Week

Parent Evening With Dr. Crystal Collier

Wednesday, October 26th

6:00 p.m.

RCE Library

In conjunction with Red Ribbon Week, we welcome **Dr. Crystal Collier, Director of the Behavioral Health Institute and Choices Prevention Program for the Council on Recovery**, to RCE next week for her presentation, **"The Science of High Risk Behavior"**. She will discuss how drugs and alcohol, as well as other high-risk behaviors such as technology or pornography, affect brain development, and will share practical advice on how you can help prevent children and adolescents from engaging in such risky behavior. Those who have seen her present before say this is a not to be missed parent session! Neighbors and friends in the community are welcome to attend as well.

Purchase Your 2017 Yearbook and Dedication Ads

It is not too late to order your 2017 RCE Yearbook! Orders can be placed online by going to Balfour.com, type in your school name and place your order using a debit or credit card. The Deadline to order a Yearbook is **3/31/17**.

Purchase your Dedication Ads today! It is quick and easy. A 1/8 Ad is \$20.00. Deadline to order your Ad is **1/15/2017**. You can order your Ad by following a few simple steps:

1. Visit balfour.com and Search for Rummel Creek.
2. Create an account (name, e-mail and password)
3. Enter student's first and last name, then click Create New Ad
4. Choose an ad design
5. Upload photos and design ad
6. Click Add to Cart and Checkout.

Questions? Email: rceyearbook@yahoo.com

WatchDOGS Needed for Election Day

WatchDogs, we need you to help with school hallway monitoring on election day Tuesday Nov 8th. You can work one of 2 three hour shifts either 8-11:30 or 11:30-3:15. This way you can also go to lunch with your kid while on campus.

Election day the school will be open for people to vote and we just want to add a layer of security in the hallways so that classes do not get disrupted.

If you want to volunteer please follow this link and sign up for Tuesday November 8th:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044dadaf23a31-welcome>

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@gmail.com



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[Click here for Rules](#)
[Click here for Entry Form](#)

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.

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](#)

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.