

PTA NEWS

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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Fall Festival is just around the corner, on November 4th from 3:30-7:30. There are many ways in which you can support and participate in Fall Festival, so be sure to read all the communications coming down. **We need LOTS of volunteers the week and day of Festival in order for it to be successful!**

Please visit the Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer to work the raffle during lunch next week, help set up/clean up on Friday, or to work a one hour shift during the Festival. We can't do it without you!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49afa92aa2ff2-fall2>

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
10/26	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

- Last Friday, first grade parents and George Christie provided the staff with a delicious Hamburger/Grilled Chicken sack lunch. It was just perfect as our staff was still involved with Parent/Teacher Conferences. We were able to eat when we had time and it was a delicious way to end the week.
- Donuts with Dad turned out to be a huge success. Loren Ottis did a great job organizing this event. We had a big turn-out of Dads and a few helper moms. The weather was perfect and

students loved eating donuts with their fathers. Thanks to everyone that helped make this event go well.

Message from the Assistant Principal

New Assistants at RCE

This year, we are fortunate to have some new assistants at Rummel Creek. Please be on the lookout and welcome them when you see them!

Matt Reynolds - Health Fitness
Carrie Cook - PreK (Mrs. Smith's class)
Leslie Latiolais - part-time receptionist

Counselor's Corner

HALLOWEEN CAN BE SCARY!!!

We all know kids that start planning their Halloween costumes a year in advance. While they may change their minds over and over again, they are in the Halloween spirit from preparation through celebration. These are kids that enjoy wearing masks and make-up, planning their trick o' treat destinations and themed costume ideas with friends, and attending parades and parties. But not every child enjoys Halloween festivities. For many children, traumatized or not - it can be a stressful time.

- Not all children like to dress up in costumes or see others dressed up in costumes. Some may perceive costumes as itchy, hot, tight and just downright uncomfortable. Some children view costumes that cover up the way a person normally looks with too much make-up or a mask as frightening and unsettling. Depending upon the child's age and experiences, it can be difficult for them to understand the difference between real and fantasy.

Normalize these reactions for children. Tell them it is okay to NOT dress up and NOT wish to see others in their costumes. Do not force them to do either and never imply that they are "no fun" or "ruining it" for others if they don't want to participate.

- Parties and parades are filled with sensory inputs: sounds, sights, smells and tastes that can overwhelm an already anxious child.

Pay attention to how the child reacts in these situations and be ready to get them away from the celebration if it becomes too much for them. Never say things to make them feel like they "don't know how to have fun." Instead, acknowledge and normalize the over-stimulation and move to another place or activity without making a big deal about leaving.

Whatever your family decides to do for Halloween, have fun and be safe!

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!

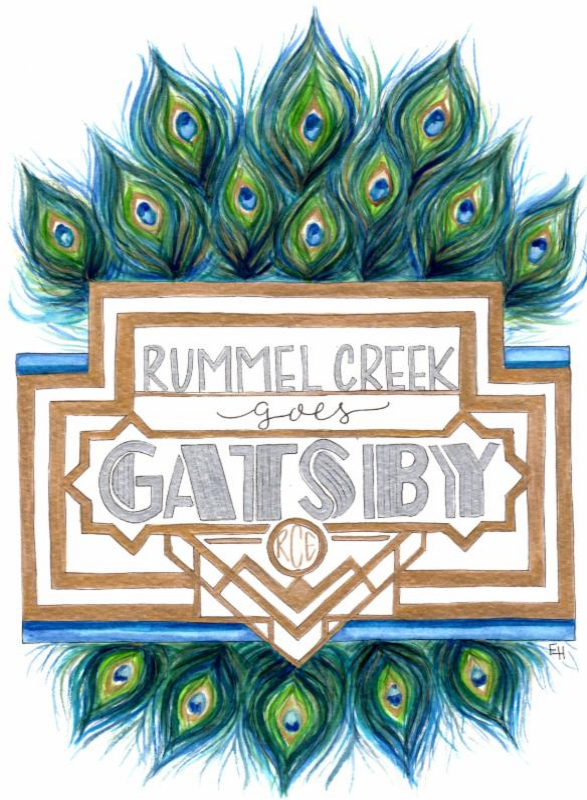
There will be an overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner

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)

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- SIGN UP TODAY THERE ARE ONLY 6 SPOTS AVAILABLE TIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

If you want your day as a WatchDog before the end of the year there are only 6 available spots left. So click this link, find your available date and sign up NOW!!

Also we still need WatchDogs for Election day on Tuesday November 8th. You can pick either 8-11:30am or 11:30-3:15, either way bring your lunch and spend some time with your kids then help monitor the hallways and keep our school safe and show a WatchDog presence.

<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](#)

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.