

PTA NEWS

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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Hope to see everyone at the annual RCE Fall Festival on Friday from 3:30 - 7:30. The chairs and their amazing team have put in countless hours to make the first Fall Festival in our new building THE BEST EVER!! This is always one of the kids' favorite events of the year, and it is our largest annual fundraiser. **We are still in need of volunteers to work one-hour shifts from 5:30-7:30.** Please visit the Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer. Moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, and even adult siblings are all welcome to help. We can't do it without the help of our awesome community!
<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 so you never miss out!

Date(s)	Event	Time
11/3	Pumpkin Decorating Contest Pumpkins Due (details below)	8:15 a.m.
11/3-4	Purchase Fall Festival Tickets/Enter Tickets for Raffle	During lunch
11/4	Fall Festival Cake Walk donations due (drop off in carpool)	8:15 a.m.
11/4	PTA General Meeting (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
11/4	Fall Festival	3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
11/8	Spirit Night at Chick Fil A	
11/15	GT Parent Ed Session: "The Very Long Road to OK" by Stacia Taylor (Administration Bldg. board room)	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
11/18	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
11/19	SBEF Gala at the Omni	
11/22	PTA Staff Appreciation - Thanksgiving Pies for Staff	
11/23-25	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday	
11/29	Nutcracker Dress Rehearsals	
11/30	Nutcracker	6:00 p.m.
12/2	PTA General Meeting (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
12/6	5th Grade to Symphony	
12/6	Auction Kick-Off Party at Elaine Turner City Centre	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
12/7	RCE Choir Performs at Zoo Lights	7:00 and 8:00 p.m.
12/9	4th Grade to Austin	5:45 a.m.
12/15	PTA Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange for Staff	
12/16	Spirit Rally	8:45 a.m. PK-2 9:45 a.m. 3-5
12/16	Holiday Parties	10:00 a.m. PK-2 11:00 a.m. 3-5

#RCEFF

**RCE has its own Hashtag for Fall Festival.
Make sure to hashtag all your photos on Friday!**

#RCEFF

Fall Festival Food!



Come hungry to Fall Festival! We have some new items this year including roasted corn, sausage on a stick, Tiff's Treats and Carrabbas. There will be the traditional favorites as well like Matt Pyle Barbecue, Reginelli's Pizza, Chick Fil A, Caliente, cotton candy and snow-cones. Can't wait to see you Friday!

Library News

Book Fair - Thank you for a most amazing Book Fair. We are able to purchase a binding machine to repair books in the library and for teachers. We also purchased books for the library. We have one author scheduled for November for intermediate grades. A second author is in the works for January. Additional MakerSpaces are in the works for the students to explore as well. Thank you for supporting the Library and its programs.

Author Visit on Wednesday, November 15th. We will be having Bruce Colville for grades 3, 4 & 5. Blue Willow is working with us to make this visit possible. Be watching for information about ordering an autographed book!

Student Council - Oh my, what a great food drive for our Sister School Sherwood. Fourth Grade did a great job of collecting and sorting. Thank you so much for supporting the Fourth Grade Student Council Food Drive.

Fifth Grade Student Council is planning their drive.

Details will be coming home soon. It's wonderful to watch these students in action as they make a difference in the world!

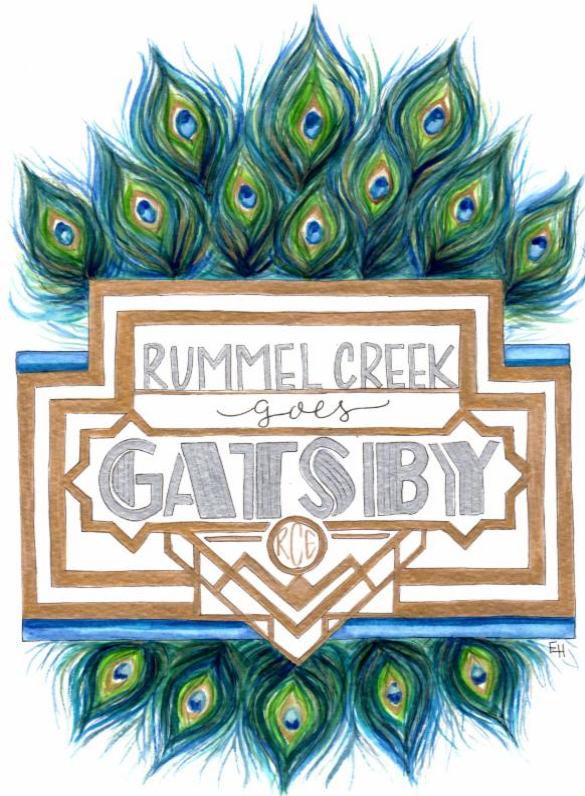
Soctober - Jacob Baker's Soctober has also been a great success. Not only did Rummel Creek students bring socks, but also students from Stratford. Thank you for making a difference and supporting Jacob Baker!

Primary Reading Club Ice Cream Forms were due on October 31st. We will order books and plan the celebrations during November. The Celebrations for students will be the last week of school in December.

For the months of November and December the Library Learning Commons will be a MakerSpace - November will be for creativity and December for Coding. More information will be coming on times parents can join their children in exploring these fun activities.

Thank you for supporting the RCE Library Learning Commons and its programs. Parent support makes opportunities happen.

RCE Goes Gatsby - February 11th



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 (kelleyhphillips@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 Needed for Election Day



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>

GT Parent Ed Session:
"The Very Long Road to Okay"

Presented by C. Stacia Taylor
parent of Gifted and Twice-Exceptional Children

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016
6-7 pm at Admin Building**

Stacia is a parent of three gifted children who have taken different paths in life. She will share her struggles and triumphs in parenting these exceptional individuals.

To RSVP, click [here](#) and reply with **Long Road** in subject line.

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.