

PTA NEWS

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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Please visit www.rcepta.com often and be sure to like the "Rummel Creek Elementary" and "RCE Auction" 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!

9/30	Deadline for 5th Grade Yearbook Photos	See below
10/6	General PTA Meeting - Special Presentation by Katherine Dawson and Chris Gonzalez, SBISD Board of Trustees, regarding school finance and the recapture issue affecting SBISD (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
10/7	District Deadline for GT Referrals - no exceptions (Since we do not have school on 10/7 best to complete by 10/6.)	
10/7	NO SCHOOL for RCE students - Staff Development	
10/10	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day	
10/10-14	SBISD "Success Week"	See below
10/13	Kindergarten to Dewberry Farms	
10/17-21	Book Fair (library) - Late night on Monday, October 17th	
10/18	Spirit Night at Reginelli's	
10/20	Pre-K to Pumpkin Patch	
10/20-21	Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences	12:00 p.m.
10/21	Donuts with Dads (cafeteria)	7:30 a.m.

Message From the Principal

Thank You

Last Friday, our entire staff was treated to a yummy Zoe's lunch followed by some fantastic desserts. This was such a great way to end the week and all of us felt like we had been treated like royalty. Thanks to the Kindergarten parents for this special lunch. Some of our staff even won door prizes! Kudos to these ladies for serving as our hostesses- Audra Mayre, Jordan Maedgen, Nia Watson, Suzanne Jackson and Kim Holz.

Safety First

Safety is a top priority at Rummel Creek. Recently, we have gotten a lot of calls and emails about safety concerns that are occurring upon arrival and dismissal each day. Please read the following guidelines and suggestions. These are in place to make sure no one gets hurt on the way to school!

1. There is no student drop off on Brittmooore. If you intend to drive your child to school, you must go through parent drive.
2. When turning into RCE from Brittmooore, please take turns while you pull in. There have been complaints that drivers are not letting other drivers through and some are cutting in line.
3. Many drivers have been running the red light at Memorial and

Brittmoore. If you child is walking or biking to school, remind them to pay extra close attention and follow the direction of the crossing guard.

4. There is no student drop off in the staff parking lot in the morning. Buses are in and out starting at 7:30. It is not safe for children to cross the parking lot.

5. If you come to school to walk your children home, please meet your kids by the flagpole. Once you are reunited with your child, please start walking home. Avoid standing and visiting in areas that block parent drive access. There has been a lot of foot traffic that is keeping us from loading cars in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

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!

<http://rcepta.com/fall-festivalraffle-ticket-order-form>

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

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

Make Money for RCE While You Shop!

Thank you RCE Community for signing up with our community partners, like Randall's, Kroger, Amazon, and Shoparoo to make EASY money for RCE as you shop. These are valued community partners who give back to our school for the dollars we spend doing what we are already doing, shopping! And, the best part is it is super easy to register!

REMINDER: Some programs require you to re-enroll every year!

[Click here for the flyer](#) that includes more detailed information on registering for these programs!

5th Grade Yearbook Pictures - Deadline Is This Friday!

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS:

The yearbook committee needs to collect two photos of your 5th grader. The two pictures will be featured as a collage along with their current 5th grade picture in the school yearbook.

Picture 1 - your child as a baby (less than 2 years old)

Picture 2 - their first year at Rummel Creek OR age 4 and up (before 5th grade)

They should be the best quality jpeg format (digital copy, no less than 1 MB).

Please save the photo file by:

-child's first name, last name, and their teacher's last name.

Please email the two pictures of your 5th grader by **Friday, September 30**, to rceyearbook@yahoo.com, subject: 5th grader baby pictures

OR

Submit using smartphone app: Balfour Image Share, Project Code: 727356, Password: rce.

Understanding the School Finance Crisis

Thursday, October 6th

9:00 a.m.

RCE Kiva

Our local property values are rising sharply, and as taxpayers we are writing ever larger checks to SBISD. But there is actually less money to spend on our children because of "recapture" payments to the State of Texas and reductions in state education funding. In 2016, SBISD paid \$33 million to the state in recapture payments, in 2017 that amount doubles to \$66 million, and our projected 2018 payment will be over \$90 million. Want to find out more about recapture, how it's affecting SBISD, and HOW YOU CAN HELP? Join us at the next PTA meeting when **Katherine Dawson, former RCE parent and SBISD Board of Trustees Secretary, and Chris Gonzalez, Trustee**, will share a special presentation regarding the issue of school finance and recapture and what it means for SBISD now and for the future.

Counselor's Corner

"Success Week" at RCE

October 10th - 14th

As part of SBISD's commitment to focusing and preparing our students for post-secondary educational opportunities (the district's goal of T-2-4), the week of **October 10th -14th** is designated as "**Success Week**" in SBISD.

A fun week of activities emphasizing careers and post-secondary education will be highlighted at Rummel Creek as well as in all schools in our district during this week.

We invite you to share your experiences of your post-secondary education with your children. You may have attended and/or graduated from a college or university, a junior college, a trade/technical school or a

specialized school such as the Police Academy. You may also have had special seminars or on the job trainings since you have started your career. Please take the time to share with your children your memories and experiences of your education and training following high school. At the same time, share with them your hopes for their future education and careers.

Please join us in emphasizing the importance of post high school education by talking to your children about attending colleges/specialized schools and supporting our various activities as we celebrate "**Success Week**" at RCE.

Monday, Oct. 10th - No School - Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 11th - "**Setting Goals Tuesday**" - Teachers will show the brainpop "Setting Goals" clip to emphasize the SMART way of making goals (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time bound)
<https://www.brainpop.com/english/studyandreadingskills/settinggoals/>

Wednesday, Oct. 12th - "**College Rocks!**" - Wear a college shirt or college jersey, and talk with your teacher about their college experiences. Teachers may share their diploma or talk about their most memorable college experience.

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

Library Link

A few updates from the library...

- Book Fair is coming **October 17th-21st**. We'll be open during school hours that week. Late night is **Monday, October 17th**. The RCE Singers will perform and we'll have student art on display. More information will be coming soon.
- Parents are welcome to check out books from the Rummel Creek Library - drop by one day and take books you want your child to read. Our goal is to get books in your child's hands. Along with books for children, we have a large Parent section with books on how to support your child at school. Drop by and see what we have to offer.
- We have access to online books and resources. Please check out the Library Link from the RCE home page (<http://rce.springbranchisd.com>) or drop by the library for assistance. We have a nice collection of ebooks and e-resources for all.
- Send your Box Tops for Education to the library. Student Council has started and they are ready to cut and get labels ready for submission.

The RCE Library Learning Commons is here to provide for the learning needs of your children, please feel free to drop by!

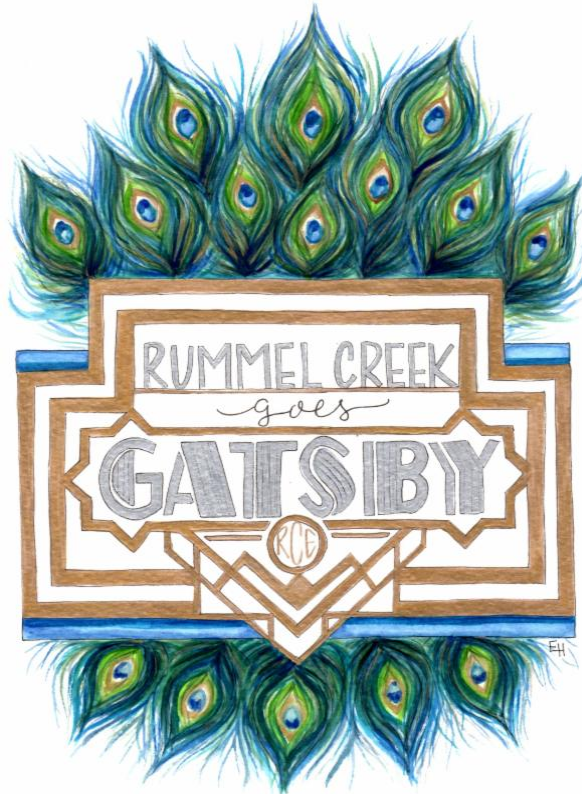
Wednesday, October 26th

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.

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!!

Life Events Committee

Did you know that RCE has a "Life Events" committee, a mighty army of Roadrunners who are ready to support and assist when there is a need in our community? If your family is dealing with a life event (birth, adoption, illness, loss of a loved one, etc.) we have a family of friends ready to help -

be it meals, prayers, carools, assistance with childcare, etc. Confidentially email our team at lifeyventsRCE@gmail.com.

We currently have a family in need in our community, and the Life Events committee needs your assistance. Please like and follow the "RCE Life Events Team" FB page for more information or contact Ann-Margaret Dudley, adudley@mlaglobal.com, or Chris Holmes, csholmes1@yahoo.com, if you'd like to help!

WATCH DOGS - Sign Up Now!



Do you plan to be a WatchDog? A quick review shows only about 15 volunteer spots available between now and the end of this year. Do not fret though as we have about 100 volunteer slots open in the spring, starting in January. But get yours ASAP, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

[Click here](#) to sign up NOW.

Please remember to get your WHITE with large WD logo Official WATCH D.O.G.S.® Uniform Short Sleeve T-Shirt before you volunteer.

[Click here](#) to order.

Also, make sure to register with SBISD as a volunteer. YOU **CAN NOT** BE A WATCHDOG IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS.

[Click here](#) to register.

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