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Quick Look at Important Info and Dates

Reminders:

The Big Form is due **Friday, September 9**. On the Big Form, you can:

- Join the PTA!
- Contribute to the underwriting campaign
- Purchase directories and yearbooks
- Reserve a spot for your child's birthday on the marquee
- Volunteer! Lots of great opportunities still available!

Our goal this year is to have 100% of our families join PTA as well as participate in the underwriting campaign at whatever level you're able!

<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/the-pta-big-form/>

If you've already filled out a Big Form but want to do more, you can complete another Big Form.

Purchase spirit wear online by **September 9**. Be sure to take a look at the new merchandise being offered this fall!

<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/spirit-wear-fall-201617/>

You must either **confirm or enter your family's data** in the My School Anywhere database in order to **be included in the 16-17 RCE directory**. The deadline to appear in the printed hard copy of the directory is **September 9th**. Please be sure to also select your child's homeroom teacher from the dropdown box. Use the join code RCEFAM or click on the link: <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/new-family.a5w?fam=RummelCreekElementary44268>

Any questions, please contact Heather Willard (thewillardfamily@att.net) or Jordan Maedgen (jkmaedgen@gmail.com).

Register to volunteer. All volunteers must register and gain approval before starting volunteer service each year. If you were approved to volunteer during the 2015-16 school year, your status is valid until **October 1, 2016**. After that point, all returning volunteers need to be re-registered and approved for the 2016-17 school year. If you plan to attend field trips, help with class parties, be a Mystery Reader, help in the library, etc. then you **MUST** do this!

<https://volunteer.springbranchisd.com>

Visit the PTA website, www.rcepta.com, to familiarize yourself with information that can be found there, including updated information on events happening at RCE, and be sure to like both the "Rummel Creek

Important Dates:

Did you know you can sync the PTA Calendar/Events with your own online calendar and never forget or miss out on a PTA event?

[Click here](#) to go to the calendar and select "Subscribe" at the bottom. Calendar events will automatically be added and updated in your own calendar!

9/1	First Day of SPIRAL (Thursdays this year)	
9/2	PTA Back to School Coffee/General Meeting (cafeteria)	9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Coffee 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Meeting
9/5	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day	
9/9	Big Form, Spirit Wear and Class Dues Deadlines	
9/13	Picture Day	
9/13	Spirit Night at Los Tios	
9/15	Back to School Night	5:30 - 6:30 p.m. PK-2 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 3-5
9/21	Scout Night	TBA
9/23	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
9/30	SBEF Style Show at Royal Sonesta	
10/3-7	GenTex Week	
10/5	PTA Executive Board Meeting (office conference room)	8:15 a.m.
10/6	General PTA Meeting (kiva)	9:00 a.m.
10/7	NO SCHOOL for RCE students - Staff Development	NOT ON DISTRICT CALENDAR
10/10	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day	

Message from the Principal

- The first week of school went better than we could have imagined. Students came in happy and ready to meet new friends. The staff and I are still loving being in this beautiful new building. It is a dream come true! Our fabulous PTA really made our staff feel appreciated with t-shirts, treats and even a first day of school take home dinner. RCE is a great place to learn and work!
- Our theme this year is 'Think Out Of The Box'. We will be challenging ourselves and our students to find even more ways to keep actively engaged and achieving more than we ever thought possible.
- Please mark your calendars for our **Back to School Night on Thursday, Sept. 15.**

From 5:30-6:30 Pre-K through 2nd grade parents will go hear from teachers in their classrooms. Then at 6:30, parents of 3rd - 5th grade students will meet with teachers. Because of the importance of the information that will be

shared, this will be an **'Adult Only' evening**. We hope all parents will be able to attend this event in order to set the stage for a successful year.

Reminders:

- NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - LABOR DAY!
- **The tardy bell rings at 7:55 am. Please try to arrive at school by 7:45 to give your child time to walk to class and not rush!**
- **Morning Parent Drive** - The patrols and teachers come in at 7:55. If you arrive after this time, you must park and come check your child into school late.
- Please do not leave children at school before 7:30 AM as no adults are on duty to monitor your children and it is not safe.
- All students should now be coming into the school by themselves. We do have a number of adults on duty in case they need assistance.

Nancy Harn
Principal @ Rummel Creek Elementary
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Welcome To Our New Staff

Rummel Creek has some new staff members that we are thrilled to introduce to you. Please help me in welcoming our new teachers to Rummel Creek.

Sarah Stagg - Music

My name is Sarah Stagg. I graduated from the Baylor School of Music in December of 2015. I grew up in SBISD attending Wilchester Elementary and Memorial Middle School before graduating from Houston Christian High School. I have always known that I wanted to be a teacher one day and in high school, I figured out that I wanted to teach music. After college and student teaching at Frostwood Elementary and Memorial High School, I was hired to be the Assistant Choir Director at MHS, a half time position, in the spring of 2016. After searching for just the right opportunity, the position opened at RCE and I am so happy to now be a part of the RCE family as well. I teach men's and women's beginning and intermediate choirs in the mornings at MHS and K-2 at RCE in the afternoons. These last few weeks have been wonderful but I must admit, a little crazy! I am so fortunate to work with amazing kids and faculty at both schools. I'm looking forward to an incredible year!

Laura Marshall - First Grade

I grew up just on the other side of town in Kingwood, lived in the Woodlands for several years and recently moved into the city! I studied Advertising and Marketing at the University of North Texas and spent a couple of years in corporate marketing. I then decided to follow my passion to work with children and haven't looked back a day. For the past several years I taught first grade in Conroe ISD at Ann K. Snyder Elementary. I couldn't be any more excited to be teaching first grade again this year at Rummel Creek! Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, volunteering, running, shopping and traveling. I enjoy doing anything creative and have an Etsy shop called DoodlingForDays.

Lindsay Gandolfo - Third Grade

My name is Lindsay Gandolfo, and I am so excited to be back at Rummel Creek. I attended this great school as a child and taught here from 2002-2007. In my 8 years of teaching, I have taught 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. And I am thrilled to be teaching 3rd grade again this year! I studied education at Texas A&M University and graduated with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. After a few years in the classroom, I continued my studies with a focus in school counseling at The University of St. Thomas. When I'm not at school, I am spending time with my three children! And in my spare time I love working on digital scrapbooks!!

Stephanie Roche - Fourth Grade

Hi Roadrunner Parents! My name is Stephanie Roche and I am the new 4th grade teacher. This is my second year teaching 4th grade. I moved to Rummel Creek from Conroe ISD in The Woodlands area. I graduated from The University of Texas in 2015 with a degree in Early Elementary Education. I knew I wanted to be a teacher since I was in 4th grade, and I love getting to do a job that I love! When I am not at school, I love traveling, reading, running and spending time with my family. I am looking forward to a great year at The Creek!

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Principal @ Rummel Creek Elementary

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Back to School Coffee and PTA Meeting

Please join us for the Back to School Coffee and 1st general PTA meeting of the year this Friday, September 2 at 9:00 in the cafeteria. At the coffee you can pay your class dues, sign up for secret pal, sign up for open classroom volunteer spots, as well as visit with some of the committees and clubs on campus, such as Hands On Science, Odyssey of the Mind, Auction, Fall Festival, etc. The PTA meeting will immediately follow at 9:30, and we will be voting to approve this year's budget.

Help Needed - Open PTA Positions

RCE relies on the help of MANY PTA volunteers to keep our traditions going, and we can't do it without YOU! We are still looking for a few good men and women to step up to chair some of our committees, including:

Grandparents/Special Friends Day

Recycling

Reflections - Chair Kristen Jurek would LOVE a co-chair/helper

Senior Walk

5th Grade Track Meet

If you're willing to lead any of these committees, or if you need more information, please contact Susan Marks (PTA President) at sgmarks@comcast.net or Caroline Bennett (1st VP - Committees) at carolinehbennett@hotmail.com. You can also indicate your interest on the Big Form (and thank you if you have already done so!)

Family Underwriting

Through the generosity of our families we are able to ensure an exceptional education for our students. Your **tax deductible** contributions fund FOUR staff positions, technology upgrades, new library resources, cultural programs and continuing education for our teachers. The fact that the PTA can support 4 staff positions (reading specialist, reading interventionist, math interventionist, and library assistant) through the generosity of our families is amazing! Let's continue the tradition of tremendous support for RCE to ready our kids and our school for success at the highest level.

<u>Recognition Level</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Platinum	\$1,500 and up
Gold	\$1,000-\$1,499
Silver	\$500-\$999
Bronze	\$250-\$499
Friend of Rummel Creek	\$100-\$249
Neighbor of Rummel Creek	\$50-\$99
Supporter of Rummel Creek	\$5-\$49

CONTRIBUTE NOW through the PTA BIG FORM!

If you accidentally skipped this on the Big Form, you can contribute online through the special [PTA Underwriting Form](#).

Company matching: Be sure to ask your employer if they match charitable contributions.

Questions or if you would prefer to pay by check, please contact Jacqueline Swilling at jrswilling@gmail.com.

School Supply Drive

School Supply Drive for Baton Rouge

The flooding in Baton Rouge has severely damaged several schools and displaced many students. In addition to finding temporary locations so that the students can begin their school year, they are greatly in need of school supplies and backpacks for all the displaced students. We will be collecting school supplies to send to these students. Several of our neighborhood families will be traveling back and forth delivering the supplies. If you're interested in helping out, please bring your donations any time between now and September 2nd and place them in the box in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

Counselor's Corner

The 2016-2017 credit by exam/exams for acceleration flyer and applications are attached. The fall administration window is October 3 - 7 and applications will be due September 7.

Here are a few reminders:

- Grade level advancement is only available for grade 1-8 students passing all four content area tests in October (80% minimum score on each exam), and only if the exams are administered online
- Single subject acceleration is only available in mathematics
- The link to the exam study guide is included on the flyer; please provide the flyer to all students submitting an application
- Late and incomplete applications will not be processed and students will need to wait until the next administration window to test; please check all applications before submitting them to insure all information has been completed
- All October/March exams will be administered at the student's home campus
- Exams are free for all SBISD enrolled students
- Applications may be submitted to [Jennifer Buchert](#), RCE Counselor

[Click here for more information on Credit by Examination.](#)

[Click here to download the application.](#)

WATCH D.O.G.S.

WATCHDOGS!!!! DADS, Sign Up NOW!!!!

RCE is excited to kick off this new program for the 2016-2017 school year to help dads become more involved in the daily routine of RCE.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement program offered by the National Center for Fathering in which Rummel Creek Elementary is enthusiastically adopting. This program focuses on safety and education by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures for a two-fold purpose: (1) to provide an unobtrusive fathering presence, and (2) to provide a positive and active role-model for students at the school. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and uncles are asked to spend at least one day at their student's school volunteering. They will support the school through monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance either working one-on-one or in small groups.

Here is a link to the national program that we have adapted to fit our RCE community

<http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/>

If you want more info on this program or you are ready to sign up for your day of volunteering at school please click this link and follow all directions.

<http://rcepta.com/2016/08/14/watch-d-o-g-s/>

Chris Holmes
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SBEF Style Show



FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

BENEFITTING SPRING BRANCH EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Featuring:



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PHOTOGRAPHY

&


ELAINE TURNER

Reception:
11 AM

**FRIDAY,
SEPT. 30**

Royal Sonesta Houston
2222 West Loop South

Lunch & Show:
12 PM

Register Online:

[HTTPS://SBEF.EJOINME.ORG/STYLESHOW](https://sbef.ejoinme.org/styleshow)
or See Attachment

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 2016

Co-chairs: Michelle Majewski & Suzanne Stiles
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