

Council Connections

Parents, Teachers, All of Us

Message from Our Council President

Welcome back everyone!!

So exciting to see everyone off to an awesome start and reaching new heights already! So much to be proud of and so much to celebrate! Texas PTA turned 110 too!! 110 years of #backingthefuture - Parents, Teachers, Students,... All of us Together! Yes, PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America!!

Our Mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. And our 53 Local PTAs are working hard every day to fulfill this mission in their own unique ways!! For example, our Cactus Ranch Elementary PTA has been in the news recently for their unique fundraising campaign that inspired a Culture of Kindness in Cactus Ranch Elementary and beyond! Berkman PTA is working on their 'MOB' (Men of Berkman), getting dads, grandpas, uncles and all men involved! Several of you have already earned some splendid awards and some who were struggling have now elected a full board, ready to rock the year! Such great success stories everywhere!!

Help us keep up the awesome work! We are looking to fill some positions on the Council PTA Executive Board. Let us know if you are interested in joining the best team! Shout out to the entire Council PTA Executive Board for helping all our local PTAs who are working hard, delivering magnificent results, winning awards, and making a difference!! You All Rock!!

Let's also express our gratitude to everyone working hard at our District office and all our schools for making our District the best School District! Let's celebrate our excellent District Leadership and everyone's generous support for all our PTAs, which makes this partnership incredibly successful!!

Together, with all our wonderful partners and entire dedicated PTA commYOUinity, there is no doubt this year is going to be #awesome!!!

Questions/Comments/Suggestions? Please let us know.

Thank you so much for all you do!!

-Snehal Phirke

RRISD Council of PTAs, President

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2019-20 Council PTA Executive Board Roster

Interested in filling an Open Position?
Contact our Council President at president@rrisdpta.org

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2019-20 Council PTA Officer Assignments

Have a question? Need Some help? We are here for you!

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Cedar Valley MS

Cedar Ridge HS

Deep Wood

Early College HS

Hopewell MS

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Chandler Oaks

Deerpark

Herrington

Pond Springs

Round Rock HS

Walsh MS

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GOALS

Laurel Mountain

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SUCCESS HS

Teravista

RROC



COUNCIL PTA PRIORITIES

- # 1 Support Local PTA Leaders
- #2 Conduct Business of the Council PTA
- #3 Promote PTA

BLUE = Title 1 Campus

Message from District Leadership

RRISD Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Steve Flores



People continue to flock to Round Rock ISD for a world-class education. Our educators are second to none and our students continue to post impressive accomplishments year after year. Already this year, 62 Round Rock ISD high school students have been named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. Some states don't boast that many! Also this year, Round Rock ISD has been named a District of Distinction by the Texas Art Education Association as an inaugural District of Distinction for its Visual Arts Program. The award honors school districts that are leading the way in the visual arts and have displayed outstanding leadership in promoting the arts in their district and community. And just this week, KVUE featured Round Rock ISD's dyslexia services, spotlighting our team's innovative and forward-thinking approaches.

We are proud of our accomplishments and, by extension, our growth. But we also know that growth brings challenges. Thanks to voter approval of Bond 2018, we are positioned to prepare for that growth.

Over the summer, we completed and launched many Bond projects related to safety and security, technology, capital renewal and replacement and athletics. Summer safety and security projects included the installation of surveillance cameras for portable classrooms and upgrades to campus visitor management systems, which are utilized at each school.

Technology projects included the refresh of student laptop carts and devices and campus and staff devices at various campuses. Fine arts classes will now have the opportunity to utilize technology in daily teaching and learning as iPad carts and devices have been distributed to Fine Arts classes Districtwide.

The District's bus fleet was also improved with the installation of new cameras.

Much-needed capital renewal and replacement projects also began this summer and included roofing, HVAC and paving improvements and upgrades at campuses and facilities. Playgrounds at Anderson Mill, Canyon Creek, Forest Creek, Bluebonnet and Union Hill elementary schools underwent improvements, including the installation of new playground turf and shade structures.

Message from District Leadership

RRISD Superintendent of Schools

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ROUND ROCK
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Continued)

Projects set to begin in Fall 2019 include the installation of video intercom systems at the front entrances of campuses, installation of panic button solutions in all classrooms, including portables and offices, and the implementation of a student badging system at campuses.

Impacting the technology that classes use daily is the launch of Cafeteria AV/Multimedia System replacements at designated campuses. Several elementary schools will also see the replacement of projectors with Interactive LCD Panels. At the secondary level, the replacement of projectors will begin taking place at Success High School, secondary fine arts classrooms and the new wing at Round Rock High School.

Capital renewal and replacement projects at campuses include the installation of classroom security hardware and the removal of pea gravel at Callison, Chandler Oaks, Cactus Ranch, Teravista, and Voigt elementary schools.

Major facility projects will continue to move along in the design process with some of the facility schematic designs expected to be completed soon and facility drawings (blueprints) to continue to take shape in the coming months. These projects include Phase 4a and 4b of Westwood High School's Master Plan, Phase 2a of McNeil High School's Master Plan, the reconstruction of C.D. Fulkes Middle School, the construction of an Aquatics Practice Facility and the District's 35th elementary school.

As Round Rock ISD moves forward on Bond 2018 projects during the 2019- 2020 school year, the district will continue to share updates with the community. For more news and information that is available 24/7 visit the [District's Bond website](#). Check out the video on playground upgrades featured on the site and stay tuned for an upcoming video on Elementary School 35.

I am so excited for what the future holds for our Round Rock ISD students. Thank you for all you do to support our District. Remember, we're better together!



Message from District Leadership

RRISD, Board of Trustees

Mason Moses, School Board Trustee Place 7



ROUND ROCK
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

As the calendar turns to the fall, we are entering one of the best times in our community. The weeks consist of Round Rock ISD students putting their tremendous talent on display through a variety of campus organizations and activities with Friday culminating in the sights and sounds of our bands, fans, and spirit squads cheering on their schools! It is these types of activities where the community comes together that demonstrate how much the Round Rock ISD family loves and supports its public schools.

While our teachers continue to work with our students on a daily basis, the School Board continues to focus on the recent student outcome goals we have adopted. The five goals adopted focus on starting our students off with a strong foundation in reading and math; continuing their growth in these core subjects through middle school, and ensuring that each student is college, career, and/or military ready when they walk across the stage with a Round Rock ISD diploma. There are progress measures for each goal and the Administrative team will provide updates at each Board meeting.

The Board also continues to seek a viable and long-term school safety solution that address the physical security of our students by maintaining the School Resource Officer program and by hardening our schools, as well as providing additional mental health support services available to all students. This is an issue that deserves solutions that are sustainable, multi-faceted, and make each student feel secure in their learning environment.

Great things happen each day in RRISD and we encourage you to share these daily victories with the Board. It is those special moments that happen on our campuses where a child's eyes light up with discovery, or when they make a new friend that helps them feel part of the broader community, or other countless victories of learning that show off just how amazing our schools are on a daily basis. Please share those with us so we can join you in commending these moments as those are the instances we are striving for each student to experience.

Thank you for all the work you do and know what a valuable partner our PTAs are in the education of our students.

Best Regards,
Mason Moses

RRISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are usually held on the **third Thursday of each month** unless scheduled otherwise. The Board normally meets in closed session at 6:00 p.m, followed by a public session starting at 7:00 p.m.

These meetings take place in the Round Rock High School Lecture Hall at 300 Lake Creek Drive in Round Rock, Texas.

The schedule for this calendar year is:

November 21, 2019

December 19, 2019

Council PTA News

The 2019-20 RRISD Council of PTAs Delegate Luncheon Meetings

Jan. 16, 2020

Mar. 24, 2020

Apr. 23, 2020

11:00am-1:00pm

Round Rock Sports Complex
400 Chisholm Trail, Round Rock, TX 78681

Questions? Contact Council VP of Hospitality at hospitality@rrisdpta.org,
or Council President, at president@rrisdpta.org.

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

PTA leaders, Principals, District Leadership, District Partners, Business and Community PTA members, are all encouraged to submit a written contribution to our Council Connections Newsletter.

If you would like to be included, email a brief, 1/4 page length, article to the Council Connections PTA Newsletter Editor, Sara Gandaría-Escamilla at newsletter@rrisdpta.org

A hard copy of the newsletter is distributed at each Delegate Luncheon Meeting and sent electronically to all executive board members whose names have been uploaded to Texas PTA Two Step. During the months when we do not have a Delegate Luncheon Meeting, a digital edition will be published and distributed by email.

Next submission deadline is: Wednesday 12/4/19

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RRISDPTA>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rrisdpta/>

Council PTA Highlights

Every Child, One Voice

By Shawn Dempsey, VP of Membership
RRISD Council of PTAs

Great job on membership so far this year! Our overall membership is climbing, but we still have a ways to go to reach our goal of 25,000 members districtwide! That seems like a lot, but when I think of the number of students we have and commitment that our families have for our students and schools, I wonder why we don't have 50,000 members! I'm 100 percent certain that every student in our district has one adult willing to stand up and be the voice for that child.

Let's make sure we show our families and our community partners the value of their membership! If you have partners and reach milestones, celebrate in your school community and on your social media. When you give back to students and your school, make sure your families know the great benefits their students are getting because of PTA membership at your school. Make new brag boards and make sure families get a chance to see them!

Congratulations to our Golden Apple winning schools! Golden Apple is one PTAs greatest award because it acknowledges the teamwork between parents and teachers. There's still plenty of time to work on Golden Apple at your school. The deadline is this award is Feb. 29, 2020. Make it worth their while to join, and thank your teachers and staff who have joined. Council is giving every Golden Apple school a yard sign for the front of the school, and we have two more tasty giveaways! Get those rosters in!

The next Texas PTA award is the Three Year High Award. In a growing district, we are sure to have several winner.

Keep up the great work, y'all!! If you have any questions or help reaching your goals contact me at membership@rrisdpta.org

Legislative Update

By Sandi Bone, Legislative Chair
RRISD Council of PTAs

The 86th Texas Legislative Session concluded on May 27, 2019. During Session, RRISD PTAs along with other Texas PTAs advocated for legislation to improve public education and other childhood issues.

Changes to the school finance system via House Bill 3 had a major impact on Round Rock ISD's budget, providing approximately \$24 million in additional funding from the state and eliminating a so-called "Robin Hood" payment that had been projected at roughly \$50 million for the upcoming year. This means our teachers, librarians, nurses, counsellors and licensed professionals received a 7 to 8% pay rise depending on their experience. All other employees received a 3.5% pay increase. The state will now be paying more for Teacher Retirement System contributions so the district will be paying less out of their budget.

HB3 prioritizes early literacy, improves college, career and military readiness, increases support for special education and expands learning opportunities in many ways. College, career, and military readiness funding will go to all schools whose students meet the criteria. A bonus will be paid to schools for each high school graduate who meets the definition of college ready, career ready, or military ready. Campuses will receive bonuses of \$2,000, \$3,000 and \$5,000 per annual graduate achieving above a specific threshold for special education, non-economically disadvantaged, and economically disadvantaged students who meet the definition of college ready, career ready, or military ready.

House Bill 3 is a sweeping and historic school finance bill and it is a great thing for our district. You can read more about it on the Texas Education Agency website and the Texas PTA website. https://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Government_Relations_and_Legal/Government_Relations/House_Bill_3
<https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Advocacy/Advocacy%20Wrap%20Up%202019.pdf>

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Council PTA Highlights

Advice from Texas PTA

By Liz Cantrell, Treasurer RRISDCouncil of PTAs

Hello, Fellow Treasurers! Back in August, I asked everyone to check their Standing Rules for financial procedures and share with their board. Hopefully, most of you have created a schedule and spoken with your board members. Here are suggestions for performing your duties as Treasurer and creating clear expectations for financial procedures with the board. I hope everyone is up a running and had a chance to establish a routine with your teams!

The following came from our TX PTA State Treasurer's September newsletter. These tips are fantastic suggestions to help structure your role.

- ⇒ Schedule time once or twice a week for entering transactions in the accounting software.
- ⇒ Obtain a night depository bag from the bank to help with making deposits in the evening. Remember no one should be taking money home.
- ⇒ Email electronic copies of the deposit forms and expense/reimbursement forms to all board members. Keep copies at the school for easy access.
- ⇒ Do not accept receipts for reimbursements or for other fund requests from individuals without a completed reimbursement form. This is their responsibility to complete. They need to attach the receipts, note the budget account, and sign the form before submitting the request.
- ⇒ Explain the process for counting money and how they will notify you when a deposit is ready for you to count and take to the bank. The Treasurer may be the second counter. Remind the counters that they need to break out the deposit by budget accounts. If there are membership dues included in a deposit, they need to write the number of members who paid on the deposit form. Please make timely deposits at the bank. Remind them that money is counted by two people at the same time.
- ⇒ Reconcile your accounting software with the bank statement monthly. Mistakes happen and this is a great way to correct them as soon as possible.
- ⇒ Speaking of mistakes. We are all human and, if you find one, do not go back and change the

original entry. This will make your previously presented financial reports inaccurate and your balances will not match on the reports. Simply make a new journal entry to correct it, dated the day you found the mistake."

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at treasurer@rrisdpta.org.

Clothes Closet

By Cecelia Zapalac

We are off to a great start at the Clothes Closet this year! Thank you to all the schools that have sent representatives to volunteer and have done clothing drives, both big and small. We wouldn't have been able to serve the over 200 clients who have visited CC the last couple of months without our school representatives .

The council of PTA would like to thank Westwood High School and McNeil High School for donating over 7000 pairs of socks and underwear to the Clothes Closet that was collected at this years football game. Westwood may have won the drive and the football game, but the true winners were the children in our school district who will benefit from these schools generosity.

Thank you also goes out to the Great Oaks PTA for putting on a graphic t-shirt and clothing drive.

Clothes Closet Hours
Anderson Mill Elementary
Tuesdays
10AM-noon.

Voigt Elementary
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9:30-11:30AM.

Volunteers are always welcome and donations of clean, gently used clothes are always appreciated and needed.

If you would like more information about volunteering at or donating to the Clothes Closet, please contact Cecelia Zapalac at clothescloset@rrisdpta.org

Council PTA Highlights

Important Updates From Our VP of Communications

By Jill Strode, VP of Communications RRISD Council of PTAs

- The next Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, November 21 and we would love to hear all the wonderful things happening at the schools who were selected to Amplify Your Voice. We will be selecting new schools at our October delegate meeting, but we would like to hear from those selected in September as well - Chisholm Trail Middle School, Deerpark Middle School, Gattis Elementary School, Grisham Middle School & Herrington Elementary School.
- Our Directory Chair, Beth Fitzmaurice, has been busy collecting and assembling the Council Directory. We will distribute a few hard copies at our delegate meeting and we will email a soft copy to you along with the Council newsletter. Please contact Beth at directory@rrisdpta.org if you have any questions.
- Our Newsletter Chair, Sara Gandaria-Escamilla, will be requesting newsletter articles for our November/December Edition by December 4, 2019. Be sure to send your accomplishments and the great things that are happening on your campus to newsletter@rrisdpta.org.
- Our Webmaster Chair, Michele Chan-Thomson, continues to make improvements to our website. Visit www.rrisdpta.org to see all of the changes. Let us know if you have suggestions on any content you would like to see on our website by emailing webmaster@rrisdpta.org.
- Please follow and like us on our Social Media accounts! You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter! Our handle for each one is @RRISDPTA. We have been sharing "Did You Know..." PTA tips from National PTA and Texas PTA. These are great to share with your local PTAs too! We also have a RRISD Local PTA Board Q & A private Facebook group. This is a great tool to use when you have questions about how to do XYZ with your PTA.

Please Consider Becoming a PTA CommYOUity Member



As a PTA Community Member, your generosity and dedication to education sets you apart through your significant commitment to RRISD and more than 51,000 students.

Partner with us in achieving PTA's mission to *"make each child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children!"*

As a RRISD Community Member, you will be recognized with a certificate to proudly hang in your home, office or business; a window decal for your car or business window, and acknowledgement on our [RRISD Council of PTAs website](http://www.rrisdpta.org).

Council PTA Highlights

Bridging the gap between businesses and the PTA

by Jessica Mosman, Financial Integrated Solutions
Business Partner for RRISD PTA



We have several different opportunities that we wanted to make you aware of!

Anti Bullying Program

Carolyn Elaine Brown presents an anti-bullying/pro-kindness workshop for educators, students and their parents. She has presented to over 20,000 Texas students each year and she has already presented at nine RRISD schools. RRISD is where her children attend school so she LOVES presenting in the district.

October is National Anti-Bullying month. In honor of this important month of recognition she would like to offer an October special to RRISD schools. If a RRISD school signs a contract for a campus workshop in the month of October she will offer a FREE Kindness Initiative workshop.

This workshop is hosted after the campus presentation and helps students brainstorm on how to create a softer campus. The Kindness Initiative workshop is for groups of 50 or less. (PALS class, Stu-Co, GSA, Kindness clubs) The value of this workshop is \$400. Upon availability, this workshop can be held anytime during the school day or after school. This offer is valid for schools who sign a contract in October!

Game-Z Galaxy

A family friendly games facility, With games like Mini Golf, Billiards (kid sized pool table is available), Ping Pong, Carnival and several classic and new board games. They would love to partner with PTAs for spirit night, fundraisers and donate a percentage of the sales to support our wonderful programs.

Gatti-Town and Gattis Pizza

Gatti Town and Gattis Pizza also offer several ways to raise money for RRISD. Contact them to develop your next fundraising event.

Reflections

Updates

By Monica Welch,
Reflections Chair
RRISD Council of PTAS



Keep encouraging students with a heart for the arts to LOOK WITHIN, the theme for this year's contest.

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These important dates are coming up fast:

End of Oct/Early Nov:

School deadline for entries & entry forms (available online)

Early Nov:

Local judging events.

Tip: collaborate with a senior center or other community group... yes, they'd love to help judge!

Mon, Nov 18:

Deadline to email spreadsheet with top 20% to Council Chair Monica Welch.

Wed, Dec 4, 9-noon:

Drop off advancing entries at RRHS for Council judging event.

Thurs, Dec 5, 9-noon:

Pick up judged entries.

Please reach out if you have any questions... I'm here to help! Thank you for your efforts to support the arts in our schools!



Council PTA Highlights

Understanding Your PTA Role

By Dawn Watson, VP of Training
RRISD Council of PTAs

“Texas PTA is a strong network of volunteers in schools across the state — working not only for their communities but for all public school students in Texas. Leadership roles within PTA are vital to each Local PTA's success. To ensure that our Leaders are equipped for the job at hand, Texas PTA provides an online learning portal with many courses available at your leisure.”

Under BASICS Training at txpta.org/training, click on "Local PTA Leaders" to access recorded webinars for each of the BASICS Training courses. The following is a list of offerings:

- Advocacy
- Arts in Education
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Membership
- Parliamentarian
- President
- Programs
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Presidents, please share this information with your executive board members.

PTA PROCEDURE BOOK

What's that? Each person serving on an executive board should be given a procedure book for their volunteer role. The purpose of the procedure book is to help PTA volunteers be more prepared and understand their position. Contained within is:

- ⇒ PTA job description
- ⇒ Executive board roster
- ⇒ Bylaws (local, state, and national) and standing rules
- ⇒ Proposed calendar of PTA and school events
- ⇒ Agendas, minutes, and reports
- ⇒ Plans of Work

- ⇒ Adopted goals
- ⇒ Financials (approved budget, financial reports, financial reconciliation)
- ⇒ Forms
- ⇒ Volunteer list
- ⇒ Additional resources
- ⇒ Training records/handouts

It should be maintained throughout the year and according to the bylaws given to the successor (or President) within 15 days of the end of the fiscal year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bylaws & Standing Rules Spotlights

11/5, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the
RRISD Administration Office,
(Old Hopewell Bldg),

1311 Round Rock Avenue, Round Rock

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR BYLAWS
AND STANDING RULES.

AIM Insurance LUNCH & Learn – Confirming date

Money Matters Roundtable – Confirming date

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Watson, Council VP of Training at training@rrisdpta.org, call or text 512-415-7090.



Council PTA Highlights

Diversity, Inclusion and Me... and You... and Them.

By Estevan Zarate, Diversity Chair
RRISD Council of PTAs

My name is Estevan Zarate, but all of my friends call me Chuy. Yes, like the restaurant, but no I don't own it. I am your new Diversity Chairperson. I am first and foremost a parent of three RRISD students! I have two boys at McNeil and one boy at Pond Springs.

I am an actor and director with a specialty in improvisational comedy. I sing in a Classic Soul cover band called 'Doctor Hustle'. I perform in front of audiences every week, but my favorite thing is volunteering in my PTAs.

When I saw that this position was open, I knew I was a great candidate. I deal with diversity and inclusion on a weekly basis on stage and in life. It is extremely important to me that in my art there is representation of the under represented.

I would like to help you with ideas that promote diversity and inclusion in your PTAs and your Executive Boards. In a perfect world, I would be able to visit every school individually and help you to assess ways to bring POC, disabled and LGBTA persons closer into the fold for the betterment of our students. This is not a perfect world, so you MUST feel free to contact me with questions or solicitations of advice.

I also hope to learn from your different successes and failures. Teach me and I can teach you. This is cooperation. We preach it to the students... Time to put our money where our mouths are as the adults these students look to for guidance. Hate and ignorance can't be tolerated. We are stronger than that because we have each other: Parents. Teachers. Students. Together we grow.

National PTA has some great things to say about diversity and inclusion: www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/Diversity-Inclusion-Toolkit/leadership-tips-and-tools/Diversity-and-Inclusion-Initiatives-Frequently-Asked-Questions

If you still have questions, reach out to me at diversity@rrisdpta.org or

Have you Heard? Goodbye PT Avenue, Hello PTAEZ

With former partners PT Avenue ceasing operation on Dec 31, 2019, Texas PTA announces that they have identified a comprehensive solution for our PTAs and are excited to partner with PTAEZ for cloud-based membership tracking and financial management tools.

Membership Tracking & JoinPTA.org Members
PTAEZ is working with Texas PTA to develop the free membership tracking component and anticipate a launch date of December 2019. Once they transition the processing for JoinPTA.org members to the internal system, Texas PTA will record those members in your PTA's PTAEZ membership roster. Texas PTA is confident moving these processes to their own database will help ensure accuracy and timely reporting.

Cloud-Based Financial Management
PTAEZ has an existing financial management system that is ready for any PTA wanting to begin their subscription. Texas PTA has provided PTAEZ with information to ease the setup of your account and will provide instructions later this week on how local PTAs can begin working with PTAEZ.

*"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity
there is beauty and there is strength." -Maya Angelou*

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Anderson Mill PTA

- On Oct 1st, we hosted our first annual National Night Out and Multicultural Celebration. It was an incredible night with craft activities, delicious ethnic food samples from families and area restaurants, a dance workshop and multiple performances. A big thank you to Navrus School for Performing Arts and Austin Moonflower Performing Arts Group for being community participants in our event. Another big thank you to Texas Roadhouse, Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant, Bush's Chicken and Fireball Cafe for their yummy food contributions. It was a definitely a night to remember and we can't wait to start planning the next one!
- We have hosted several Spirit Nights and contributed coffee and juice for the teachers' recent professional development meeting. Our Fall Teacher Appreciation luncheon is coming up at the end of the month.
- We are now going into our busiest time of the year, with all hands on deck in planning and coordinating our Reflections program, Fall Carnival (scheduled for Nov 12) and our new Original Works art-based fundraiser. We are actively seeking corporate sponsors and donors so if you are a business looking for ways to help, please reach out! Thank you!

Cactus Ranch PTA

- We just finished our fundraiser at Cactus Ranch Elementary. We did a kindness fundraiser called Raise Craze. Friends and family could sponsor the children doing acts of kindness. We had a Cactus Ranch Rock family night, where we decorated rocks to distribute in our community, and finished the drive with popcorn parties and sliming the principal! This fundraiser was a great success! Not only did we exceed our fundraising goal, but our kids logged in close to 7000 acts of kindness.



Caldwell Heights PTA

- Caldwell Heights Elementary P.T:A. had a super successful Tasty Treats fundraiser.
- Fathers, grandfathers and male role models alike enjoyed our "Floats with Fathers" Watch D.O.G.S. kick-off.
- We had a great turn out at our Altitude Trampoline Park Spirit Night where students and their families had a blast burning off excess energy.
- We started off National Principals Month by treating our principal and vice principals to fresh coffee and sugary sweet confections and put together a chips and dip spread for teachers and faculty during their in-service day. We are looking forward to our next project—a much needed school restroom makeover for the school staff restrooms!

Callison PTA

- In September our PTA hosted a Frito Pie Luncheon for our teachers. It was Sponsored by a local Afterschool Day Care, Round Rock's Best. Many were trying Frito Pie for the first time!
- We also hosted a Family Art Night to kick off Reflections. Families got to create art using pastels, make origami art, and much more. We also kicked off our yearbook cover contest at this event.
- In October we hosted our Second Membership Meeting of the year. On this night PTA also hosted a Health and Wellness event. Among the various vendors we had RRISD Food Services come out with some yummy samples, Jungle Movement came out with an obstacle course, Master Yang's had a tae kwan do demo and our nurses and counselors also participated giving out information about mindfulness, and the importance of sleep and water intake. HEB Buddy even came out and gave our students some fun prizes.
- This month PTA will be hosting our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat. This event has been a big hit every year!

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Canyon Creek Elementary School PTA

- Canyon Creek Elementary School PTA is buzzing with programs and events!
- We concluded a very successful PTA Family Fun Run, "Superheroes Unite"! It was a HUGE success with great turn out, perfect weather, lots of fun, and amazing leadership and volunteers. We had 311 registered runners - both students and family members. An estimated 350 attendees, parents and/or family members, came to cheer our runners and enjoy the school community event. The half-mile interactive course featured superhero exercises and challenges. Capes were encouraged; we were delighted to see so many don their favorite superhero capes! Pizza, Menchie's frozen yogurt, and bounce houses before and after the run added to a fun night at CCE! The overwhelming support from our school community - CCE Teachers and Administration, parents, community members - all contributed to the success of the event.
- CCE PTA Programs started with about 230 participants. Students can participate in Chess Club Beginners, Chess Club Intermediate, Math Pentathlon Division I, II and III; Geography Bee, Reflections, Science Fair, Destination Imagination, Mandarin Club and Runners Club
- We hosted our first Faculty Friday Feast in September and our second one this month, providing sumptuous lunch to the hardworking and dedicated faculty and staff at CCE.
- Current CCE PTA Membership is at 447 and

working to add more.

- Our PTA participated in the Westwood High School's annual Sock and Underwear Drive to support the RRISD Clothes Closet.
- CCE PTA Green Team had another Fall Work Day to clean up and beautify garden areas in our school.

Canyon Vista MS PTA

- Canyon Vista PTA provided our counselors with parent volunteers to help launch Start with Hello week, a violence prevention program created by the Sandy Hook Elementary community. On Monday, Sept 23. CVMS PTA hosted a reception following the event.
- Our PTA brought in Carolyn Brown and her renowned anti-bullying and pro-kindness workshop Hey Dude, Nice Shoes at CVMS on September 25th at 6 pm. The motivational workshop addresses delicate and sensitive topics that students encounter growing up. It is an inspiring presentation that empowers students to change the community around them for the better by choosing kindness every day. For more information visit: <http://www.heydudeniceshoes.com>.
- PTA volunteers worked with school nurses to provide parent volunteers for the annual Hearing and Vision Screenings for all 7th grade and new students.

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Council PTA set up a trail mix bar at the RRISD Administration office to show gratitude for all they do for our students.

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Cedar Ridge HS PTSA

- We recognized our Student PTSA members last week with a special appreciation treat during their lunch periods.
- We will show our appreciation to our teachers and staff this week as we host a Caramel Apple Bar to thank them for their tireless efforts shown already this year.
- We are building partnerships within our Raider community by sharing and promoting awareness of events that are happening with our booster clubs and organizations.
- Our first Spirit "Days" event was at Twice the Ice and we are planning additional Spirit Night events throughout the year.
- We have been promoting the Texas PTA scholarships for staff and students and have 4 students that have applied so far.
- We are looking forward to seeing the talent that our students display when they turn in their Reflections entries later this month. We have communicated the Reflections program throughout the school year and have asked our fine arts, literature teachers and after school clubs to help us share the program with our students.
- We continue to welcome new PTSA members - currently 813 strong! We will continue to promote the great opportunities that come along with being a member and encourage memberships throughout the year.

Chandler Oaks PTA

- Our school year is going well and our PTA events are in full swing.
- COE PTA appreciates all our amazing teachers and staff. We provided our staff with lunch during our conference day. We have also started our Teacher Mini Grant Program again this year. We look forward to receiving their applications next week.
- Last Friday, our COE students had fun running

in our annual Cheetah Fun Run. This is our main fundraiser, and it was extremely successful this year. To celebrate our huge success, our Principal along with five of our specials teachers will be turned into a human taco at a special all school assembly!

- Our PTA membership continues to rise and we look forward to our PTA sponsored Trunk-or-Treat and Parent Education events coming up during the next couple weeks.
- At the end of October, we will be kicking off our Leopard Leap Direct Donation Drive.

Elsa England PTA

- Every month we like to celebrate our 110+ Elsa England Staff. In September, we showed teachers and staff how much we appreciated them with a faculty meeting snack. This month, England teachers and staff got to enjoy coffee, breakfast tacos, and other breakfast items. Our Elsa England parents generously contributed food items as well as volunteered their time at each of these events. We truly appreciate our Elsa England teachers and staff!
- The PTA Membership Drive is wrapping up at Elsa England and the total membership numbers are still coming in.
- Students are hard at work on their Reflections contest entries!
- We held our first PTA meeting in September, which brought in a large crowd with guest speakers: Austin City Council Member Jimmy Flannigan to provide traffic updates and Chief Mike Pendley to discuss safety. Meeting attendees also got to learn about upcoming PTA programs and events for the school year.
- We had a very successful Spirit Night at Baskin Robbins in September!

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Local PTA News/Spotlights

Forest Creek PTA

- Forest Creek Elementary PTA is off to a great start! We just completed our fall Direct Donation Drive and raised just shy of \$20,000. Each grade level class competition winner enjoyed a “GLOW LUNCH.” Our family fun nights, at a few local restaurants, have been a BIG success
- October 4th, we hosted our annual Healthy Lifestyles Expo. We had over 15 local vendors set up. They all were interactive with the students and families to promote healthy living in our daily lives.
- We have quite a few exciting events coming up! We are looking forward to Red Ribbon Week, Reflections Gallery Night, our Veteran’s Day program/celebration in November, and to finish off the semester our amazing Cultural Diversity Night.

Great Oaks PTA

- Fall at Great Oaks is off to a great start. We had a hugely successful clothing drive benefiting the RRISD clothes closet.
- We hosted a home team teacher/staff luncheon (featuring pulled pork, sloppy joes, pulled BBQ chicken and all the fixings. Plus yummy pumpkin desserts.)
- Our Fall fundraiser, an Apex Fun Run that netted our PTA almost \$45,000 was a success. The kids loved the life lessons delivered by the Apex team. There were some touching moments during the Fun Run – kids who had completed their

laps going back out on the track to cheer on their classmates. Proud of our Geckos.

- PTA is hosting a Family Movie Night on 10/18, where the kids can come in their Halloween costumes as they enjoy watching Toy Story 4.

Grisham PTA

- Calling all Corporate Sponsors! We set a goal this year to recruit corporate sponsors to support the work of the Grisham Middle School PTA and boy, have our neighbors responded. We set sponsor recognition levels and created a Corporate Donor packet. Jessica Mossman, the Business Partnerships chair for RRISD Council of PTAs, provided us with valuable feedback. We also created a Corporate Sponsor page on our website: www.grisham.my-pta.org
- This year's corporate sponsors fund Grizzly Pride ceremonies and parent programming with more to come! Donating at the \$100 level are: Dorrie Dillard from Coldwell Banker United Realtors and Texas Tooth Fairies Pediatric Dentistry. Donating at the \$250 level is Mathnasium North Austin. Donating at the \$500 level are: Cheng Wooster with All Side Realty, Rudy’s Country Store and Bar-B-Q, and Mighty Fine Burgers, Fries, and Shakes. Thank you for supporting the Grisham Grizzlies!

Joe Lee Johnson PTA

- The PTA hosted a #tearsandcheers for Pre-k and Kindergarten parents on the first day of school after drop off. Starbucks coffee and donuts sure took the edge off of their sadness!
- We held our second as”SLIME”bly fundraiser! Students worked together to bring change in to vote for which teachers they’d like to see slimed Nickelodeon style. Our goal was \$500 (in order to slime the principal), but the kids smashed it-raising \$700.56!



Local PTA News/Spotlights

Laurel Mountain PTA

- As Fall weather is finally making its way into Texas, we are looking forward to our big Fall event, our Carnival. October 26th we will transform our school into a carnival with games, bounce houses, sweet treats, and community fun!
- We also just hosted our first general PTA meeting at Clay Night. We invited our to come and create clay art together. The art was then fired and returned to the family. We had a tremendous turnout this year, and I was amazed at the final products. What talent!

McNeil HS PTSA

- We have had a fantastic first few months of the school year!
- In late September, the PTSA was able to team up with the League of Women Voters to hold a Voter Registration Drive and Pep Rally for our seniors who are eligible to vote/ Students were able to hear from local elected officials from both Travis and Williamson counties about the importance of voting, what they were going to see on the ballot, and the new changes in the voting machines that will provide paper back up of ballots being cast. We had dozens of students get registered and ready to vote!
- McNeil PTSA participated in the annual Clothes Closet Underwear Drive with a friendly competition against Westwood. It was a great race culminating with the announcement of the winner at the MHS vs WW Football game. This year, Westwood was the victor, but truly, the Clothes Closet was the ultimate winner. We are so grateful for every donation from every group, team, and feeder school and feel AWESOME that our schools were able to come together to help! The Mavs donated over 3,100 pairs of underwear, with a combined donation of over 7,000 pairs from the drive!
- Our Staff Appreciation team has been hard at work providing some great treats for our Mav team with our Staff Mailbox surprises.
- There are several events coming up between now

and the end of the year, like testing day snacks, Thanksgiving Pies, and our big Holiday lunch in December that will help keep our staff feeling the love.

Round Rock High School PTSA

- At Round Rock High School, PTSA has busy serving our students, school and community.
- After a successful round of spirit wear sales, we are again taking orders. We have added long sleeve shirts and hoodies, which will be delivered in time for the holidays.
- We're supporting our teachers and staff with a hospitality event held in conjunction with their school cookout. Principal Groff cooks for educators during their staff development day, and PTSA helped by providing fixings, sides and some fun prizes.
- We're also taking applications for our first round of teacher grants. We'll give out mini-grants in the fall and again in the spring.
- Currently we are holding a Tees for Teens graphic t-shirt drive to benefit the Clothes Closet. It's also a way to spread the message to students who might need Clothes Closet services.
- Advertising has started for Reflections. We hope to get a lot of entries!

Our October Delegate

Luncheon was catered by:



Local PTA News/Spotlights

RROC PTA

- RROC PTA has exciting news to share with you! This year we've been able to expand our executive board to include a Communications Chair. Snehal Phirke stepped up to serve in this capacity. Next comes a NEW RROC PTA website, Facebook page and Twitter account! Be ready to "like us", "follow us", "friend us". TY bunches Snehal!!
- We have achieved the Golden Apple Award this year! #PTAPROUD We are so thankful for our teachers and staff's support! Become a member and be a #PTARROCSTAR!!
- This year we are developing RROC PTA Goals with the primary emphasis focusing on mental wellness. During morning announcements we'll be sharing video snip-its featuring different topics that can help our diverse student population.
- On November 22, we're sharing the love with the teachers and staff at the Thanksgiving Pie Faculty Appreciation event. We would be so thankful, if you'd be able to make a donation to this effort. If you can help or would like volunteer at the RROC, please contact Dawn Watson, RROC PTA President at dawnenglishgirl@gmail.com or 512/415-7090.

Stony Point HS PTSA

- Stony Point PTSA had several PTSA membership drives and spirit wear sales including Sophomore night in which students/parents meet with Teachers to review the upcoming year, we supported our Homecoming in September, and we participated in the annual Back to School Night /Silent Auction which was led by Tammy Hanna.
- We were proud to receive the Golden Apple award again. This could not be achieved without the great support of our Principal Dr. Watson and his amazing staff/administration.
- Since the summer, our Stony Point students have been working hard in the Round Rock community. They have logged 16,600 Tiger in

Service volunteer hours. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication to supporting the Round Rock Community.

- SPHS PTSA would like to graciously thank these community leaders for donating to our organization and cause. They are BBVA Compass, Mama Fu's, Austin Pizza, Krack of Dawn, HEB @ University Boulevard, Cordovan Art School, Chick-Fil-A, Tiff's Treats and In & Out, families such as the The Johns, The Gonzalezs, and The Olveras.
- Also, we have officially launched our new website. Our website link is stonypointhighschool.ch2v.com. With the creation of the new website, the PTSA will be able to connect more efficiently and easier with our constituents.
- Pauline Jin, has joined our team as our Reflections Chair. A big welcome to her, and very excited to have her on our board.
- In October, the PTSA will participate in the Senior Parent Night event to continue our support of students and teachers.

Have you joined the private
RRISD PTA Facebook
Group?

Find it by searching:
RRISD Local PTA
Board Q&A

It's a great place to share
ideas and ask questions.

Local PTA News/Spotlights

Walsh MS PTA

- The Walsh Middle School PTA is off to a great start! We have already exceeded our membership number from last year, and have earned the Welcome Back, Head Start, Early Bird, and Fall Membership Increase Awards already!
- Recently we funded our first round of teacher mini grants! We awarded over \$3600 in grant money to support our teachers in bringing new and innovative ideas to their classrooms. Grants funded this round included supplies such as new Digital Thermometers, Sensory Materials for our Functional Communication Classroom, ELA literature to promote inclusiveness, and Spanish World Language Books.
- For the first time, the Walsh PTA is offering Community and Business Partnerships for local businesses that are interested in supporting Walsh! We already have six Gold Partners this school year! We are so thankful to have the support of Round Rock Orthodontics, Round Rock Comfort Dentistry, Sam Bass Family Dentistry, Cedar Smiles Pediatric Dentistry, Wyoming Springs Orthodontics, and Ideal Signs!
- Walsh Spirit Nights this fall include Kona Ice, Freal Ice Cream, Panda Express, and Chick Fil A.
- The Walsh PTA Hospitality Committee recently treated our amazing staff to a Fall Snack Break. We stocked the staff break rooms with grab and go snacks and drinks for the teachers to pick up and enjoy throughout the day.
- We teamed up with our awesome School Resource Officer, Officer Cole, to provide some timely, informative parent information sessions. This Fall, Officer Cole will be offering separate presentations to educate parents about Snap Chat and Vaping!
- Hosted two hospitality events, a build your own breakfast bar and a lunch to benefit our hard working teachers.
- We sponsored a Principal's coffee to keep our parent community and school administration talking.
- Lastly, we have had a Treat Yo-Self club activity during the school day during flextime to help with the reduction of stress for our students on our ongoing mission to improve mental health

PTA TRAINING EVENTS

**Keep on the look out
for future training events,
Leader 2 Leader
Networking, LUNCH &
Learns, Roundtables and
more coming this year!**

Westwood High School PTSA

- Westwood PTSA has had a successful Socks and Underwear drive with McNeil HS to benefit the clothes closet. Westwood alone donated 4000 pairs of socks and underwear to the cause.
- Our PTSA also had an E-cig program to inform



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Study Skills: Organization & Notetaking

Oct 01

How to Manage Stress and Anxiety

AVID Awareness

Oct 08

What is Gifted Education?

Oct 09

Study Skills: Time & Stress Management

Oct 22

Understanding High School Academies & Electives

Social Media Wellness

Oct 29

What is Gifted Education?

College Admissions Panel

Nov 05

How to Earn College Credit in High School

Nov 12

Understanding High School Academies & Electives

Dec 03

AVID Awareness

What Does your Future Look Like: Career Exploration

Dec 10

How to Earn College Credit in High School



Parent & Family Seminars



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Talk to Your Kids

By Amy Grosso, PhD

Coordinator of Future Readiness

I have been working with Council of PTAs on how we can get mental health education more readily available for all Round Rock ISD PTAs and PTSAs. In the next few months you will start to have access to short videos (5-10 min) on a variety of mental health topics. You can use these videos during your member meetings or other opportunities when parents are present! Along with each video will be a list of resources. We hope this is a way we can continue the discussion on mental health and reach more parents!

You are always welcome to contact me with questions: 512-464-5976, amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org, @amylgrosso.



RRISD PTA Partners



Round Rock Chamber Business Forum & Expo

October 24 (3:30-6:30 p.m.)

The Business Forum & Expo is a dynamic event that combines an inspirational forum with the opportunity to connect with 32 local businesses at their exhibit booth, as well as a business professional from the community.

Join us at 4:00 p.m. to hear Allan Reagan's success story on how he has grown his business, Flix Brewhouse, across seven states in only eight years. Flix Brewhouse is a cinema brewery that combines the classic movie experience with custom crafted beer and good food – all served to you at your seat in the theater. Allan states, "The genesis of the Flix concept stems directly from consumer demand for a better, more value oriented and time efficient way to watch a movie." Join us to learn about his experience doing business in Round Rock and how he grew his business, and stick around for an opportunity to ask him questions about his journey.

The Expo will open at 5:00 p.m. following the Forum. Come meet, mingle, and develop relationships with local businesses such as Round Rock Express and Evins Personnel Consultants, plus many more! Your ticket includes one complimentary beverage ticket for beer or wine, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided by RS3 Strategic Hospitality! Buy your \$10 early bird tickets here: <https://roundrockchamber.org/expo/>

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Check out the PROJECTED BOND 2018 OVERVIEW BY YEAR at bond.roundrockisd.org

School Health Advisory Council

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is a volunteer advisory group that collectively acts to provide recommendations to the Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees. The council's purpose is to ensure community values, and local health issues are reflected in the District's health education policies and instructions.

SHAC committees address all factors of the District's school health program.

Nutrition and fitness

Health education

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Parent and community involvement

Healthy and safe school environment

Check out more about SHAC

at <https://roundrockisd.org/about-rrisd/citizens-committees/school-health-advisory-council/>



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RRISD PTA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

On behalf of the RRISD Council of PTAs, we would like to recognize the following PTA Com**YOU**nity Members.

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- Healthy Lung Month-October
- CPR Awareness-October
- Military Family Appreciation-November
- National Scholarship Month-November
- National STEM/STEAM Day- 11/8
- Veteran's Day- 11/11
- World Diabetes Day 11/14
- Great American Smoke Out Day 11/21



RRISD PTA Community Members

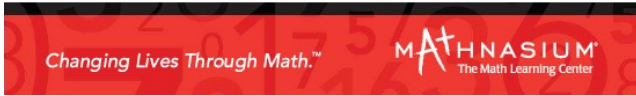


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#YesOn7 Proposition 7,

Increase Distributions to the State School Fund



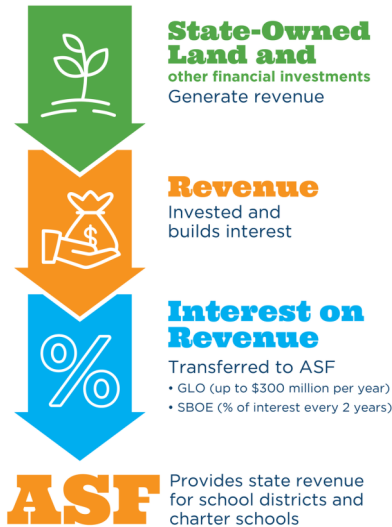
On November 5, 2019, Texas voters will be asked to vote for or against 10 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. These amendments were all approved by the Texas Legislature this year by a vote of at least 2/3 of the Texas House and Texas Senate, but will not take effect without the support of a majority of Texas voters.

Do any of the propositions impact public schools?

Proposition 7 seeks support to increase the distributions to the Available School Fund that provides state revenue for Texas public schools.

Background

The Texas Permanent School Fund (PSF) is a state investment fund whose principal comes from leasing state-owned lands, including leasing mineral rights to oil and gas companies, grazing rights to ranchers, land to wind farms, and others. The Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) and General Land Office (GLO) manage the PSF. The SBOE manages the PSF's financial assets through investment. The GLO oversees the management, sale, and leasing of PSF land. The revenue from leasing state-owned lands and the PSF's financial assets are invested. Some of the interest revenue, but not the principal, is allocated to education funds, including the Available School Fund (ASF), a fund that provides state revenue for school districts and charter schools on a per-student basis each year. As of August 31, 2018, the PSF had a balance of \$44.07 billion. Currently the SBOE



disburses some of the revenue from investments every other year to the ASF. Currently the GLO is authorized to transfer from management of leases up to \$300 million each year to the ASF. The constitutional amendment makes changes to both the amount that GLO can transfer to the ASF and authorizes the SBOE to transfer investment revenue from any land it manages to the ASF. Both entities will be authorized to transfer up to \$600 million each year if the constitutional amendment passes.

Does funding for schools come from any other sources?

The ASF also receives revenue from the following:

- 25% from state occupation taxes;
- 25 % from state gasoline and special fuels excise taxes; and
- other legislative appropriations.

If we approve Proposition 7, what changes?

If approved by voters on November 5, 2019, Proposition 7 increases the amount of revenue the GLO can transfer to the ASF each year from \$300 million to \$600 million. Prop 7 authorizes the SBOE to transfer \$600 million to the ASF each year.

One more time A "yes" vote supports this amendment to allow the General Land Office AND State Board of Education to each transfer \$600 million from the Permanent School Fund's lands and properties proceeds to the Available School Fund each year. A "no" vote opposes this amendment, thereby keeping the amount of revenue that the General Land Office is permitted to transfer from the Permanent School Fund's lands and properties proceeds to the Available School Fund at \$300 million per year and excluding the State Board of Education from making transfers from the fund's lands and properties proceeds.

Source: Texas Proposition 7, Increase Distributions to School Fund Amendment (2019) via Ballotpedia.org

The early voting period is October 21 - Nov 1, 2019.

Texas PTA News/Highlights



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES MONTH

Equip your school and families to make healthy choices!
Use the **Healthy Lifestyles Toolkit** on campus.

Celebrate Healthy Lifestyle Month

Get ready November is PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month to celebrate all the ways we can make simple, smart choices together. This year, Texas PTA is providing a toolkit to help Leaders promote healthy habits on and off campus. Whether you choose to celebrate all month long, or one week of your choosing, delve into the toolkit and make these resources your own!

In the Toolkit you will find:

Ideas & Tips Worksheet

Jumpstart your PTA planning

Customizable Flyers

One each for Healthy Lifestyles
Month and Week

Daily Themes

Six fun pictures to add to your own work

Student Postcard

Let families know what their kids are up to in November

Customizable Home Checklist

Send students home with healthy
challenges each week

Social Media Graphics

One each for Healthy Lifestyles
Month and Week

Make sure you read the "READ ME" PDF in the toolkit.

Access your toolkit at: <https://www.txpta.org/healthy-lifestyles>



National PTA News & Tips

**In case you missed them here are 5 articles from
National and Texas PTA's recent online publications that are worth a read:**

1. 3 Ways to Improve Communication with Your Child's Teacher
<https://ptaourchildren.org/improve-communication-with-teachers/>
2. How to Tame Your Child's Sweet Tooth
<https://ptaourchildren.org/tame-your-childs-sweet-tooth/>
3. Teach Your Kids to #BeCyberSmart
<https://ptaourchildren.org/kids-cybersecurity-tips/>
4. MEGA-VOLUNTEERING
<https://thevoice.txpta.org/mega-volunteering/>
5. What to Do (and Not Do) When Your Child is Anxious
<https://ptaourchildren.org/child-anxiety/>



Parents ... Teachers ... ALL of us!

What are the characteristics of an effective PTA leader?

By Leslie Boggs, National PTA President

1. A Great Attitude

Your attitude about life, work and leadership is your choice. I can teach you skills, but I cannot teach you how to have a great attitude. Attitude, a positive attitude, is essential to any leader's success.

2. Communication skills

It isn't always about speaking. Leading is more about listening and choosing your words carefully. Your words will either lift up those around you or tear them apart. Great leaders always know timing is everything.

3. Humility

You can always tell a true leader from someone who is only in a position because of the title. A true leader doesn't care who gets the credit. For a true leader, it's more about the success of the team and the association they lead.

4. A Customer-Service Mindset

Remember that PTA is all about relationships. We are in the people business! Focusing your efforts on customer service and support will go far in creating your PTA's success.

This is an excerpt from "Ask a PTA Leader: Leslie Boggs, National PTA President." For the full article visit: <https://ptaourchildren.org/ask-a-pta-leader-national-president-leslie-boggs/>

National PTA News & Tips

How to Engage Underrepresented Groups

Part 3 of 5

<https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/Diversity-Inclusion-Toolkit/supporting-multicultural-membership-growth>

Promote Meaningful Family Engagement

Research shows that there are good reasons to develop family engagement. Across income and background differences, students whose families are engaged are more successful. Parental engagement also has been shown to be an essential ingredient in improving schools in urban, low-income areas.



There are three critical aspects of family engagement:

- Shared school-family responsibilities and meaningful opportunities for family involvement
- “Cradle to career” family involvement
- Expanded arenas for engagement beyond the classroom

Follow the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

1. Create a welcoming PTA climate and contribute to a respectful, inclusive school community.
2. Communicate effectively with regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.
3. Support student success by sharing information between parents and teachers and creating meaningful opportunities for family involvement in student development and learning.
4. Speak up for every child by helping families understand how the school system works and empowering families to be self-advocates.
5. Share power by giving all families a voice in decision-making and developing connections between families and local and state officials.
6. Connect families to community resources and develop the school as a community hub.

Create a strategic plan for engaging diverse families. National PTA offers a number of resources to support you in reaching out to a variety of families. One way to focus your self-assessment, outreach and engagement activities is to enroll in the National PTA School of Excellence program, which is designed to promote family-school partnerships for enriching children’s educational experiences and well-being.

The PTA One Voice blog is a regular source for tips shared by PTA leaders around the nation. See especially, “How to Engage All Families” (February 2015). National PTA also offers programs specifically for engaging families, such as the Family Reading Experience and Annual Take Your Family to School Week. You also can find great ideas for activities and programming by reviewing information about past winners of National PTA awards such as the Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award and the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Awards.

Strategies for engaging specific groups are shared through the Every Child in Focus series and in the following section of this Toolkit.

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Round Rock ISD PTA

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