

# COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

RRISD Council of PTAs Newsletter – September 2017 Edition



## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Welcome everyone and Happy New Year!

As we take our PTA journey together this year, you'll find as a leader we wear many hats, including cheerleader, mediator, chief cook and bottle washer, counselor and magician. You may be wondering what is the role of Council PTA. Which hat's do we wear?... The same ones that local leaders do. What is our purpose?... A Council PTA is to act as a primary channel of communication within the PTA network, we provide information, inspiration, support, guidance and instruction to our member 52 (soon to be 54) PTAs. We serve to strengthen our Local PTAs, develop leadership potential, promote PTA membership, and advance Texas PTA's goals, programs and initiatives.

This year each local PTA unit has a Council Officer assigned to their organization (list included for reference). As Council President, throughout the year, I invite everyone to reach out to those Officers and share your PTA successes, challenges and stories. We want to hear from you!

We are very blessed that RRISD values the PTA, respects its vision, mission and purposes. District leaders at all levels are collaborating with the local units in making every child's potential a reality. With extraordinary partnerships such as these, **SUCCESS IS THE ONLY OPTION!**

Thank you to the experienced leaders for continuing to be a part of the largest child advocacy volunteer network in the country and thank you to the new leaders for stepping up to serve. Please remember being a leader is about working as part of a team, finding creative ways to serve our school communities and encouraging executive board members to keep a global perspective as they fulfill their PTA role. Trust is gained by treating each other with dignity and respect.

**Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath**, our deepest gratitude to you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be with us today. To our Texas State PTA guests, including **Texas State PTA President, Lisa Holbrook**, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for attending the first Council luncheon meeting of the year. *Special thanks to those of you that helped to make today's event a huge success! I hope everyone had fun, enjoyed fellowship, was able to learn something new ..... and experience the outstanding food that was catered by Central Market!!*

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the PTA and your school communities. Volunteers are the heart and soul of each local unit.

**Together, as ONE FAMILY, we "BACK THE FUTURE"!**

*Dawn*

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# 2017 – 18 Council PTA Executive Board Roster

We are here to help. Please feel free to contact us!

Interested in a Council Position?? We have some available. See below.

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# Council Highlights

## COUNCIL TREASURER

### Treasurer's Tips

Welcome to a new year! You have taken on a very important and valuable role in your PTA. As Council Treasurer, I am here to provide you with assistance and guidance. Here are a few reminders to help you get up and running this fall:



- Council dues are due no later than October 15th. To be a member of this council and participate in council activities, all local units must pay their local dues.
- When making your donation decisions this year, please remember we have 6 high schools! This means our Noel Grisham Scholarship fund will be supporting 6 graduates. Your additional voluntary donations will also help support our two Clothes Closet locations, Reflections and hospitality at our alternative campuses.
- Please check to make sure you have renewed your AIM insurance policy. Most policy renewals are due in September and October.
- Have you filed your 990 yet? Please make sure this has been filed. Texas PTA would like this completed 60 days after your fiscal year has ended.
- If you haven't already, take the time to find out how often you file your sales tax. Are you an annual filer? Quarterly filer? If your PTA files annually, sales tax is not due until January. However, if you file more frequently, please be aware of your due dates.

Texas PTA made some changes to policies and procedures in the Treasurer Resource Guides. These changes have to do with allowing PTAs to use credit and debit cards. Please be sure you either purchase or download the new guide as soon as it becomes available. It will be up to each individual PTA on whether or not to use credit/debit cards. A policy would need to be created regarding credit/debit card use, and this policy would need to be presented to and voted on by the executive board and general membership.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns! We are in this together!

Amanda Botello, Council PTA Treasurer  
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## MEMBERSHIP

### Value of Membership

We all know the value of membership. We've seen it first hand or been on the receiving end of it.

We all know we have no PTAs if we don't have members. Can you imagine what RRISD would look like if that were the case? The loss of our impact on our staff, students and families within the Round Rock ISD would be huge. That is sometimes easier to see than the impact our value adds everyday.

Our VALUE is huge and has a rippling impact, not just today, but in the years to come! Ask students and families who were a part of helping put shoes on children's feet a half a world away. That stays with students and ripples out.

There is a huge value in what we do and why we do it. It allows us to have a positive impact in EVERY student's life that walks through the doors of our schools. Helping every student take a field trip they may never get to go on in any other case or the time spent with a parent who comes along on that field trip is value added to that student's life.

We pour into our students so they will learn their value, we love our staff so they know are valued, we support our families so they will help us further our ability to value our entire school family.

I know that I used the word value more than is grammatically correct, but I want to emphasize that YOU have great value to RRISD and our PTA family. In all the craziness in volunteering and starting the school year, we want to take a minute and say, YOU are valued and we are thankful for all of your hard work you pour into your campuses. RRISD is better because of you!

Keep doing what you're doing and let's make this year not only better by the numbers, but in the value, we add to everyone around us!

I am so excited to be the VP of membership this year and look forward to working you. Please always feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you for all you do!



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# Council Highlights



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FOR ACHIEVING THIS DISTINCTION

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NATIONAL PTA!!!

## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Benefits

We are currently working with many community members to provide our members with some local member benefits. Right now, Mellow Mushroom is offering 20% off your whole bill on Tuesdays if you show your PTA membership card. What's better than pizza and a discount?

If you have a local business and would like to partner with us, please email Susan Nay at [rrisd.pta.councilvpmem@gmail.com](mailto:rrisd.pta.councilvpmem@gmail.com).

If you would like to be a community sponsor and support our local PTAs please take a form with you today or contact

Susan Nay at [rrisd.pta.councilvpmem@gmail.com](mailto:rrisd.pta.councilvpmem@gmail.com).

Due to Hurricane Harvey many of our deadlines have been extended, please be on the lookout for updates from RRISD Council and Texas PTA referring to membership award deadlines.

RRISD Council would like to thank every PTA who reaches Golden Apple award this year with a case of copy paper. Thank you for partnering with your staff to make this a great year!

## BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Developing relationships with local businesses is an important part of PTA. While not all businesses have

unlimited funds, in general they can spend more money multiple times during a school year. The trick is to create a relationship that benefits not only the students of the school, but the business as well.

Most business sponsors look for exposure—they want their brand to be presented to the school community as many times as possible, and it doesn't always have to be at huge Carnival event. While yes, Carnivals and Fun Festivals are a great way to reach a large portion of the population, the parents, students and teachers are there for one reason—to have fun! Providing business sponsors access to smaller events throughout the year allows them to engage with their target audience at events that might be geared towards a specific topic—like a health and wellness fair, or a curriculum night. Also, don't forget the power of inviting business leaders to your school to participate in career days,

college fairs, and other events that are designed to enrich the lives of our students in RRISD.

Sometimes asking a business to become a community member first, before asking for a full year sponsorship will help you to show them the value of what being part of a PTA can bring to their business.

## COMMUNICATION

There are many ways to stay connected to RRISD Council of PTAs this year!

Find us on Twitter @ RRISDPTACouncil

Find us on Facebook @ Council of PTAs RRISD

Please be patient as we get our website up and running. We're working hard to get everything up to date!

The Texas PTA website, <http://www.txpta.org/> and National PTA website, <https://www.pta.org/> are both great resources.

You'll receive a Newsletter at each luncheon, as well as electronically. Please send your article in by the deadline if you wish to be included. Email them to Heather Clark, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Communications, [rrisd.pta.vpcomm@gmail.com](mailto:rrisd.pta.vpcomm@gmail.com)

Make sure to email your **PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD ROSTER** into Jen Johnson, COUNCIL DIRECTORY CHAIR, no later than 9/18 - [bobjenzach@gmail.com](mailto:bobjenzach@gmail.com)

# Campus PTA Spotlights!!!

## Caldwell Heights Elementary

- I just wanted to give props to our Principal, Barbara Bergman, for her efforts in getting teachers and staff to participate in our PTA. She invited the PTA to join her and the teachers at the school during their staff development meeting before the kids went back to class. Before we spoke she took a couple of minutes to talk to the staff of the importance of an active PTA and invited them to create and perform a cheer for us. It was great to see and we received more memberships this one day, from teachers and staff, than we did all of last school year!

## Canyon Creek Elementary

- What an amazing few weeks we have had back to school for our 20<sup>th</sup> year at CCE! The Executive Board has been working this summer to reinvent our fundraiser. We changed the name to Hassle Free Fundraiser from Opt-Out Fundraiser and have created a competition between the grade levels. The grade with the highest percentage participation in the fundraiser will receive a pizza party! We have already seen great success financially with this approach, and with these generous donations to our PTA, we are able to continue to provide many wonderful programs to our students such as Robolab, language enrichment, Green Team, Mandarin Club, Runners Club, and so many more.
- We also have more PTA members than we did last year to date due to our Hassle Free Fundraiser Success, and we have achieved the Head Start Award, the MARS award, and the Platinum award already this year. Go Comets!
- We are excited about some of our Fall programs, such as Fun Run. We are also working closely with the CCE administration to help plan the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events at CCE. We are and always will be Comets Strong!

## Elsa England Elementary

- I am so excited to be working with the Elsa England PTA Team this year. We have an experienced team who are supportive and cooperative. We are looking forward to getting more people involved in the PTA this year. That should be a piece of cake as England has grown even more since last year!

## Forest North Elementary

- The Forest North Elementary PTA kicked off our 40th anniversary school year in August with a welcome back breakfast for our amazing staff.
- We've been hard at work trying to grow our PTA membership, we're already at 86 members!
- PTA's focus at the beginning of this school year is on helping to plan activities surrounding our school's major milestone. We'll be having a ceremony at our school with alumni students, alumni teachers, community members and other special guests on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the school's 40th year. That evening, beginning at 5pm, we'll host our 40th Birthday Bash Carnival and Silent Auction. We'd love to invite all the other schools to come to our carnival – and we welcome any help with trying to put on a carnival that is bigger and better than ever!

## Old Town Elementary

- Our Hospitality Committee welcomed new Kinder and Pre-K families to "Tears and Cheers" on the first day of school. This was a huge success as we welcomed new parents into the next stage of parenting. Breakfast was enjoyed and new friendships were forged. This was a great way to engage and support them as they sent their big students off to school. We love our Hospitality crew!
- We also had a back to school family night with water slides and pizza as a night to make new friends and enjoy old friends! We really wanted to tie into the districts #onefamily theme for the year and help Old Town families enjoy a fun filled evening of water slides and fun. Fun was had by all and we look forward to the next family event.



# Campus PTA Spotlights!!!

## Robertson Elementary

- We are so excited to start the 2017-2018 school year! School supply drop off night was so much fun, and we met a lot of wonderful parents. It was nice to see all of our awesome teachers and staff members there, ready to make a difference in our children's lives.
- On the first day of school we noticed so many new faces in our halls, and new faces mean NEW MEMBERS! We added a new board member this year, who also happens to be bilingual. We are hoping to build a bridge, form stronger relationships, increase our memberships, and open many new doors! This is going to be a great year for our Roadrunners! Together we can do so much!

## Pearson Ranch Middle School

- Pearson Ranch MS PTA is excited to represent the 52nd and newest member chapter of Round Rock Council of PTAs and the 11th middle school in the district! We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the PIE Foundation and our fellow RRISD PTAs who have been shining examples of Texas hospitality in helping us get up and running in time for the new school year through monetary donations and unlimited advice and encouragement.
- The PRMS PTA has 1st year goals of: Building our Rattler Community, Supporting Community Service and supporting the S.T.E.A.M. academic activities at our school.
- We've started the year on a strong note by being more than 75% of the way to our membership goal of having a voice for every student. We were also able to present our first gift to the school by providing a Rattler Spirit sign for every student and teacher! Community Service projects in August and September include a school supply drive and partnering with other schools in our McNeil learning community to collect needed supplies for our Texas neighbors impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

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## Ridgeview Middle School

- RMS set a lofty goal to collect 7,500 pairs of shoes to send to developing nations around the world to help people start micro businesses. We collected the 7,500 pairs of shoes before our deadline; so we raised our goal to 10,000. We are so proud to say that we collected 10,255 pairs of shoes!! We had student and staff donations as well as other schools in the district and community members. It was amazing to see all the hard work put into this.
- We found out this month that RMS PTA was selected as a National School of Excellence. We are honored to have this distinction for the next two years.
- We sent four board members to SLS in Houston this Summer. We were honored to have one of our Assistant Principals attend as well.
- Our school year has started strong. We hope to achieve the Head Start award and we almost have all our staff as members to get our Golden Apple award.
- Ridgeview has set up a collection for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

## Walsh Middle School

- Walsh Middle School had a great start to the school year! Walsh PTA hosted a Welcome Back Breakfast for our staff the week before school started and had a record number of staff join PTA!
- We helped host Camp Wildcat for the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders and their families by delivering pre-ordered school supplies and selling PTA memberships, spirit wear, and directories. On the Monday before school started, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents came to campus to pick up schedules and pre-ordered school supplies and purchase their PTA memberships, spirit wear, and directories. Many thanks to the amazing Walsh Volunteers for helping make these two events a great success!
- Walsh PTA has already qualified for the Head Start award. Our first meeting of the Association took place on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Open House. Walsh PTA is looking forward to a successful year working with the faculty and staff at Walsh Middle School!

# Campus PTA Spotlights!!!

## Round Rock High School

- When thinking of descriptive words for Dragons, one word that comes to mind is uncommon. That word applies to our awesome PTSA at RRHS. RRHS PTSA started off the school year with a strong force of volunteers three weeks before school even started! We had volunteers covering class orientations, creating Student ID's and issuing Parking Permits, helping in the main office to cover phones and assisting with laptop & textbook distribution. They also served breakfast to our three hundred plus staff. Student volunteers readied 3400 First Day Packets as well. We even had a few volunteers helping the first few weeks of school whose students have all graduated--extraordinary and uncommon, yes!
- PTSA held its first Exec & Regular meetings and have taken care of our PTA housekeeping needs. We welcomed Mr. Matt Groff as our new principal and are working closely with him to achieve our 2,000 member goal, Golden Apple and others.
- We are the Dragons! We are uncommon!

i'm not telling  
you it is going to  
be easy, i'm  
telling you it's  
going to be  
worth it.

### **PTA VISION**

Every child's potential is a reality.

### **MISSION**

To make every child's potential by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

### **PURPOSES**

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community;
- To raise the standards of home life;
- To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth; To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;
- To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; and
- To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

# Community Spotlights



## PTA COMMUNITY MEMBER PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR!!

Dart'em Up is Austin's first indoor Foam Dart Sports Arena – a fun and exciting place to play Nerf Tag games with family and friends. Dart'em Up is a small family business that is owned by Richard McVay and his son, Sean, who goes to Hopewell Middle School. Our mission for our family entertainment center is to have fun, play fair, create memories, and be a part of the community. Dart'em Up is action-packed fun for solo players, groups, birthday parties, team building, company events and fundraisers. We have 2 large arenas to play Nerf games that range from Team Elimination, Freeze tag, Capture the Flag, to Humans vs. Zombies – pitting two teams against each other in fun, organized chaos with trained referees, music, and a full arsenal of Nerf blasters. Perfect for ages 5 and up. **Ask about our Fundraisers where we give back 50% of the proceeds to charities and organizations.** Check us out online at [www.dartemup.com](http://www.dartemup.com).



## PTA COMMUNITY MEMBER PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR!!

Hey PTA!!

School has started and that means the kids will need something to do in the afternoons. T&C Sports would like to welcome all students to join our family of sports.

We offer seven sports for all skill levels, and opportunities for kids to make new friends, show their leadership, break out of their shells, socialize, have fun, or engage in healthy competition. We welcome all ages, and depending on the sport, some start as young as three years old. We are a community based, non-profit organization, and that means we give back to our community and our schools to assist our youth, and show our support of your organization as well.

Check out our website and facebook page. Please contact me if you have any questions. Help us, help you... to help your kids!

We thank you for your support, and look forward to working with all of you.

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# RRISD PARTNERSHIPS



**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION**  
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## PTA COMMUNITY MEMBER

### *PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR!!*

The RRISD Partners in Education Foundation was founded in 1985 when leaders from the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce, the Greater North West Austin Chamber of Commerce, the RRISD Council of PTA's and Round Rock ISD Administration joined forces to uphold and encourage excellence in education through the direct involvement and support of local businesses and community organizations. The Foundation has a 32 year history rich in success.

#### **Mission Statement:**

The Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation's mission is to develop and allocate resources to the Round Rock Independent School District to enrich, enhance, and maximize the quality of education for all students.

#### **Purpose Statement:**

The Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation established by parents, local businesses, civic organizations and community leaders to make a positive impact on public education. The Partners in Education Foundation is governed by a board of directors who represent a cross-section of the community and have a sincere interest in the Round Rock Independent School District's students and their success.

The Partners in Education Foundation provides funds for educational projects and activities that are beyond traditional funding and for which tax dollars cannot be expended. Funds are used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, recognize and encourage staff excellence, and expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations.

#### **Foundation Goals:**

The Partners in Education Foundation encourages academic excellence in the Round Rock Independent School District schools by:

- Providing funds for innovative academic programs.
- Acknowledging and rewarding exemplary teaching.
- Providing an avenue for business and community members to enhance the education process.
- Promoting public awareness and celebrating successful programs and the achievement of excellence.

Please **"SHOW the LOVE "** to the sponsor of this luncheon,

### **CENTRAL MARKET!!!**

We are very fortunate and blessed that this outstanding organization chose us to be the recipient of their giving spirit. Please remember to support them too.

# RRISD PARTNERSHIPS



**ROUND ROCK ISD**  
FOOD SERVICES

Welcome Back!! RRISD Food Services is excited about the 2017-18 school year. We spent a busy summer planning new menu items and new concepts for the cafeterias. We are excited about our new Farm Logix program. We will be showcasing produce from Texas farms. First up is gala apples from Farwell Texas. All of our cafeterias will be serving apples and other produce from our great state throughout the year.

We serve around 35,000 meals a day and you can feel good about the high quality of food served to our students. Starting with the amount of scratch cooking that takes place in our central kitchens, to the quality ingredients, including local purchasing when possible, to training by our chefs, and the abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables offered, our staff is passionate about supporting the students of RRISD and helping them reach their potential.

Food Services can provide your school or PTA with chef demos, healthy lifestyle curriculum, enrichment programs, CATCH and tours of our central kitchen.

Please contact Kelly Moreno at [Kelly\\_moreno@roundrockisd.org](mailto:Kelly_moreno@roundrockisd.org) or 512-464-8386 to discuss what Food Services can do for you.

Check out our website: <https://foodservices.roundrockisd.org/> and follow us on Twitter @FoodRRISD.

We look forward to working (aka cooking for you) with you.

## 4 Easy School Fundraisers



 **Raise Funds** for your school or nonprofit...



# PTA PROGRAMS

## 2017 - 18 REFLECTIONS



This year's Reflections theme is all about goals. It is a wide-open opportunity for discovery, not only for the artist but for the observer as well. Do you know what your artist strives to achieve? Encourage your students to create a masterpiece with their goals in mind and let their work of art evolve into something you never knew about them.

This year's Reflections theme is **Within Reach**. Students can use the talents they have or discover new ones to create an inspiring display of visual art, photography, write an epic poem, story or song or even write an original piece of music.

Some ideas to share with students as they begin the creative process:

- Don't be critical of how it starts out - it doesn't have to be perfect.
- Don't worry about grammar or punctuation at first - just begin.
- Believe in yourself - you can do this!
- You don't have to take an art course to paint a picture - go for it!
- Use positive words to help them realize they have potential!
- Share the thought process of revision - when we revise something we create and then revise it again and again, it usually gets better and better!
- Everyone has talent - it is fun trying to do things you've never done before and finding what we like to do and what we are good at!

Remember, if your talent is unusual (maybe you're good at fixing things), you could write a story about it or take a picture. **Have your students share their goal with the judges about why they created their entry for Reflections and put it on the entry form as the artist's statement.** The artist's statement is extremely important and is the primary driving factor behind a judge's decision. I'm looking forward to working with each RRISD school and I can't wait to see what goals our students have. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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## ROUND ROCK ISD PTA CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet is a service program organized and sponsored by the RRISD Council of PTAs. We provide gently used clothing as well as NEW socks and NEW underwear to the RRISD students in need.

Currently serving families from two locations:

### Anderson Mill Elementary

**OPEN:** Tues, 9:30am to 11:30am  
10610 Salt Mill Hollow  
Austin, TX

### Voigt Elementary

**OPEN:** Wed & Thur, 9:30am to 11:30am  
1201 Cushing Drive  
Round Rock, TX

Donations of gently used clothing and NEW socks and NEW underwear are greatly appreciated. Sizes requested are size 4T to adult. Clothing must conform to the RRISD Dress Code. Please no rips, tears, stains or broken zippers. Monetary donations gratefully accepted.

For questions about the Clothes Closet, please contact Council PTA Clothes Closet Chair, Angela Thibeault at [lthibeault@att.net](mailto:lthibeault@att.net) or 401/862-7718



# PTA PROGRAMS

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



## PTA COMMUNITY MEMBER PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR!!

Did you know that good oral health is closely connected good overall health?

Taking good care of your mouth, teeth and gums is imperative for good overall health and for the longevity of the teeth and your confidence. What does the health of your mouth have to do with your overall health? In a word, plenty. A look inside or a swab of saliva can tell your doctor volumes about what's going on inside your body.

Good oral and dental hygiene can help prevent bad breath, tooth decay and gum disease—and can help you keep your teeth as you get older. Losing teeth prematurely affects how you chew food and this has implications on general health.

An unhealthy mouth, especially if you have gum disease, may increase your risk of serious health problems such as heart attack, stroke, poorly controlled diabetes and preterm labor. Having well aligned teeth makes it easier to brush and floss and to maintain proper hygiene. Ensuring that you have a good bite promotes the longevity of the teeth and the supporting bone.

The American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) recommends that children receive an orthodontic screen by the age of 7 years, or when permanent teeth start coming in. Children's bones and faces are still growing, and may need interceptive care while the mouth is still developing. This interceptive care can help expand a child's palate so that the adult teeth can come in more easily.

Although not every child needs orthodontic treatment, it's important to get them screened in case they need early intervention to guide growth and development that can help with facial symmetry and create room for crowded teeth without the need for surgery.

Having well aligned teeth makes it easier to brush and floss and maintain proper hygiene. Ensuring that you have a good bite promotes the longevity of the teeth and the supporting bone.

**READY.**

**SET.**

**ACHIEVE!**

The biggest factors in student success are active and engaged families, educators and community. Our *Ready. Set. Achieve!* programs empower parents, teachers and students by highlighting the potential impact of bullying, modern technology and the new and evolving culture that our students and children are experiencing every day. Most importantly, we want to raise awareness among families that positive adult-role models and supporting our children as parents and mentors can make a huge difference in the life of every child!

Ready. Set. Achieve! education programs are a benefit of having a PTA on your campus and are brought to you at no cost! Your PTA may request up to **two** programs per school year.

Texas PTA will provide the following:

- ✓ A trained volunteer presenter
- ✓ Attendee materials and resources
- ✓ Promotional resources and reminders
- ✓ Continuing Professional Education [CPE] credit for teachers and support staff
- ✓ Use of translation equipment upon request; Interpreter must be coordinated by host.

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