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Today's Speaker - PIE Foundation



**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**
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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 29 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.

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.

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From The Council President

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The year is flying by, and I can hardly believe it's time to elect nominating committees and start preparing for next year – even as we are finishing out our work for this year.

We will elect our Council nominating committee today and they will begin work soon to put forth a slate of officers for next year. I encourage anyone who would like to serve at the Council level to contact those who are elected. There's always an energy that surrounds electing nominating committees and thinking ahead for what our PTAs can accomplish in the future.

Texas PTA Rally Day is coming up on Feb. 25, 2015. I encourage everyone to attend that can. This is going to be a very important legislative session for public education. Please get informed and get involved in your government. Our representatives and senators listen to us. You do make a difference in what happens at the Capitol.

As always, thank you for your service to your local PTAs and for participating in our Council.

Kelly Moreno

President, RRISD Council of PTAs

From The Council 1st VP - Roundtables

Upcoming Roundtables:

Tuesday, February 3 – Nominating Committee & Election Procedures

Join Council President Kelly Moreno, Council VP Stephanie Deller, and Council Parliamentarian Lisa Cauble for a discussion on nominating committee and election procedures. Learn how to form a nominating committee, post a slate, and hold elections.

Tuesday, April 28 – New Officer Transitions

Join Council officers for a discussion on making a smooth transition from one role to another and what tasks need to be completed to wrap up the year.

Please share these with your officers and other members of your PTA who could benefit from attending. All are welcome!

All Roundtables are scheduled for 12:00 to 1:30 pm. Feel free to bring a lunch. They will be held in the Old Cafeteria (700 Building) at Round Rock High School. Please park in the visitor lot in front of the Main Entrance (100 Building) and sign in before making your way to the 700 Building.

Many thanks to the administration and staff at RRHS for allowing us to use their facility!

Questions?

Contact Julie Lewin, 1st VP, Roundtables, julie@bbskies.net





From The Council 2nd VP - Training

Nominating Committee Information

A PTA can be no more effective than its leadership. The Nominating Committee is a special committee and holds the key to a successful PTA. Its responsibility is to present the best qualified nominees for office.

Committee work includes holding confidential meetings, reviewing nominations, and searching for the best qualified candidates for leadership roles in your PTA. Confidentiality is a must, as committee members will hold extremely honest discussions and must agree to only announce the names of the nominees, *not the conversation around those choices or the names that were not submitted for nomination.*

Electing a Nominating Committee

- Your nominating committee should be **ELECTED** at your General Membership PTA Meeting
- The President will conduct the election but may not serve as a member of the nominating committee
- The number of nominating committee members and alternates are outlined in your local PTA's by-laws in Section VII: Nominations and Elections
- Make sure to elect your nominating committee at least 6-8 weeks prior to your election meeting to give committee members ample time to solicit volunteers/candidates and review their qualifications. Committee members also need ample time to advertise and publicize information in their recruiting process.

Selecting a Chairman

- The committee should meet immediately following election to elect the chairman.
- A chairman is selected by the committee.
- Schedule a time and place for first meeting.

Nominating Committee Meeting

- The meeting may legally be conducted if a majority of the committee is present.
- Allow sufficient time to discuss candidates.
- A confidentiality agreement is distributed and signed by all members of the Nominating Committee before any discussion takes place.
- All discussion by the Nominating Committee is strictly confidential, and no names should be revealed until they are released according to established procedures.
- More than one meeting may be required.
- Notify the alternate if a committee member cannot attend the meeting. When this committee meets with an alternate serving, he (the alternate) will be a member of the committee. In the event that another committee meeting is called, that alternate member will continue to serve on the committee and the original member does not return to the committee. Alternates do not attend meetings unless they are called upon to fill a member's place.
- A majority of the committee must agree on the nominees.



ADDRESS CHANGE

We're moving back home! Effective January 27, 2015, Texas PTA is relocating back to our original location: 408 W. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701.



From The Council 2nd VP - Training

Responsibilities

- Solicit suggestions for nominees from the membership.
- Select one nominee for each officer position and be prepared to state qualifications of nominees.
- Give careful consideration to qualifications of candidates. Check bylaws for duties of each officer. Contact prospective nominees while committee is meeting. Allow time for nominee to consider the position before asking for his decision. You don't have to ask the person currently serving in an office to repeat in that office. Do not allow a committee member who is being considered to be present during the discussion regarding his qualifications. He can be present for the discussion of other candidates for that office and he may vote. Make decisions of the committee by ballot and majority vote. Treat all candidates in a fair and consistent manner. Officers holding a current position are not automatically slated.

Qualifications of Candidates

Suggested Qualifications

- Knowledgeable about and adheres to the Vision, Mission, Purposes and basic policies of PTA,
- Be willing to attend continuing training for PTA,
- Experienced in PTA or other organizational work,
- Has a sense of justice and fairness,
- Exhibits enthusiasm for PTA, and
- Willing to make PTA a high priority in his schedule.

One nominee should be selected for each office. In the event the Nominating Committee cannot secure a nominee, nominations from the floor shall be called for at the election meeting.

RRISD Council of PTAs 2014-2015 Board Members

Officers

Kelly Moreno-President
Julie Lewin-1st VP Roundtables
Stephanie Deller-2nd VP Training
Karen Elliott-3rd VP Hospitality
Jill Strode-4th VP Membership
Kim Odell-Treasurer
Julie Olesen-Secretary
Melanie Pav-Historian
Lisa Cauble-Parliamentarian

Hospitality

Michelle Carson-Decorations Chair
Angela McGee-Decorations
Kirsty Delahunt-Decorations
Pam McFall-Decorations
Mary Flores-Decorations
Becky Carrigan-Reservations
Cheryl Springer-RROC, Success & Goals

Council Programs

Monica Von Waaden-Clothes Closet (Acting Chair)
Leslie Cullers-Healthy Lifestyles
Amy Hinds-President/Principal Rep
Lilly Cardenas-SEPAC Rep
Janine Pearce-Parent Programs
Liz McDonald-Reflections
Karen Gault-Scholarships
Lori Hutson-Character Inspiration Chair

Communications

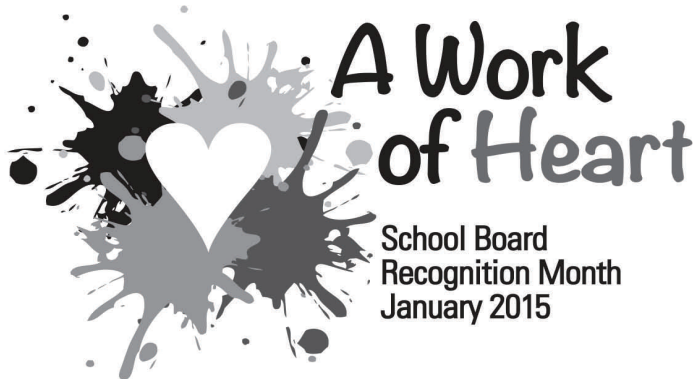
Julie Lewin-Directory
LeAnne Ohlenburger-Newsletter
Amy Weir-Website Administrator

RRISD/Partnership

Dr. Steve Flores-Superintendent
Michelle Jackson-Community Partnership Supervisor
Council Officers-Foundation/PIE Rep
Kasey McManus-Smith-Legislative Rep/School Board



From the Council 3rd VP - Hospitality



Thank you to our RRISD School Board for the countless hours they put in to help make our school district World Class. Our Board cares about making the best decisions they can for our children. They care about the schools being the best they can be. They care about the next generation and the future of the community and the state. Join us in celebrating School Board Recognition Month and express our appreciation for the volunteer efforts of our school board members. Our district benefits greatly from their service.

President, Chad Chadwell
Vice President, Pauline Law
Secretary, Paul J. Tisch
Diane Cox
Suzi David
Nikki Gonzales
Terri Romere



From The Council Treasurer

Money Matters

Kim Odell

February and March are the months to start forming your budget committees. The committee may be elected or appointed according to your standing rules and usually consists of three to five members. It is recommended that the current Treasurer be the chair of the Budget Committee. Your budget will need to be adopted by your membership at the last membership meeting of the year.

Don't forget those tax free days. You may have two tax free days per calendar year. Ensure that they are declared in either the executive board or membership meeting minutes prior to the occurrence.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please send me an email to kimpodell@gmail.com.



From The Council 4th VP - Membership



If you haven't already done so, **NOW** is the time to let your community members, families, faculty and students know that if they back the future by joining your Local PTA this Spring, they can help you possibly win \$1,000 in sporting equipment of your choice for your school! The 15 x '15 Membership Challenge is generously sponsored by Academy Sports+Outdoors.



Here's how your Local PTA qualifies:

- Local PTAs that increase their membership at least 15% by the Spring 2015 reporting deadline (March 15, 2015), as compared to their March 15, 2014 total, will be eligible for the prize package drawing.
- Membership rosters and dues must be received by the Texas PTA state office* by March 15, 2015, to be counted toward the 15% increase. Members who join your PTA through www.JoinPTA.org by March 15 will also be counted.
- NEW PTAs: Local PTAs chartered after April 1, 2014, will be eligible for the drawing if they report and remit dues to Texas PTA for at least 115 members by March 15, 2015.

All eligible PTAs will be entered in the drawing. Three prize packages valued at \$1,000 each will be awarded. The three winners will be announced at LAUNCH 2015. Just imagine yourself accepting the award on the stage, and start thinking about what YOUR PTA would do with \$1,000 in gear from Academy Sports+Outdoors! You can do it!

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From Reflections - Thank You to all our volunteers!



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From Reflections

**457 Entries sent to Council Judging from 41 schools
25 advancing to state level judging**

DANCE

Ilakkiyan Karthikeyan Sobana- Primary Dance Choreography- Dawn of Peace (Great Oaks)
Katelyn Power- Intermediate Dance Choreography -The World Would be a Better Place if Everyone had clean water (Great Oaks)
Alicia Vieira- Junior Dance Choreography -Life Support (Cedar Valley)
Caitlin Smith -Senior Dance Choreography- Human (Westwood)

FILM

Zach DeGarmo- Primary Film Production- Peace Not War (Jollyville)
Enaaya Khan- Intermediate Film Production- When We Throw (Cactus Ranch)
Grace Sheidow- Junior Film Production -10 Things We Can Do To Make A Better Planet (Chisholm Trail)
Caitlin Smith- Senior Film Production -Random Acts Of Kindness (Westwood)

LITERATURE

John Depta- Primary Literature- The world would be a better place if things did not get lost (Sommer)
Mira Desai- Intermediate Literature- A Reflective World, A Better World (Canyon Creek)
Ana Sofia Sloane- Junior Literature- A Perfect Day (Cedar Valley)
Catherine Cheng -Senior Literature- Learning to Breathe (Westwood)

MUSIC

Nila Arunkumar -Primary Musical Composition -Peace and Joy (Sommer)
Shreev Goya-I Intermediate Musical Composition -I Wish (England)
Haley Betron- Junior Musical composition -Make our World a Better Place (Canyon Vista)
Sophie Mathieu- Senior Musical composition- Momentum (Westwood)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Zach DeGarmo-Primary Photography -Equality in Shadow (Jollyville)
Isabella DeGarmo- Intermediate Photography -Learning from Others (Jollyville)
Himanshi Malik- Junior Photography -Patching up the World (Cedar Valley)
Caitlin Smith-Senior Photography -Pure Joy (Westwood)

VISUAL ARTS

Andrew Betron- Primary Visual Arts- Treat Others Like You Want to be Treated (Caraway)
Chaitanya Dandekar- Intermediate Visual Arts- A Beautiful Day in Clean Rock, Texas (Cactus Ranch)
Mina Ozawa- Junior Visual Arts -Helping the Elderlies (Canyon Vista)
Eunjee Chong -Senior Visual Arts -An Elusive Dusk (McNeil)
Jiseok Oh- Special Artist Visual Arts -The Teacher's Love to Kids (Cedar Valley)





From Reflections

At our Celebration of Artists on February 24 at the PAC
25 artists will receive OVERALL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
92 Students will receive Awards Of Excellence
131 Students will receive Award of Merit
119 Students will receive Honorable Mentions

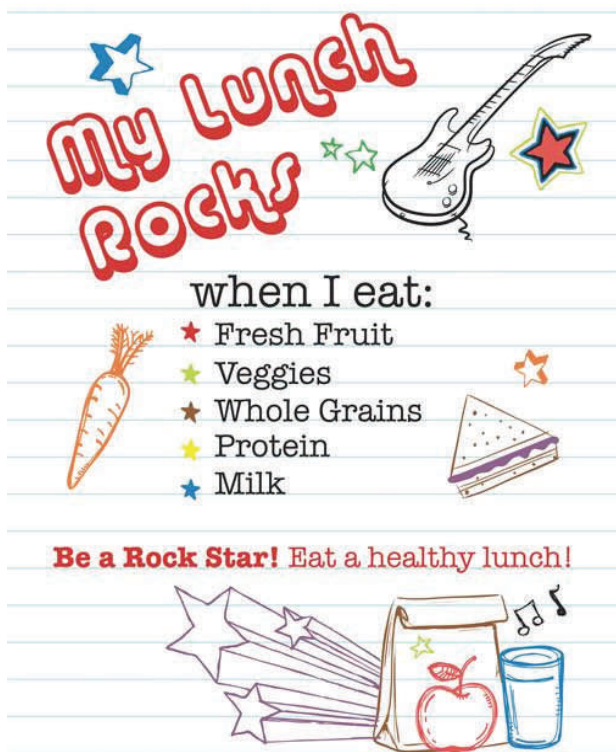
The State level judging will be held during February. The 30 selected entries will be advanced to National PTA by the March 2nd deadline. We will post all State results on our website on March 1st. Please visit this link for updates. <http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/>

Over 50 Volunteers and judges helped at our judging event which was held Dec 2-3 at Cedar Valley Middle school. This group of individuals provided the much needed support that allows this Student Centered Program to be available year after year. **A Special Thank You to all who helped!!!**

Next year's theme will be:
Let Your Imagination Fly
Students can start creating NOW

Liz And Sean McDonald

From Healthy Lifestyles



A Texas PTA created program, My Lunch ROCKS utilizes positive reinforcement, a sense of fun and the power of parent engagement of “catch” kids eating well. Parents hand out stickers to kids eating healthy food, whether that is applesauce, yogurt or whole grains. Eat your carrots, get a sticker! It is that simple, and simply effective.

We hope to partner with parents, teachers and PTA volunteers to support this program to encourage and reward students for making healthy eating choices at school, and to have a conversation about what that means and why it's important. The kids feel empowered and proud. Our goal is to have enough volunteer support to have this as a sustainable event in our lunchroom every other week.

WATCH THE NEWS CAST from November launch in LISD:

<http://kxan.com/2014/11/21/local-kids-rewarded-for-eating-healthy-foods/>

<http://austin.twcnews.com/content/306409/my-lunch-rocks-helps-school-kids-eat-healthy>

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Time to Brag



BLUEBONNET BULLDOG PRIDE NEWS

Bluebonnet Elementary School is a “No Excuse” Campus. In keeping with this theme on November 7th the PTA hosted a movie night and cookout. Students and parents were entertained with “Monster’s University”.

During the Veteran’s Day Program Coach Harris was presented a plaque honoring her son Todd Harris for his service in the military.

In December the PTA hosted a dinner and Cards For Soldiers. Students and Parents created holiday cards to send to our Military. The cards were sent to the Red Cross in Killeen, TX to be delivered to Veterans and Soldiers from Fort Hood to San Antonio TX. We would like to thank the other RRISD schools that also made Cards for Soldiers.

Hand painted mugs filled with hot chocolate, coffee and tea were presented to our teachers and staff for the Holidays.



Cactus Ranch PTA had a fantastic fall! Our Events Coordinator organized our annual talent show with over 30 acts performing. There sure is some great talent at CRE! She also organized a well-attended second movie night of the school year where we served popcorn and showed the movie Elf. Our Annual Hoedown was in November where we had carnival games, food trucks, concessions, a cakewalk, and bounce houses. Thanks to our fundraising chair, we opened our first holiday store in December and are happy to report it was a huge success. It

was so much fun to see the students picking out special gifts for everyone on their lists. And we didn’t leave out our staff...Our generous families at CRE donated enough pies for each staff and faculty member to take home a pie for Thanksgiving break. And our staff appreciation chair organized a beverage and treat cart with lots of homemade goodies for our wonderful faculty and staff. We are looking forward to a great 2015 at CRE! Go Longhorns!!



Time to Brag



The Elsa England PTA is proud to announce many first semester accomplishments! This fall, we successfully held our 2nd annual Spelling Bee and we are proud to announce that our numbers of children participating continues to grow. We held our 2nd Annual International Children's Festival and Tour of Countries bringing our diverse community together and raising nearly \$7000 to help fund a large technology purchase for our school. Our fall membership drive exceed the PTA's goal of 545 members and England Elementary has 100% teacher participation! Our fall fundraising campaign exceeded our goal of \$15,000 as well. The PTA has sponsored three wonderful author visits to our school thus far, and another is scheduled, along with several student assemblies, Movie Nights and Sprit Nights. Our Reflections participation hit record numbers! This Spring, the PTA is happy to announce we are sponsoring our first ever Fun Run for all students. This awesome, fitness-focused, character-building event will continue to fund our goal of purchasing additional technology for all of our students, along with a shade structure for the playground/recess area. We thank all of our parents, administration, teachers, and especially our children – the students – for a great year so far!

Rachelle Grossman, President

President's Post—Happy New Year!

Time flies when you are having fun! Welcome to 2015! The first half of the school year has been full of hard work and rewards for Herrington Elementary. Your PTA has accomplished many family events, fundraisers, teacher appreciation days, membership and denim drives, contests and just plain fun times for the kids! I want to take a moment and share with you the money you have helped raise, where we have spent some of those funds and where the rest of the funds will be going. We share this information each month at our PTA General Meetings but I want to make sure everyone has a chance to know how your money is being put to good use! The first half of the year we have raised \$30,611.83 and we have been able to give \$22,608.40 directly back to the school. The remaining \$8,003.43 will be put towards our Spring Carnival, Teacher Grants and Fun Family Nights. The second half of the year will bring us... The Spring Carnival, happening on Saturday May 2nd, as our main focus but will be working on other family fun activities. We will continue to work to help the teachers with the items they need to focus on teaching our children. We will help contribute to the Bike/Hike/Like Initiative, Field Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spring Book Fair, Staff Appreciation Days and much more. Your PTA is proud to work hard every day to make Herrington Elementary a wonderful place to go to school. We are proud of our first semester accomplishments and look forward to a great second semester! Happy New Year to all of our Hawks Families!



Erin Lamkin, LHE PTA President



Time to Brag



Live Oak is gearing up for a busy Winter. We have two exciting events coming up the first week of February. **DINOSAUR GEORGE is coming to Live Oak!** We were able to raise enough money from our Fall Fundraiser to bring in Dinosaur George! Way to go Live Oak! The PTA invites the entire RRISD Community to join us for our **Science/Math/Technology Night on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6pm** to come see the dinosaurs for yourself. The DinoStore will be open all evening and the proceeds go back to the school.

We are currently preparing for our **Winter Carnival** coming up on **Saturday, February 7th from 1 to 5p**. Our Carnival is open to the entire community. We are having our usual Carnival Games, some large activities like "Meltdown" (a wipeout-style activity from Hop-A-Lot), a rock wall, an obstacle course bouncy house, the Hamster Balls, a Face Painter, a Balloon Twister, a Silent Auction with Pro and College League Football, Basketball, and Baseball signed memorabilia and lots of local goodies to bid on. We will also have local food trucks: Lard Have Mercy, PDQ Austin, and Chicago Style BBQ. Wristbands are on sale now for \$25 and PTA Members get \$2 off the cost of their wristband (\$23)! Visit our website for the wristband order form: www.liveoakpta.org and please join us for some fun!



The Deerpark MS PTA is rocking and rolling through the 2014-2015 school year. Our membership continues to grow – we're at 375 members as of this writing – and this growth has earned us the "Early Bird Award" and the "Winter Increase Award" from Texas PTA. We hope to add the "Golden Apple Award" to that list. It's in our reach, but not in our grasp just yet.

Our Teacher Appreciation coordinators are a hard-working team who stayed busy in the fall with several events to show our teachers how much we appreciate what they do each day with and for our students. We are happy to say the Nature's Harvest, Pie Palooza and Cookies & Coffee events were big hits with the teachers. Good thing, they're a big hit with us, too!

We are proud of the outstanding participation by our students in the PTA Reflections "The world would be a better place if..." program this year. We were very excited for our district winners and all of our talented students who took time to submit entries and participate in a PTA event.

We're looking forward to a fun and exciting semester ahead! Along with our monthly Spirit Nights (thank goodness for local companies willing to support our community) and Teacher Appreciation events, we are sponsoring/coordinating the following: Science Night, Parent Program from Texas PTA *Media Madness*, Valentines Dance, Talent Show, CATCH Night, Fine Arts Silent Auction, STAAR Party, and 8th Grade Dance. It will be a semester to remember – for us, our students, teachers and staff!

Go Rangers!





Time to Brag



Hernandez Middle School

In December our students made 205 Thank You cards for Soldiers.

On December 18th Clarissa Lopez took students from Orchestra, Band and Choir Christmas caroling to some of our Elementary Schools and to perform at the Round Rock Public Library.

On January 14th the Hernandez Middle School hosted the Reflections awards for Hernandez and Stony Point High School. Hernandez had a total of 94 entries, 21 of those advanced to the District level and 5 entries received Local Top Award status in each of 2 categories: Visual Art and Special Artist. We want to give our thanks to PTA Reflections Chair Kadia Koch and Co-Chair Pamela Anderson for their hard work and dedication to the students and the program.

Join Hernandez Middle School this Friday, January 23rd from 5-8 PM for McTeacher's Night at



The Luncheon Caterer



Today, we thank the Fajita Warehouse for catering our fajita lunch, and Gattiland for our desserts. We especially want to show our appreciation to the **Round Rock ISD Partners In Education Foundation** for sponsoring today's luncheon. The Foundation's generosity also includes serving lunch to Council guests and providing today's door prizes.

The PIE Foundation works with community leaders and advocates in the Round Rock area to enrich, enhance, and maximize the quality of education for all students in our district. Thank you for supporting the students in the Round Rock school district.





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Ridgeview Middle School Update

Nov 14 the PTA put on a 7th grade dance. The kids ate way too much candy and danced the night away.

Nov 21 we handed out pies, cakes, cookies, breakfast breads, etc to show how THANKFUL we are teachers of them going into the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dec 16 we held a holiday social where the students could hang out and decorate cookies or build a gingerbread house. It was very well attended and was a big success. We look forward to doing again next year. We even made the district website for this event (a few photos attached)

Jan 13-15 the PTA will be giving out PAWS awards to outstanding students nominated by their teachers.

Jan 16 the PTA will be handing out cookies to all the students that received A/B honor roll from the last grading period.

wk of Feb 9 the PTA will be selling Valentines' and holding an all school dance. This is the only one all year the entire student body is invited to attend together, and it's a lot of fun.

2/28 RMS will be assisting Blackland Prairie Elementary in holding their first 5k. RMS will be open after the run for a Community Bazaar to learn about a healthy lifestyle. PTA is helping find companies to attend the bazaar and volunteering wherever they're needed.

At the end of last semester Walsh PTA prepped for the holidays by delivering our Winter Wear, awarding teacher Mini Grants, hosting Great Pie Give Away for the staff before Thanksgiving, selling Poinsettias to the community, hosting an Executive Board lunch as part of a Spirit Night at Pucker's and hosting Cookies & Cocoa for our staff. We ended the semester literally by being awarded the Winter Increase Award from Texas PTA on the last day of school. We've started of the New Year with the same vigor. We held our first Executive Board meeting where we appointed a Budget Committee. We are hosting a Spirit Night at Plucker's this Thursday. Eat at Plucker's on 1-35 and support Walsh! The dance committee is preparing for the annual Valentine's Dance with the theme, VIP Valentines. Our 8th Grade Celebration Committee is beginning to plan for our celebratory event in May. A Denim Drive for the RRISD Clothes Closet and Box Top Collection are planned for late January. The PTA is also assisting in the 5th Grade Visit to Walsh in a few weeks. We are happy to celebrate with our Reflections winners at the Council Awards ceremony in February. Walsh PTA plans to have several attend Rally Day and is interested in learning more about the session this year. As the district embarks on its Strategic Planning, we are encouraging our members to attend the open forums to learn more and share their voice. There is no better advocate for your child than YOU! At our next Membership Member on February 10th, we will elect a Nominating Committee and host a parent program entitled, "Help Me I Have a Teenager: A Nitty Gritty Guide to Parental Sanity". This program will be presented by local Annie Drake, former PTA mom and licensed Marriage and Family therapist. Her presentation will be a humorous and practical guide to parenting and is open to anyone interested. We will begin at 6pm in the Lecture Hall. Happy New Year to all and *Go Wildcats!*





Time to Brag



McNeil HS Maverick News

Happy New Year! McNeil PTSA has been very busy since the new year began. We welcomed a new Principal, Courtney Acosta and a new Associate Principal, Marie Gonzalez. We hosted a teacher appreciation soup and salad luncheon for the teachers and staff which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The PTSA presented "What I wish I would have done..." at the incoming 9th grade parent graduation plan information meeting. "What I wish I would have done..." is a handout put together by students and parents that gives tidbits of information on how to succeed at McNeil HS. The PTSA student representatives also hosted a very successful question and answer session at this event. PTSA board members along with community members, students, teachers, staff and administration have been serving on the Master Plan committee giving their input on what the Master Plan for McNeil HS should look like. Finally, On the 27th, PTSA will be available to answer any questions from incoming 9th grade parents at McNeil's Annual Academy Night and Club Fair event. So much is happening at McNeil HS that all I can really say is that "Every day is good day to be a Maverick!"

Go Mavs!

Yamilett "Cissy" Anders-Rodriguez
President of PTSA



Round Rock Opportunity Center

The Round Rock Opportunity Center students made some pillows, blankets, and scarves and delivered them to the Assisted Living Facility (Court at Round Rock). We always do some type of project every year. Last year we made wreaths for their individual doors.



Strategic Planning



PTA have your voice heard. Help design programs and facilities during Round Rock ISD's Strategic Planning this month by attending one of four Community Meetings on January 22 and 23.

These public forums will take place:.

Friday January 23 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Raymond E. Hartfield Performing Arts Center next to McNeil High School

Friday January 23 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Deerpark Middle School on Anderson Mill Road in Austin

Strategic Planning will also include a community survey that will go live on January 28 for all members of the community to share input. Round Rock ISD will share information regarding the survey when it goes live.

"Productive public schools that provide world class instruction and support for students and families require a community's vision," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Flores said. "Our community is fortunate to have 49 active PTA groups to set the standard for advocacy. You are tireless supporters of this community's children and for public schools. I want to thank you for your service and ask for your participation in this important endeavor that will shape our district."

For more information, please visit www.roundrockisd.org/strategicplanning/.



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Rally Day



KEEP CALM and HAVE FUN STORMING THE CASTLE

Texas PTA Rally Day | 2/25/15

Need a Ride to TX PTA Rally Day?

RRISD is providing a bus to take us to the Texas Capital. We will return in time for elementary pick up. Look for a sign up genius to be coming out soon. Thank you RRISD for supporting PTA!

