



Apollo Junior High PTA

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PANTHER NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- April 25th - Early Voting Open Through May 3rd ([Bond Information](#))
- April 26th - Parent Education Night: Transition Program 6:30pm-7:30pm (see flyer)
- April 29th - No School - Student and Staff Holiday
- May 5th - Apollo Basketball Classic (see flyer) Presale Tickets sold April 25th-May 7th during lunch
- May 7th - "Night of Drumming" Percussion concert: Berkner High School Auditorium 7pm
- May 14th - Apollo Cheerleader Car Wash 9:30am-1pm at Sonic on Plano Rd
- May 16th - Apollo Spring Band Concert: Berkner High School Auditorium 7:00 pm

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Support Apollo Cheerleaders

APOLLO CHEERLEADER CAR WASH

Saturday, May 14

9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Sonic located at 605 S. Plano



*PLEASE COME HELP THE
SQUAD OUT WITH YOUR
DONATION IN EXCHANGE
FOR A CAR WASH*

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Apollo's Basketball Classic

Apollo Basketball Classic

Thursday, May 5th | Berkner HS Gym

Dinner at 5:00pm | Game at 6:00pm



**Presale Tickets sold
April 25th - May 7th during lunch!**

Come watch your Apollo Panther Staff take on the Richardson Fire Department in an exciting match-up!

In-N-Out Burger®

Dinner and Game

Combo:

\$10 adult

\$8 student

Game Only:

\$5 adult

\$3 student

**All proceeds will benefit Apollo Junior High.
For more information,
contact the Front Office at 469-593-7900**

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RISD EVENTS

Parent Education Night

Parent Education Night

Transition Program

Richardson ISD invites you to join us for parent education night! Please come to hear an overview of our Transition Program. The Transition Program supports students in the community and on the job by teaching skills needed to be successful in all areas of adult life. The mission of the program is to work with businesses, community leaders, community colleges and adult agencies to help students in the areas of employment, independent living, personal recreation, adult education and community involvement.

**Date: Tuesday,
April 26, 2016**

**Time: 6:30 -
7:30 pm**

Location:
Professional
Development
Center, Room
C101B

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Richardson, TX 75080
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Noche de Educación de los Padres

Programa de Transición

Richardson ISD les invita a que nos acompañen ala noche de educación de los padres! Por favor venga a escuchar una vision general de nuestro Programa de Transición. El Programa de Transición apoya a los estudiantes en la comunidad y en el trabajo para la enseñanza de habilidades necesarias para tener éxito en todas las areas de la vida adulta. La misión del programa es trabajar con empresas, lideres comunitarios, colegios comunitarios y agencias de adultos para ayudar a los estudiantes en las areas de empleo, la vida independiente, recreación personal, educación de adultos y la participación de la comunidad.

**Fecha: Martes,
April 26, 2016**

**Hora: 6:30 -
7:30 pm**

Ubicación:
Professional
Development
Center, Cuarto
C101B

*Se proporcionara un interprete de habla español

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RISD Bond 2016

[Bond 2016 Community Informational Video](#)

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Panther Depot

Hours of the Panther Depot:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00-8:30
Wednesday's at lunch from 12-1

School supplies and spirit wear available.

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Clothes Closet

We are collecting gently used or new clothing/shoe donations for the RISD Clothes Closet. When students feel good about the way they are dressed then they can more easily focus on learning, growing and succeeding.

The clothes closet is a place that students in need of assistance will be provided with clothes, shoes, toiletries and backpacks.

If you have any donations, please bring them to the office at Apollo and they will be sorted and delivered.

Also, if you would like to volunteer to help out by sorting clothes or you want to volunteer to help students shop please contact clairepearson@att.net. Make sure you get your background check ([Volunteer Application/Background Check](#)) if you are wanting to volunteer.

Thank you.

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PTA Website

Visit the Apollo Junior High PTA website ([Apollo Junior High PTA](#)) for information on events, contacts, PTA programs and to sign up for PTA eNews.

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Volunteering at Apollo Junior High

Apollo Junior High and PTA need YOU to volunteer!

We invite all parents to volunteer at Apollo. Many programs at AJH would not exist without your help. Volunteer opportunities exist in the following programs/services:

- Band, Choir, and/or Orchestra
- Tutoring
- Health Services
- RISD Clothes Closet
- Office
- Hospitality
- Field Day
- Reflections/Arts in Education
- Social/School Dance
- Supply Store/Panther Depot
- RISD Used Book Fair

You can sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4faba72faa8-2015> or contact Julyn Villaruel at julsvillaruel@verizon.net, (214) 497-6219.

Note: RISD requires that all volunteers must complete a Volunteer Background Check once a year. Go to the following link to complete the application: [Volunteer Background Check](#)

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to volunteer! Please keep track of your volunteer hours on-campus when you sign in at the front office, and at home to report to the Volunteer Coordinator as needed. If you have any questions, please contact Julyn Villaruel, Volunteer Coordinator at julsvillaruel@verizon.net.

Support Apollo Junior High - Join the PTA today!

Our challenge from the Texas PTA for this school year is to "Back the Future" and have one voice in the PTA for each student enrolled at Apollo Junior High School. That means we need over 400 of our parents, teachers, students, and neighbors to join the Apollo PTA to meet that challenge!

back the future



What does the PTA at Apollo do?

- Provides hospitality services to show appreciation and support for our faculty and staff.
- Provides leadership, resources, and volunteers for programs such as the RISD Clothes Closet, Used Book Fair, CyberSafe, and Reflections.
- Provides volunteers for Band, Choir, Orchestra, tutoring, health services, and the office.
- Hosts school dances/socials, supports Field Day, and runs the Panther Depot, our school supply/spirit items store.
- Raises funds to provide the services, programs, and materials to maintain, improve, and advance education and student life at AJH.
- Advocates for the students, staff, and families of Apollo Junior High.

Why join PTA?

- Become a role model - show your student the importance you place on education.
- Get involved, put your skills to work, and show your student you can be part of a solution.
- Gives you a chance to get connected with teachers and other parents.
- Most effectively suggest change to your student's school.
- Exclusive access to discounts and special offers from corporate sponsors, including:
 - AARP, Hertz, LifeLock, MetLife, and Staples (National PTA Benefit Providers)
 - Great Wolf Lodge, LaQuinta, Six Flags Over Texas and Fiesta Texas, Schlitterbahn, and the Texas Rangers (Texas PTA Benefit Providers)

I'm so busy - do I have to volunteer if I join the PTA?

No - we appreciate your membership and invite you to enjoy member benefits without volunteering. However, we do have several volunteer opportunities that don't require a lot of your time, and could actually be fun!

Who can join PTA?

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, community members, students... anyone who want to Back the Future!

How much does it cost to join PTA?

- Individual Membership: \$10
- Honorary Texas PTA Life Membership: \$7.75

What if I want to join more than one RISD school's PTA?

You can support them all through a PTA Angel Membership Package:

- **Platinum Angel Membership Package: \$457.25 - includes membership to all RISD schools' PTAs**
- **Golden Ram Membership Package: \$119.00 - includes membership to all Berkner Area PTAs (11 elementary schools, 2 junior highs, and Berkner)**
- **Silver Panther Membership Package: \$68.25 - includes membership to all Apollo Area PTAs (6 elementary schools, Apollo, and Berkner)**

How do I join the PTA?

- Download the form [2015-2016 membership form \(1\).pdf](#) OR
- Request one from the Membership Chair, Julyn Villaruel, at julsvillaruel@verizon.net, 214-497-6219.

- Return the completed form along with payment to

Apollo PTA, Attn: Membership
1600 Apollo Road
Richardson, TX 75081

Thank you for Backing the Future with Apollo Junior High PTA!

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FUNDRAISING

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

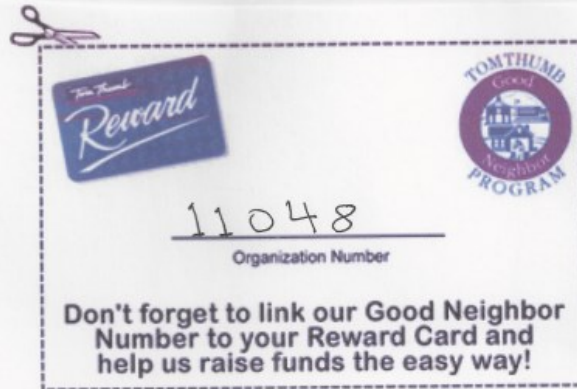
Apollo Junior High

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

Number: 11048

Here's how it works: You simply fill out the Good Neighbor program section and the top part of a Reward Card Application, indicating your organization's number and return it to the Courtesy Booth. That's it! Your organization is now linked to those cards. From that point on, the purchase price of groceries will automatically be recorded to your organization's Good Neighbor account. Tom Thumb will keep a running total of your account, and a check for 1% of the total is sent directly to the Apollo Junior High PTA each quarter.

Clip out the card and take it with you to the store as your reminder of our organization's Good Neighbor Program account number to fill in on your Reward card application.



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Box Tops

All about BOX TOPS! Did you know that we are collecting Box Tops to raise money for Apollo Junior High? We would love to have you clip and save Box Tops for our school. Please ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to collect Box Tops for us! For those of you who work, that is a great place to start; many parents whose children are grown still clip Box Tops but they may not know anyone to give them to - make that person be you! We currently have a collection container in the school office; you may drop your Box Tops off there during school hours. If you know of a local business that would be willing to put out a collection container for Apollo, please contact Cassie McCampbell, Box Tops Coordinator at c.mccampbell@att.net. Thanks!

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