



Apollo Junior High PTA

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PANTHER NEWS

Upcoming Events

- November 9 - How to Engage Families in Creating Healthier Schools Webinar (see PTA events)
- November 11 - Veteran's Day Celebration
- November 12 - Report Cards go home
- November 13 - SAGE Social Emotional Wellness Lunch Series
- November 14 - All-Region Band Auditions
- November 16 - Cross Country District Meet
- November 18 - The Big Picture - Rethinking Dyslexia
- November 23-27 No School
- Dec 21-Jan 4 No School

Exam/Assessment Schedule

Jan 13 - English: SIM Eng I, Eng II
Feb 16 - Math: SIM (8th grade)
Mar 14-16 - Social Studies: SIM U.S. History (8th grade)
Mar 16-18 - Science: SIM Biology (8th grade)
Mar 29 - STAAR: Writing (7th grade)
STAAR: Mathematics (8th grade)
Mar 30 - STAAR: Reading (8th grade)
STAAR: Mathematics (7th grade)
Mar 31 - Math: SIM Algebra (7th grade)
Apr 4-22 - STAAR Alternate (7th & 8th grade)
May 9 - STAAR: Mathematics (7th grade)
STAAR: Mathematics Retest (8th grade)
May 10 - STAAR: Reading (7th grade)
STAAR: Reading Retest (8th grade)
May 11 - STAAR: Science (8th grade)
May 12 - STAAR: Social Studies (8th grade)
Jun 21 - STAAR: Mathematics Retest (8th grade)
Jun 22 - STAAR: Reading Retest (7th grade)

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Why Join PTA?

Membership in PTA shows your support for a school, in particular, and public education, in general.

PTAs work in partnership with schools and communities to ensure children have the best possible learning environment.

Local, state and national PTAs advocate on behalf of children on matters of education, health and safety. Higher membership numbers indicate greater support for these initiatives. In fact, there are nearly 500,000 PTA members in Texas. **Your membership counts, quite literally, and reflects that you indeed Back The Future.**

And benefits directly to you as a member include the current featured PTA benefit:

Plan a Holiday Trip with Hertz

The world's largest airport general-use car rental brand, operating from approximately 10,090 locations in 145 countries, is proud to offer PTA members up to 20% off using discount.



Use the code "CDP# 1929580" every time you reserve. PTA members also receive a free child seat with every rental. Want to unlock more savings? Sign up for Hertz Gold Plus Rewards membership, for FREE.

[Reserve online](#) or call [\(800\) 654-2210](tel:8006542210).

Not a PTA member yet? Go to www.berknerpta.org/join for all the info!

Plane un viaje con Hertz

La compañía de renta de automoviles de uso en el aeropuerto y uso general más grade del mundo, operando desde aproximadamente 10,090 localidades en 145 países, se enorgullese en ofrecer a los miembros del PTA hasta 20% de descuento.



Use el código "CDP# 1929580" cada vez que reserve. Los miembros del PTA también recibirán un asiento de coche para niños con cada renta. Quiere conseguir más descuentos? Regístrese a la membresia de Recompensas Hertz Gold Plus gratuitamente.

[Reserve en línea](#) llame al [\(800\) 654-2210](tel:8006542210).

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

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!

HELP! We need a lot of help at the Lake Highlands and Berkner K,1,2, plays- arrive early and usher Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students to their seats for the Council Plays.

The following schools will be attending throughout November:

PEARCH HS AREA
LAKE HIGHLANDS HS AREA
BERKNER HS AREA
RICHARDSON HS AREA

signup at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445afad2eaafa7-k12>

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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.

Student PTA Memberships available - get you Apollo Panthers 2015-2016 pennant and student membership punch card (includes homework passes, tardy passes, ID cards)

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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.

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RISD EVENTS

Berkner Happenings

[Berkner Bazaar - Nov 14 & 15](#)

L.V. Berkner High School ~ Richardson, Texas

BERKNER BAZAAR

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT & CRAFT SHOW



- Free Admission
- Free Parking
- Unique Gift Ideas
- Food & Drinks
- Prize Drawings
- Entertainment

Jewelry~Clothing & Accessories~Home/Seasonal Decorations
Bath & Body~Beauty/Health Products~Foods...

Sat. November 14 9am-4pm

Sun. November 15 11am-4pm

www.BerknerBazaar.org
www.facebook.com/berknerbazaar


Proudly Sponsored by the Berkner PTA

L.V. Berkner High School 1600 E. Spring Valley Road Richardson, Texas


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RISD Events


- [Lunch Speaker Presented by SAGE Social Emotional Wellness - Nov 13](#)
- Student Holiday/Staff Development Nov 23-25
- Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 26-27
- [Used Bookfair - Save the Date/New Location](#) - Feb 11-14




**This will serve as part of the
RISD Advanced Academic Studies
Guest Lecture Series.*



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Special Needs and Gifted Association



RICHARDSON GIFTED
MEMBER, TEXAS FEDERATION OF
GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS NETWORK

Present

**Social and Emotional Needs of the Gifted:
What Parents and Teachers Need to Know**
by Sandra Colston, SENG Model Parent Group Facilitator


Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Rm 203 or the Auditorium of the RISD Administration Bldg.
400 S. Greenville Ave. Richardson, TX

Please RSVP to gifted@sageptarisd.com

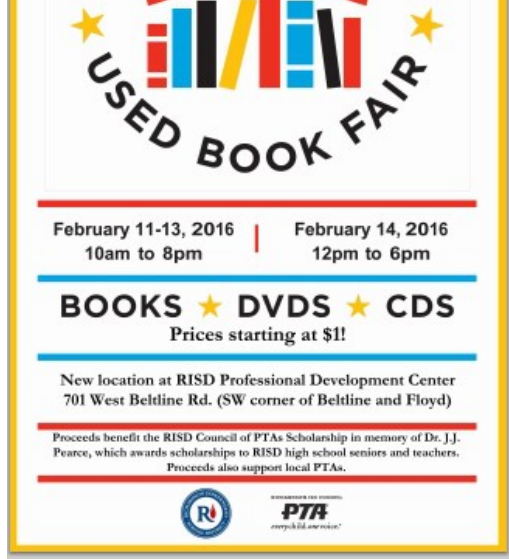
* Teachers can receive GT or Extended Learning Credit for attending! Please look for internal RISD communication to register for your credit. For questions about receiving credit hours for this event, please contact Monica Simmonds, monica.simmonds@risd.org

In addition to intellectual differences, gifted children have different social and emotional needs. Come learn about gifted intensities, challenges at home and school, and ways for both parents and teachers to help children cope. Find out about resources through the nonprofit SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) and other organizations, and learn more about the emotions of your gifted children and students. Parents and teachers are both encouraged to attend!

Sandra Colston is a SENG Model Parent Group facilitator, former SAGE Chair and G/T liaison for the Plano ISD Council of PTAs, former member of the Plano ISD G/T Advisory Committee, and has delivered training through Region 10. Over 300 parents have participated in over 20 support groups led by Sandra in Plano, Frisco, and Richardson. Sandra's daughter was identified as gifted in first grade, and after learning about giftedness through SENG, Sandra realized she needed to share the support SENG provides with other parents of gifted children. As her daughter starts her first year of college, Sandra continues her eighth year facilitating parent groups. She attends professional training provided by TAGT.







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'Green' Events

Lots of stuff going on the City of Dallas!

Texas Recycles Day is Nov. 15th.

Fall Recycling Roundup Sat., Nov. 14th at Richland College

They will be taking some of those harder-to-recycle materials, such as tires, scrap metal, and clean plastic bags, in addition to cardboard, clothing, and other more common items.

Flyer at <http://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/Pages/recycling.aspx>

COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENT NOV. 14TH AT MERRIMAN PARK (FINAL REMINDER)

Bubb Fundraising, www.bubbfundraising.com, will be at Merriman Park Elementary on Saturday November 14th from 8am-12. All proceeds benefit the MPE PTA. They accept computer items, cameras, office equipment, electronics, multimedia, vehicles, clothing, toys, sporting equipment, instruments, dinnerware, jewelry and food. Items may be in any condition- damaged, non-working or operational.

All books collected will be donated to the RISD Book Fair.

Richardson Bike Mart and the MPE Dad's Club will also be sponsoring a bike rodeo to promote cycling to school. RBM will conduct bicycle safety inspections, helmet inspections, minor bike adjustments, and an obstacle course for bike handling skill building.

2015 Holiday Grease Roundup Nov. 30 – Dec. 10 Recycle your Thanksgiving grease.

Don't pour your Thanksgiving grease down the drain. Recycle it for free instead! Find your closest drop-off location at [Cease The Grease](#).

For those of you in Richardson check out some good on-going programs.

[Richardson Trash/Recycling Programs](#)

There is a bunch of great info in the City of Dallas' "Green Times" Q4 newsletter that would be good to pass on! ['Green' Newsletter](#)

Plant a tree this Arbor Day

Dallas Park and Recreation celebrating Arbor Day by giving away 500 trees

Dallas Park and Recreation is celebrating Dallas Arbor Day by giving away 500 trees to Dallas residents. It's all in an effort to support the City's reforestation efforts. The program is in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation and Oncor.

"These newly planted trees will not only help reduce the amount of energy your home requires, but they also add to your property value, reduce your carbon footprint, and improve the air quality," said Karen Woodard, City of Dallas Forester.

Residents must be Oncor customers and must be able to provide proof of Dallas residency. Residents will be eligible for as many two trees, but must sign up by Thursday, Nov. 12th.

Residents will be responsible for picking up the trees on Saturday, Nov. 7th at

Crawford Park at 8700 Elam Rd., from 9 a.m. - noon. Join us for a special program beginning at 8:45 a.m. Residents who are unable to pick up the trees on Nov. 7th will have another opportunity to pick up their trees on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at the Oncor Service Center at 4530 Greenville Ave., from 9 a.m. - noon.

Residents will be able to choose from the following tree species: Burr Oak, Cedar Elm, Mexican White Oak, Pecan and Texas Redbud.

[Reserve your tree today!](#)

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PTA Events

In November, National PTA's Every Child in Focus campaign centers on Native American Heritage Month. Check out the weekly infographics and more [American Heritage Month](#)

CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- 1. According to the 2010 U.S. Census,** about **5.2 million** people in the United States identified as American Indian or Alaska Native, making up 1.7% of the total population. (Source: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2010/briefr/2010br-10.pdf>)
- 2. What is the definition of American Indian or Alaska Native?** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines American Indian or Alaska Native as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation.
- 3. Can you guess how many Native American languages there are?** There are about **150 Native American** languages in Canada and the United States. (Source: <http://www.native-languages.org/faq.htm#1>)
- 4. When was the first American Indian Day celebrated?** The first one **occurred in May 1916** in New York. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horseback from state to state, getting endorsements from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month". (Source: http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/cb11-022.html)
- 5. What are education rates among the Native American community?** **77%** have a high school diploma, GED or alternative credential. In comparison, **86%** of the overall population earned a high school diploma. (Source: 2010 American Community Survey for the American Indian and Alaska Native alone population)

National PTA Every Child in Focus
Join the #EveryChild campaign all year as we focus on the importance of diversity in the classrooms and our school communities. Participate in the conversation. Tell us why diversity matters in your school using #EveryChild and follow us on social media.

Facebook.com/ParentTeacherFoundation
Instagram.com/NationalPTA
Pinterest.com/NationalPTA
Twitter.com/NationalPTA

How To Engage Families in Creating Healthier Schools

When: Mon., Nov. 9

Time: 1-2 p.m. EST

[Register Now](#)

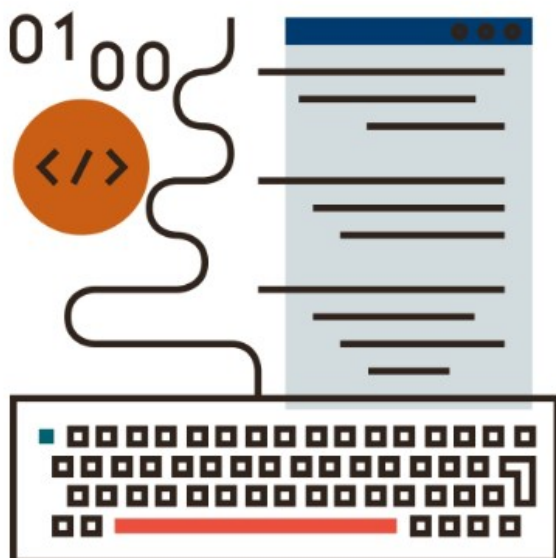
November is [Healthy Lifestyles Month!](#) In collaboration with Shannon Michael, PhD, MPH of the CDC, join National PTA President-Elect, Jim Accomando and Dr. Winn Murnin Elementary School PTA President, Amy Hoffmann in an hourlong webinar where we'll cover:

- Strategies for engaging families in school health
- A real-life example from a local PTA School of Excellence and Healthy Lifestyles: Energy Balance 101 grant recipient
- How to use the CDC's Parents for Healthy Schools toolkit

[Research](#) shows that healthier students do better and experience fewer behavior problems while learning in school. That's why National PTA encourages all families and schools to demonstrate their commitment to ensuring that all students show up each day healthy and ready to learn.

The #HourOfCode is coming again - with new tutorials, new prizes and new records to break. Visit HourOfCode.com to learn more.





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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.

On our first collection Apollo JH PTA collected roughly \$100. Thank you to all who donated. Keep them coming!

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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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Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

Have your Tom Thumb purchases help Apollo Junior High PTA. Get the application at the courtesy booth - use number 11048 to get your purchases recorded to Apollo JH PTA.

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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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