Welcome back to school Rooster Springs Elementary families! What a joy it has been to see smiling faces in the hallways. The PreK & kinders seem excited to begin their path of education and the older kiddos look confident and happy to be with friends. I know our amazing staff has been working so hard to kick off the year!

The 2019-2020 school year is going to be fantastic! The 1st Annual Back to School Summer Bash was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many families, even in the heat! The PTA appreciates our vendors for spending the evening with us. If you see Kona Ice, Goldstar Kettle Corn or stop in to Hill Country Ranch Pizzeria, please thank them! We also want to give a shout out to DJ Trey and the talented face painters, Anna Chapovalov and Emelie Christy. The PTA is excited to bring back programs such as Art Appreciation, the Learning Garden, and Watch DOGS, and more! We are also happy to host events such as the Talent Show, Book Fair, Apex Fun Run and brand new this year - the Fall Extravaganza on Friday, October 18th! More details coming soon.

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This year I am honored to serve as PTA President. As a mother of four children and a former teacher, it feels natural to be immersed into school life and everything it encompasses. My hope is that the PTA keeps the mission of the PTA at the center in all that we do so that each student at RSE is positively impacted. By working as a team with PTA members, teachers, staff, parents and the community I know that we can accomplish anything!

I was once told by a more seasoned volunteer, “we need to meet volunteers where they are.” That simple phrase really struck a chord. An elementary school needs many volunteers to adequately and successfully run worthwhile programs and events. I encourage each of you to volunteer this year in the capacity that works for you and your family. It may be sending in the paper plates for the class party, choosing an item off a teacher’s wish list, committing to a weekly garden shift, chairing a committee or bringing kiddos to an event and spending time with school community. The capacity to volunteer for each of us is different and ever changing in the “busy” we all live in. Please know that in whichever way you choose to give back and volunteer this year at RSE, your time and helping hands are appreciated.

Ashley Hight

Teacher wish list!
This year we are adding a wish list for teachers on our website. Please go [here](https://www.rsespta.org) to see what our staff needs now. Check back often as needs will be updated frequently.

Calling all Room Parents!
Every teacher deserves a room parent. The jobs are simple this year, host two parties (winter and end of year) and facilitate communication from the PTA to your parents. Consider being a co-room parent with a friend.
If you haven’t filled out this [form](https://www.rsespta.org) yet, please do and submit it. Orientation is on 9/20!

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RSE named National PTA School of Excellence

Rooster Springs was recently recognized as a 2019-2021 National PTA School of Excellence. National PTA’s School of Excellence program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools that work to improve the educational experience and school environment for every child. This program provides guidance to assist school in engaging families in the school decision-making, and helps school build inclusive policies related to education, health, safety or the arts. This year, Rooster made progress strengthening our community by becoming a more welcoming and inclusive school to all students and families.

As a National PTA School of Excellence, families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.

Watch D.O.G.S.

Our Watch Dog program has continued to grow and seen lots of success over the last two years.

Who are the Watch Dogs?

They are fathers, grandfathers, uncles or any father-figure. Their job is to be a role model, demonstrate that school is important, enhance school security and reduce bullying.

We would love to have you join us as a Watch Dog for the day, or join our new program this year Hot Dogs. If you can’t spend the entire day at school we’d love to have you for a few hours at lunch.

Come find out all about the program at our kick-off party Sept. 19th.

Veteran Watch Dog? Go ahead and sign up for your spot here.

#RiSEtogether

You may have seen the RSE staff and PTA use this hash tag this year. It’s Rooster’s new motto. The letters stand for Respect, Integrity, Safety and Excellence. The Friday assemblies this year will be called Rise Rallies and they will honor some Rising Tigers who exhibit these qualities during the school day. The first Rise Rally was a huge success and we can’t wait for more!
RSE’s New Launchpad

Our Apex fun run was super successful and the PTA dreamed of a space where kids could play games and chat and teachers could use it for lessons. Our super students submitted to grant requests to the PTA for ADA compliant picnic tables and the vision came to life. The concrete for the space was poured over the summer and tables were assembled. The giant shade cover for the space should be installed in the next couple of weeks. We hope RSE students love the space and use it for many more years to come.

Have ideas about what to use this year’s fun run money toward? We plan to gather ideas from staff, parents and students and vote for our next big improvement.

House System!!

Rooster has adopted a new house system! There are 6 houses: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple! Each grade level is represented in each house PK through 5th. Students can earn points for their house and at the end of the year the top house will win a prize. The kids are super excited about it and the teachers are getting competitive. Expect to wear this years t-shirt more often than just field trips to support your house!

Click the picture to see what house you are in!

Learning Garden

Help spread the word! We need teachers to adopt garden plots!! Classes typically visit the garden once a week. There are lots of plots of different sizes to fit different needs. Classes get to harvest what they grow. They can eat it, trade it, share it, or donate it.

Encourage your teacher and room parent to sign up today.

Want to be involved in the garden this year? Join the garden committee. Email learninggarden@rsepta.org or check us out on Facebook.

T-shirt buying deadline is fast approaching. This will be your only opportunity to buy a t-shirt. Deadline is September 20th!!! Click here to go to the store.
I am so excited to begin this next chapter at Rooster Springs! My family and I have lived in Dripping Springs for over 8 years. Prior to the purchase of our home and children I began my educational career in Lake Travis ISD. The commute wasn’t an issue until I had two little ones. This summer, after much thought I decided to take a leap of faith and apply for a position at RSE. Sure enough, I was selected for the position!

Here are a few things about Ashley:

1. Which three words describe you best?
   - Outgoing
   - Vibrant
   - Reliable

2. Which common saying or phrase describes you?
   - “We won’t be distracted by comparison if we are captivated with purpose” - Bob Goff

3. What’s the best thing that’s happened to you this week?
   - I get to meet my next group of 4th graders!

4. What was your favorite subject at school?
   - History & Art

5. Where would you love to go on holiday?
   - Disney World

6. What is your favorite drink?
   - Cherry Limeade
RSE PTA OFF TO A STRONG START!

School supplies
Bulletin boards
New bike racks installed!
Back to school bash
PTA funded launchpad
Watch D.O.G.S.
Teacher luncheon

And so much more!!

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Teacher luncheon
National PTA Reflections

The National PTA Reflections Theme for 2019-2020 is “Look Within”
Categories: Photography, Music Composition, Film Production, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, and Literature
Entries will be accepted through late Fall of 2019!

Watch this YouTube Video for more information.

Last year we had 561 members join PTA, the largest PTA in the district! This year we would love to increase our membership and have everyone’s voice heard. It’s just $10 and it goes to programs and events that will enrich the lives of our students and staff. We have big plans this year and would love for you to join!

www.joinpta.org or www.rsespta.org

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