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PTA'S PURPOSE

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

Be a hero! Join Today!



CALLING ALL HEROES!

The PTA needs your help!

We need volunteers for the 2016-17 PTA Board! We are still accepting interest surveys for all Committee Chair positions and there are still openings for Officers.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions or have any questions about what these positions entail, please contact Cassandra Hart at kassandra.hart@gmail.com

SUPER BIRTHDAYS

April 13	Sarah Williamson
April 18	Vanessa White
April 18	Dawn Shinn
April 23	Mary-Katherine Marston

BEAVER TECH NEWS

By Jason Adams, Principal

Spring Break has come and gone. Beaver students performed at the annual Arts Showcase last month, and students across the state have started taking the STAAR tests. This can only mean one thing...the last six weeks of school are just around the corner. With so much going on here at Beaver Tech, the school year has flown by faster than ever, so I wanted to take time to share some of the exciting projects and initiatives that have happened this year.



Building-Wide Project Based Learning (PBL)

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade have been working together to solve real-world projects. This instructional design is known as Project Based Learning, and is often referred to as PBL. Over the course of this school year, Beaver students have answered dozens of driving questions within the PBL framework. Current projects range from the first graders organizing a presidential election based on characteristics from their favorite characters in literature, to 5th graders writing grants to fund a field trip. Students have several more projects to look forward to over the next several weeks. We are excited about the learning opportunities provided with PBL and look forward to expanding and improving this model as we continue to move forward.

Elective Program

This is the third year of our elective program and we are just starting the third and final cycle of the school year. This program was designed to provide students with opportunities to explore interests and content beyond curriculum traditionally taught in school. Two courses have been added to the catalog for this final cycle, and students will be able to select from twenty-five courses from multiple learning disciplines. As our partnerships increase, so have the courses we have been able to provide for students. We are currently partnering with the University of Texas at Dallas and hope to expand the program by reaching out to other local businesses and programs in the future.

Character-Leadership Program

This is the second year of our character-leadership model, called Star Time, where students learn the importance of collaboration, responsibility, and leadership. Star Time was developed to support students as they learn how to interact within a 21st century learning environment (communication, collaboration critical thinking, and creativity). Students meet weekly with our school counselor Mrs. Romero to learn the skills necessary to effectively work together, resolve conflicts, and listen and respect opposing views. We look forward to seeing this program cultivate student leaders and model citizens here at Beaver.

It has been an exciting school year with much to celebrate. We look forward to closing out the next few months a strong note. As always, thank you for your continued support.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 FROM 10AM-12PM

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Kassandra Hart, PTA President

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA NEWS

By Cassandra Hart, PTA President

We held elections for the 2016-2017 PTA Officers at our PTA Association meeting on March 15th. Your PTA Officers for next year are as follows:

- President – Heather Bryant
- 1st VP of Membership – Christine Turner
- 2nd VP of Fundraising – OPEN
- 3rd VP of Communications – Amy Hill
- Secretary – Jennifer Cortez
- Treasurer - Open

The 2nd VP of Fundraising and Treasurer positions are open, so if you are interested in either of these positions for next year, please contact me at Kassandra.hart@gmail.com.

We still have open Committee Chair positions. The Interest Survey is on the last page of the newsletter. If you are interested in serving on the PTA board as a Committee Chair, please return it to school with your top three choices labeled in order of preference. We will announce the 2016-2017 Committee Chair appointments at our PTA Association meeting on May 17th at 6pm.

The month of April is all about health and fitness!

- Join us on **April 12th at 6:00 p.m. for Jam the Gym**. The PTA has invited the Mavs Man and his sidekick Champ to come out and entertain us with health facts and basketball fun!
- **April 15th is the second annual Beaver TECHnicolor Run!** It will be held in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. We wanted to plan a Spring Fundraiser that doesn't require our children to sell goods door-to-door and something that would be fun and meaningful for the students and families at Beaver. We're offering 3 options to participate this year. Option A, you can pay \$12 to participate and will receive a TECHnicolor Run t-shirt before the event and a Kona Ice at the end of the race! If you don't want a Kona Ice, then Option B for \$10 is for you. Lastly, with Option C you can pay \$5 to participate in the run and wear an existing t-shirt that you don't mind getting colored powder on. All participants will be showered with colored cornstarch at multiple color stations throughout the course. The whole family is invited to participate! Come out and have a great time while getting fit and raising money for your child's school!

April 1st is the deadline to submit your Beaver TECHnicolor Run t-shirt order. We will not be ordering extra t-shirts. So, if you'd like to get a t-shirt with our very cool, new TECHnicolor Run logo, please get your order form and payment in by Friday, April 1st!

We will accept \$5 participant fees (that do not require a shirt order) through April 14th. We won't be able to take payments the day of the event.



TECHNICOLOR RUN

By Heather Bryant

The 2nd annual Beaver Technicolor Run is just around the corner. Will you be joining us in the most epic (and easy) fundraising event ever?

The deadline to order a special edition Beaver Technicolor Run 2016 shirt is TOMORROW, April 1st.

If you are reading this late and missed the shirt deadline, don't worry! You can still participate in the run by sending your order form with \$7. That includes your participation fee and a Kona Ice. Don't want the shirt or the Kona Ice? Participation only is just \$5. Make sure to bring the whole family, too. We would love to see moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents and siblings join in the fun and you can include them all on the same order form. Fun, plus it helps raise money for Beaver Tech.

Here are a few things to remember:

- * Wear your Beaver Color run (or any shirt) on the day of the race
- * Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy
- * If you didn't prepay for your Kona Ice, you can bring \$2 on the day of the race
- * Bring sunglasses or goggles to protect your eyes from the non-toxic powder
- * Bring a beach towel in your backpack
- * Make sure you wear tennis shoes!



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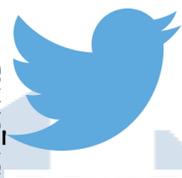


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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

By Rebecca Thiehoff

The school year is almost over and we still have volunteer opportunities available.

We are looking forward to our second annual TECHnicolor Run which will take place on April 15th. We've had a great response from our requests for volunteers, but we still need people to help as Color Splashers and Sideline Volunteers which help refill colors, act as perimeter security as well as maintain safety. If you are able to volunteer, please go to the following website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084ea8a7229-beaver1> or contact me at beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com. Color Run volunteers need to make sure that they have completed the new Garland ISD background check. This process can take 3-5 business days to complete. The day of the race, please check in with the front office and then meet at noon outside the playground doors to be directed to your assigned area. The run is expected to wrap up by 2:45 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer on a more daily basis, you can ask your child's teacher where they need help. You can also help fill Thursday folders or go on field trips.

We would like to remind all of our potential volunteers to make sure that you have completed the new Garland ISD background check. You can do this online at <http://www.garlandisd.net/volunteer/apply.asp> or by going into the school office where there is a computer available for you.

In May, we will need volunteers to cover teacher lunches for STAAR testing and we will also need Field Day help, so be on the lookout for those opportunities.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES - DUE DATE

Articles for the April newsletter are due **Wednesday, April 27, 2016**. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact us at beavertechpta@gmail.com.

GYM NEWS

By Valerie McElroy

Spring has sprung in P.E. and that means FUN! In April we will enjoy soccer and bowling skills along with cooperative games with different types of equipment. We will continue to discuss game strategies and stress teamwork! Additionally, we will discuss anatomy trivia and safe "fun in the sun" practices.

I hope to see everyone at **Jam the Gym on Tuesday, April 12th at 6pm in the Beaver Gym**. We will have a fun, interactive presentation by the Mavs Man and Champ that you will NOT want to miss! Thanks so much to our awesome PTA for funding this exciting event.

Also, Field Day t-shirt sales will begin in April. The cost is \$10.00 (cash only please). **Field day is Friday, May 20th** and we will need lots of parent volunteers and bottled water donations. Please plan to be a part of this fun day!



JAM THE GYM

APRIL 12th at 6pm

JAM THE GYM

We have a special night planned for **Jam the Gym on April 12th at 6pm**. The PTA has sponsored a special performance by **The Mavs Man and his sidekick, Champ!** It will be a high energy, action packed show about health and fitness.

<http://www.mavs.com/game-night/mavsmanandchamp/>

So, plan to come out to Beaver Tech on Tuesday, April 12th at 6pm and bring the whole family for a night of fun that you won't want to miss!

STAAR TEST DATES

MAY

9th 3rd & 4th Grade Math

11th 5th Grade Science

10th 3rd and 4th Grade Reading

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LIBRARY NEWS

By Cheryl Brooks

Beaver students are very talented. Ivan Garcia won Beaver's Book Byte contest and his movie will be submitted to the district level contest. Congratulations Ivan!

April is National School Library Month. This year's theme is School Libraries Transform Learning. The 2016 spokesperson Megan McDonald, author of the Judy Moody series, the Stink books, and the Sisters Club trilogy said "I would not be who I am without the early impact of my school library and librarian. I grew up to become a librarian. I grew up to become a storyteller. I grew up to become a writer. School librarians not only foster a lifelong love of reading and story, they encourage thinking and creativity. They support curious minds. They inspire young imaginations. School librarians shape lives."

We also have author Ronda Friend scheduled to visit on April 26. Watch for more information about her books.

April is also National Poetry Month. Poets like Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky, and Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Frost are just a few of the American poets celebrated this month. Students, if you would like to share a poem on announcements, please contact Ms. Brooks.

BE YOUR KID'S SUPERHERO! JOIN PTA!

By Chris Turner

There are many good reasons to join PTA. These include being involved at the local area to supporting issues facing children nationally. Also, it is a great way to connect with other parents. Our PTA helps support programs at our school, funding many things from field trips and the backpacks for them to starting new elective programs. Beaver Tech PTA also keeps parents stay informed with our award winning newsletter.

But did you know that your PTA membership can also save you money? Visit <http://www.txpta.org/my-pta/member-benefits/> and you can access discounts on insurance, car rentals, hotel stays, Texas attractions and more.

Anyone and everyone can join so sign up today! Fill out and return the PTA form, along with \$8.00 per joining member.



WHAT'S UP IN THE ART ROOM?

By Dixie Nambo

You are invited to see beautiful artwork from our talented students from across the district.

**GISD Elementary Art Showcase
South Garland Branch Library
4845 Broadway at Oates**

The show will run from April 14 thru April 28. The opening reception with all artists and teachers will be on Thursday, April 16, from 6:00 – 7:30. Please come enjoy the show and support our "Beaver All-Star Artists."

Many classes are busy painting and using oil pastels while creating beautiful Mexican folk art. Younger grades are exploring textures and gaining confidence and coordination with their use of scissors and glue. Perspective drawing is coming along nicely with 5th grade as we get ready to switch gears and bring out the paints.

The Friday Art Elective class will be finishing up their circle paintings soon and they will be on display in the hallway.

Hope to see you all at the Elementary Art Showcase!



BE A HERO! JOIN THE PTA! MEMBERSHIPS \$8

1ST MEMBERSHIP NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **MOBILE PHONE:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **TEACHER:** _____

2ND MEMBERSHIP NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **MOBILE PHONE:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **TEACHER:** _____

Please return this form to school in a sealed envelope with payment of \$8.00 per membership. Please make checks payable to Beaver PTA.

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HOSPITALITY

By Vicki Casco

Happy Spring, Beaver Families! This year, the beginning of Spring marked the first round of STAAR testing. To help keep the testing momentum going, the PTA provided a taco luncheon for the staff on March 29th (the first day of testing).

At Beaver, Spring also brings about our annual TECHnicolor Run on April 15th. This year, the students will not be the only bright and colorful part of this exciting fundraiser. Kona Ice will also be joining the festivities. Each staff member will be treated to a cool, refreshing cup of Kona Ice during the Technicolor Run.

Our biggest hospitality event of the year is right around the corner. Teacher's Appreciation Week is always celebrated during the first week in May. More information will be sent home regarding how you can help make this week extra special for your child's teacher.

As always, if you have any suggestions or questions, feel free to contact me at beaverptahospitality@gmail.com.



YEARBOOK

By Cassandra Hart

The deadline to order a yearbook is Friday, April 15th. The cost is \$20/book and they will be delivered the last week of school. Please do not wait to purchase a book until the last week of school. While we do order a few extra books, those are generally on hand to correct any ordering errors we may have made.

How do you order a book? Send your payment (cash or check made out to Beaver PTA) and order information: student name, homeroom teacher, and number of books ordered back to school in a sealed envelope labeled "Yearbook Order". We will send home a receipt for your order.

We still need pictures for the yearbook! You can email them to beaverptayearbook@gmail.com, share your pics from your google drive with beaverptayearbook@gmail.com, copy your pictures to a disc and return it to school with your student (be sure to label it!).

If you have any questions, you can direct them to me at Kassandra.hart@gmail.com.

CAMPUS CLEANUP

By Cassandra Hart

Campus Clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, April 2nd from 10 am – Noon**. We will be working with Keep Garland Beautiful to make this a fun event! This year we will beautify Beaver Tech's front flower bed as well as clean-up the campus and immediate surrounding areas. We will wrap-up this event with lunch for all the volunteers that come to help out.

Let me know if your service organization (girl scouts, cub scouts, boy scouts, etc.) is interested in earning volunteer hours by helping out with this event. You can contact me directly at Kassandra.hart@gmail.com.

SPIRIT STORE

By Heather Bryant

Do your kids ever ask you for a dollar on Thursday mornings? Do you ever wonder where that dollar goes? Our PTA keeps a stocked Spirit store with several rotating items to choose from weekly. From tattoos and decals to seasonal Smencils and different themed spirit sticks, our stock is always changing. And again, what we earn at the Spirit Store goes right back into Beaver Technology Center. So make sure you don't miss out on some of the new exciting spirit sticks that will be popping up soon. We also will have new spring scented Smencils and Smens. The Spirit Store is open every Thursday morning from 7:30 to 7:55 so be sure to be there early!

ROOM REPRESENTATIVES

By Christina Craig

Happy Spring!! It seems like we barely had a winter and now spring break has come and gone. The school year is on fast sprint towards the end. There will be a few opportunities to help in your classrooms. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Rebecca Thiehoff, will be looking for volunteers to help during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Consider giving an hour of your time to cover one day of your child's grade level lunch/recess so that your teachers can have a little extra break. More details to come. Also, end of the year parties will be here soon. I'll have more details to come next month.

WATCH DOGS

By Robert Nash

Our Pizza Night was a great success last month, and I again thank everyone who took the time to come out and who signed up to be Watch DOGS. If you were unable to attend, you still have two months left to help out! At the top of our needs list is the Color Run on April 15. We are needing 5-10 more men to help keep our kids safe as they participate in their fun run.

There are also plenty of opportunities to spend time with your child in their classroom. Any amount of time you can commit is special for all of the students as they love having Watch DOGS in the building. If you would like to help, please email me at beaverwatchdogs@gmail.com.

ORDER YOUR 2015-2016 YEARBOOK

BY FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

THE COST IS \$20 EACH. RETURN THIS COMPLETED ORDER FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT (CASH OR CHECK MADE OUT TO BEAVER TECH PTA) IN A SEALED ENVELOPE LABELED, "YEARBOOK ORDER". YEARBOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

HOME ROOM TEACHER: _____

NUMBER OF YEARBOOKS ORDERING: _____

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HEARING THE MUSIC, HONING THE MIND

By Susan Elliott

Music produces profound and lasting changes in the brain.

In recent years, neuroscientists have examined the benefits of a concerted effort to study and practice music, as opposed to playing a Mozart CD or a computer-based “brain fitness” game once in a while. Advanced monitoring techniques have enabled scientists to see what happens inside your head when you listen to your mother and actually practice the violin for an hour every afternoon. And they have found that music lessons can produce profound and lasting changes that enhance the general ability to learn. These results should disabuse public officials of the idea that music classes are a mere frill, ripe for discarding in the budget crises that constantly beset public schools.

Studies have shown that assiduous instrument training from an early age can help the brain to process sounds better, making it easier to stay focused when absorbing other subjects, from literature to tensor calculus. The musically adept are better able to concentrate on a biology lesson despite the racket in the classroom or, a few years later, to finish a call with a client when a colleague in the next cubicle starts screaming at an underling. They can attend to several things at once in the mental scratch pad called working memory, an essential skill in this era of multitasking.

Research of our brains on music leads to the conclusion that music education needs to be preserved—and revamped, as needed, when further insights demonstrate, say, how the concentration mustered to play the clarinet or the oboe can help a problem student focus better in math class. The main reason for playing an instrument, of course, will always be the sheer joy of blowing a horn or banging out chords.

But we should also be working to incorporate into the curriculum our new knowledge of music’s beneficial effect on the developing brain. Sustained involvement with an instrument from an early age is an achievable goal even with tight budgets. Music is not just an “extra.”

*This is an excerpt of an article from the magazine “Scientific American,” October 26, 2010.
For the complete article, go to <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=hearing-the-music-honing>*



Arts Showcase 2016



REMEMBER BOX TOPS!

By Susan Elliott

Each Box Top is worth 10¢, and they add up fast. Throwing one away is like tossing a dime into the trash. The next goal is to purchase a class set of tambourines for our students. It takes a lot of Box Tops to make that happen, so please help us out by continuing to clip them. Maybe you could ask friends and relatives to save them for you.

A list of participating Box Tops products is included in this newsletter. Please look it over to see if you use any of them, then clip and send them to school.

Thanks so much for your support!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Marcie Romero

We have been busy learning all about being responsible during Star Time. Students have discussed how being responsible means doing the right thing without needing to be asked or reminded. All students were asked to think of the different responsibilities they have at home, school and in their community.

Fifth Grade students are getting ready to move on to middle school! Help your child fill out their choice of school form this month and get it turned in. Check middle school websites for dates on when they will be hosting band drives and parent meetings for incoming sixth graders.



2015-2016 BEAVER STAR CALENDAR



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April**
- 2 Campus Cleanup 10am-12pm
 - 7 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
 - 12 Health Fair/ Jam the Gym
 - 14 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
 - 15 PTA Spring Fundraiser - Color Run 1-2:30pm
 - 18 Student and Staff Holiday
 - 20 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for May Issue
 - 21 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
 - 28 May Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- May**
- 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 5 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
 - 9 STAAR TESTING (3rd & 4th grade math)
 - 10 STAAR TESTING (3rd & 4th grade reading)
 - 11 STAAR TESTING (5th grade science)
 - 12 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
 - 17 General PTA Meeting and Choir Performance 6pm
 - 19 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
 - 26 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
 - 30 Memorial Day-No School
- June**
- 3 Last Day of School/Early Dismissal

April 2016

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May 2016

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June 2016

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*All listings on this calendar are subject to change. Please check your child's Thursday Folder for up to date information regarding school events and activities.

YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD PTA BOARD AND CHAIRMEN



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STAY CONNECTED

Stay Connected with Beaver Technology Center on Twitter @BeaverMST_Stars. Don't miss any important updates by turning on "mobile notifications" under the settings tab (the gear symbol) on the @BeaverMST_Stars profile page!

Sign up for Mr. Adams' Remind classroom for important school updates sent directly to your phone via text, email or app notifications. [@beaverp](http://www.remind.com/join)

Don't forget to check the Beaver Technology Center website often for the latest school info and calendar updates.

April 15, 2016



April 15, 2016

Package A - \$12

Run Admission
2016 Technicolor Run Shirt
Kona Ice Snow Cone

Package B - \$10

Run Admission
2016 Technicolor Run Shirt

Package C - \$7

Run Admission
Kona Ice Snow Cone

Package D - \$5

Run Admission

Deadline to order shirts is Friday, April 1, 2016

Participant Name	Teacher	Shirt Size Youth S, M, L	Package (A, B, C, D)
SUBTOTAL			
XXL shirts are an additional \$2 each			
XXXL shirts are an additional \$3 each			
TOTAL			

I hereby give my permission for all participants listed above to run in the Beaver Technicolor Run on April 15, 2016.

Parent Signature

Join Beaver Technology Center PTA Board

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Child's Grade _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Teacher _____

It is not too late to fill out an interest survey! We have two open officer positions: 2nd VP of Fundraising and Treasurer. We are also still accepting interest surveys for chairman positions. If you are interested in 2nd VP of Fundraising, Treasurer, or any chairman position, please complete this interest survey with your top three choices in order of preference and return to school by Friday, April 29th.

Officer Positions

Interested	Position	Description
	President	Presides at all meetings of the association, attends committee meetings, attends GISD Council meetings, coordinates the work of the officers and chairman committees of the association, and proof all documents before distribution
	1 st VP – Membership	Encourages parents, staff and community members to join PTA throughout the school year, plans a membership table to be present at all PTA and school functions, maintains an accurate membership roster at all times, submits dues to Texas PTA, distribute membership cards to all members.
	2 nd VP – Fundraising	Coordinates fundraisers, actively promotes and coordinates all shopping rebate programs, coordinates the annual school supply sale, coordinates school restaurant nights.
	3 rd VP – Communications	Compiles, prints and distributes the monthly newsletter, coordinates and distributes publicity on PTA events, provides date information to publish on school and PTA websites and the campus marquee.
	Secretary	Records the minutes of all meetings of the association, maintains, sends meeting reminders to board members, and distributes an accurate board directory.
	Treasurer	Keeps accurate and complete accounts of money received and spent, makes disbursements and deposits, presents a financial report at every meeting, presents a proposed budget to the association, files all tax documents, reconciles bank statements monthly.
	Parliamentarian	Willing to learn about parliamentary procedure; will become familiar with our bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order; updates bylaws as amendments are made; advises President on questions of parliamentary law when needed.

Standing Committee Chairman Positions

Interested	Position	Description
	Arts in Education	Promote the Arts in Education program. Coordinate and encourage student participation in the Reflections program and 5 th Grade Greeting Card contest.
	Auction	Coordinate with the Carnival Chairman the organizing, soliciting for, and set-up of the annual auction to be held in conjunction with the school carnival.
	Bilingual Liaison	Serve as representative of the bilingual families at the school, work with teachers and the Volunteer Coordinator to recruit bilingual volunteers, coordinate with the Room Representative for the bilingual room parent orientation, and serve as a translator for PTA needs.
	Campus, Community, and Parent Involvement	Plan service projects, activities, or programs that promote citizenship and character among students and encourages community involvement. Coordinate with the school to plan two events during the school year that encourage parent, student, and community involvement such as Multi-Cultural Night and Campus Clean-Up.
	Carnival	Plan and organize the annual school carnival, coordinate with the Auction Chairman regarding organizing, soliciting for, and set-up of auction
	Council Delegate (2)	Attend monthly council meetings and report back to the PTA, submit the Outstanding Monthly PTA award to Council, collect nominees for Teacher and Principal of the Year Awards, when deemed appropriate and enter submission.

	Council Delegate (2)	Attend monthly council meetings and report back to the PTA, submit the Outstanding Monthly PTA award to Council, collect nominees for Teacher and Principal of the Year Awards, when deemed appropriate and enter submission.
	Environmental	Plan and coordinate activities that encourage and promote awareness of preserving the environment, participate in the Texas PTA Beautification Award Program, EPA/ Texas PTA Poster Contest, and coordinate all campus recycling programs.
	Health, Safety and Legislation	Publicize matters of child health and safety via newsletter articles and other printed materials, plan health and safety events to take place at the school carnival or other appropriate school event, serve as Legislative Action Chairman by keeping members informed of PTA legislation and any legislative actions that are being undertaken by PTA, inform members of community events such as voting days.
	Hospitality	Plan refreshments for parent education programs, coordinate meals/snacks for school staff during Meet the Teacher Night and parent-teacher conferences, coordinate monthly Teacher Appreciation Meals, arrange Teacher Appreciation Week activities, and send notes of condolence, congratulations, etc. Provide hospitality/refreshments at the request of the PTA board.
	Room Representative	Work with the Volunteer Coordinator and the Bilingual Liaison to plan and coordinate the volunteer and room representative training by the six week of school. Select a grade level coordinator for each grade and one room representative for each classroom. Act as liaison between individual room representatives and the executive board.
	Volunteer Coordinator	Distribute volunteer interest surveys, hold Volunteer Training within first few weeks of school, coordinate volunteers when requested by PTA board or school, distribute background check forms during the second week of school, submit volunteer hours to Council PTA monthly, coordinate with the Room Representative Chairman to plan and coordinate the volunteer and room representative training.
	Yearbook	Compile materials needed to design and have printed the yearbook, take pictures of school events and collect pictures from parents and teachers to include in yearbook, take pre-paid orders and organize distribution of yearbooks.
	Website	Maintain PTA website.

If you have questions about a position, feel free to contact the current Board Member to get a first-hand perspective or contact the President.

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