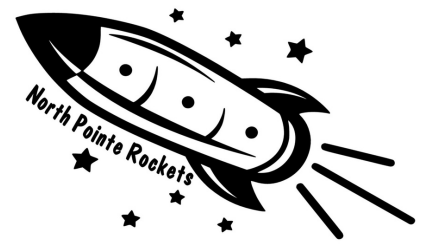


To The Pointe



North Pointe Rocket PTA Newsletter

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Hi Rocket Families,

Can you believe the school year is almost over?! This year we were able to start having more in-person events which allowed us to have many successful events and accomplishments!

- Back to School Luncheon for the teachers
- Meet the Teacher/Lemonade Social
- PTA's Reflections Program
- Monthly Staff Appreciation Items
- International Night
- Trunk or Treat
- Fall Book Fair
- Red Ribbon Week
- STEM Night
- Fall Fundraiser
- Veteran's Day Program
- Family Movie Night
- NPE Giving Tree
- Class Parties
- Pastries with Pals
- Rockets Rockin' School Fair
- Grandparent's/Special Friend's Day
- Spring Book Fair
- Family Fun Run
- STAAR Snacks for Grades 3-5
- Field Day
- Teacher Appreciation Week

We were able to be so successful and do all of this because of you – our members! Through your support our PTA was able to give back \$4,072.90. That money will be used to fund new items for 1st & 3rd graders, new gym equipment, Storyworks subscriptions for Literacy, the Principal book of the month, magna tiles and wooden blocks for art, and place value and calculators for Math. We so appreciate you and thank you for such a great year!

As this year is ending and we start to think about the 2023-2024 school year, our PTA is looking to fill all available executive board and committee chair positions. If you are interested, or want to learn more about our available positions, please reach out to me – Sara Zenter, president@rocketpta.com.

Executive Board

Filled at this time

Committee Positions

Fundraiser Vice Chair

Hospitality Vice Chair

Music Coordinator

Rocket Readers Chair

Rocket Publishing

School Fair Vice Chair

School Fair – Games

School Fair – Programs

School Fair – Silent Auction

School Fair – Tickets

School Fair – Volunteers

Staff Appreciation Vice Chair

Student Activities Vice Chair

As my first and only year as our PTA President is closing out, I'd like to take a moment to say how proud I am of NPE's hardworking volunteers. I could not have made it through this year without all of you. I can't wait for all the fun next year's executive board is planning.

Again, thank you so much for all you've done through-out this year. We are stronger in our numbers, and you all have been amazing!

Sincerely,

Sara Zenter

NPE PTA President 2022-2023



Year Recap- Hear From Our Board!

The PTA's Staff Appreciation committee wants to thank all of our community sponsors this year! Without them we wouldn't have been able to honor the NPE staff like we did, so THANK YOU!!!

August – Back to School Picnic – Kuk Sool Wan and RoyalTEA

September – Stock the Fridge – Gay Family Auto

October – Taco Bar – Chuy's

November – Honey Baked Ham Lunch – SouthEast Texas ER

December – Baked Potato Bar – Norman Frede Chevrolet

January – Cocoa and Cupcakes – Clear Lake Baptist Church

February – Mardi Gras – Crescent City Connections and Sweet Spot Audio & Records

March – Something on a Stick Day – Ugly Mugz

April – Pretzel Day ("The Office") – Ally Medical

May – Freebirds & Pomodoros

Birthdays – Ally Medical

-Jennifer Simmons, Staff Appreciation Chair

"In November 2022, NPE hosted a STEM night that included numerous STEM demonstrations. The night kicked off with a special presenter from "The Yuck Show", where the kids got to experience live action experiments! Also, there were several interactive displays including: a Van de Graaff, Brookside intermediate and a "Virtuali-tee", Code Ninjas, iCode, Freeman Library's 3-d printer, Westbrook Intermediate's WIRED robotics, cup stacking, science fair displays, and the Chess Club." -Kathleen Swain, STEM Night

"The 2022-2023 school year has been a fun filled transition into all in person activities. Without our wonderful NPE volunteers we wouldn't have successfully thrown many exciting programs such as International Night, STEM night, and even Pastries with Pals. Thank you to all the families that participated and teachers that have helped. Looking forward to more next year!"

-Zaynab Hassan, 2nd VP of Programs

"Hospitality had another great year in the books, and was so exciting to bring back so many events that faculty, students and families have not been able to be part of for almost four years. Hospitality is all about giving back to our wonderful teachers, showing gratitude to our Rocket families and delivering delicious and fun opportunities to strengthen our commitment to creating an environment to grow as a wonderfully diverse family. From creating a delicious smorgasbord of unique brunch items for the teacher luncheon, patriotic breakfast items for Veterans Day, a plethora of nutritious treats at Fit Night and last but definitely not least, Grandparent's/ Special Friends Day that enriched everyone from faculty, volunteers, family and students - giving us all fun and beautiful memories" -Ali Balmer, Hospitality

Arts in Education had two students participate in the Visual Arts Category for the Reflections Program. The theme for this year was "Show Your Voice!" -Amy Lucas



Year Recap- Hear From Our Board!

"Thank you to the many supporters Membership has had this year, NPE Teachers & Students, PTA Programs, and all PTA Committees for allowing Membership to be present at every event throughout the 22-23 school year.

Our most prominent signup for the year was undoubtedly Meet the Teachers Lemonade Social and the Teacher Luncheon. PTA Membership is essential; in the coming years, I look forward to helping our incoming VP of Membership continue growing our program, focusing on student memberships.

This year, several students loved perks like voting on what items are available in our school store. Students, Teachers, and Families of NPE are vital in strengthening our Membership. With our members' help, we fulfilled a few teacher wish lists; to everyone that joined and supported – thank you, and we look forward to next year!" -Teresa Caric, 1st VP of Membership

"As student activities chair I was able to plan activities like Trunk or Treat, Movie Night and the Family Fun Run.

This year was our first ever Trunk or Treat, and although we got rained out- our amazing families made the magic happen indoors as a table or treat! It was a wonderful event that allowed our Rocket families to trick or treat and express the wonders of their imagination!

Movie Night is always a good time to sit back, relax and enjoy a movie in the great outdoors. With concessions like candy, popcorn and sodas- our playground easily feel like the best theater in Houston!

Our final event of the year is centered around getting active as a family. With a 1k and 3k option and demos by local fitness centers- the Family Fun Run allows people of all fitness levels to get moving, get informed and get healthy!

All of the events planned by the Student Activities Chair are centered around the students. My co chair Katy Ernst and I worked hard to utilize the members of our very own Student PTA to bring each event to life. Our goal is to organize as many low cost or free family friendly events throughout the year for our beloved Rockets!

It has been a blast organizing opportunities for our Rockets to enjoy time as a family, while benefiting our beloved NPE Home!" -Mindi Parmet, Student Activities Chair

"Treasurer has morphed into a purchasing position this year. We've secured sales tax-free accounts with Oriental Trading Company and Amazon so that we have more options on where to buy supplies. Along with our new debit card, buying things for PTA events is easier than ever and no longer requires shelling out your own money and being reimbursed ... except when that's still the only way." -Heather Strawser, Treasurer

"This was my first year as the Communications Chair for NPE PTA. I have enjoyed putting together a website that I hope will grow over the years. The communications chair is also responsible for the PTA Newsletter and the PTA of North Pointe Elementary Facebook Page. If there is anyone who wants to help grow our website next year and keep it up to date, can offer any translation skills, or is good at creating ads or graphics, I would love to have help next year in this role! It's always better with a team. Feel free to reach out to me via the PTA Facebook page or at judembailey@gmail.com!" Judith Bailey, Communications Chair



Year Recap- Hear From Our Board!

"BIG thanks to all the library volunteers throughout this year! With your help shelving books, checking the kids' books in and out, restocking books and running registers during the fall and spring book fairs, plus grandparents day, the library has continued to grow and thrive for our students.

This year with our support, Mrs. Sandner has been able to add many book series to our rocket readers library, replace damaged and missing books in the main library, and get a head start on replacing the tables and seating areas for our students to enjoy.

Next year our main goal is to carve out a permanent and well organized area in the library for makerspace activities. Make sure to look out for library volunteer opportunities in August/September, we'd love to have you!"

-Kim Thompson, Library Chair

"I had several goals this year for the school store – have it open consistently for students to shop, stock it with items of high student interest, and price items in the store so that every child could find an item to purchase. The school store met each and every one of these goals! The store was consistently open in the morning from 7:45 to 8:10 and there was always a line of students waiting to enter. I tried really hard to have a variety of kid friendly items in the store. Students even made suggestions on items to be stocked in the school store and they were always excited when a new shipment came in. I loved hearing the kids comment on "all the cool things" available to purchase! Items ranged in value from 25 cents up to \$1.75 so there was always something a student could purchase no matter how much (or how little) money they had. I am very excited to return to this position next year and hope to make the school store even better!" -Jean Neyland, School Store Chair

"As volunteer coordinator, I worked on trying to involve more members with social media and newsletter.

We saw increases in interest and had more new volunteers helping. We had a lot of initial interest in "helping hands " and our helpers did an amazing job of making sure the teachers had the assistance needed to leave them able to focus on the classroom.

When needed, I was able to have volunteers available for various events and assignments. I am so thankful for all the volunteers who helped. While I will not be continuing as Volunteer Coordinator next year, I have saved all necessary and helpful documents as editable word and excel files to handover to the incoming volunteer coordinator. This will facilitate in accomplishing another successful year.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the endless list of jobs. We can't do this without your assistance and I encourage anybody to sign up to volunteer next year. No amount of time is too small and your support is greatly appreciated by the whole of North Pointe Elementary."

-Cat Fonseca, Volunteer Coordinator

"Our "Rockets Rock!" school fair, held in February 2023, raised over \$8,000 to fund NPE Wish List purchased for the 23-24 school year. A HUGE thank you from the fair committee goes out to all who supported this event!!

We are always happy when new committee members bring fresh ideas and perspectives, so please consider joining us next year! Contact Lauren Harper-Dunn at schoolfair@rocketpta.com for more information." -Lauren Harper-Dunn, School Fair Chair

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