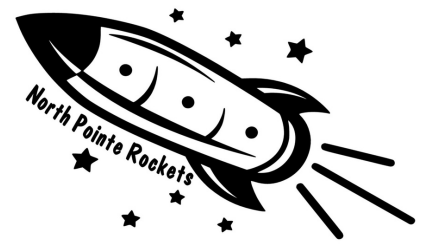


# To The Pointe



## North Pointe Rocket PTA Newsletter

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### Rocket Rocks School Fair! A BIG THANK YOU!

We held our PTA school fair on Saturday February 11th and it was an amazing event! Students enjoyed a day of fun at the school with their friends and family by playing games, completing an inflatable obstacle course, laser tag, and so much more!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Fair committee; we could not hold the fair without them:

- Fair Chair: Lauren Harper-Dunn
- Fair Vice Chair: Ashley Bristow
- Baskets: Kimberly Thompson
- Decorations: Zaynab Hassan
- Food: Judith Bailey
- Games: Stephen Zenter
- Volunteer Coordinator: Teresa Caric
- NPE's Custodial Staff



I would also like to thank all the adult volunteers, all the teachers and staff, and all the student volunteers that helped with donations, setup, cleanup, and running the games. We seriously could not do it without any of you!

PTA sponsors several programs and activities through the school year; these programs and activities are designed to benefit the student body and community as a whole. All funds raised beyond that are spent on purchases for the benefit of the children or school with the approval of general membership per our Standing Guidelines. Those purchases are decided via a Wish List Committee; this committee consults the principal, teachers, staff, and the membership on where these funds can best support the students and school. They do this by sending out a survey to the staff and community. "Wish Lists" are filled out by the staff, where they indicate items that they feel would best benefit the students and classrooms. The wish list committee then makes decisions and presents their proposal to the board to vote on. You can see some of our wish list proposals for the past few years [here](#). Our wish list items will be voted on at the April 20th meeting this year.

We were able to raise a profit of approximately \$8,400 to go directly back to the school in the form of Wish List items. Thanks to our community and volunteers, we were able to hold a successful event while raising funds for our students and school.

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#### Upcoming Dates

- Holiday/ No School  
Friday, April 7
- Student Scholarship  
Applications Due: April 14
- Membership Meeting  
April 20 @ 5:45 PM
- No School/ Teacher In Service  
Monday, April 17
- Fun Run  
Sunday, April 23 @ 2PM
- Early Release  
Friday, April 28



## Whats Going ON?

### Fun Run!

We hope to see you on  
**Sunday, April 23rd at 2pm**  
for the NPE Fun Run/Walk & wellness event!

This year there will be a family friendly 3k and 1k, as well as plenty of other fun and fit activities for kids and adults.

Join us in group led demos from local gyms, family field games and fun snacks!

We are looking for volunteers to assist us for the day of the event, and for Vendors with a Health and Fitness focus! Email (mindiparmet@gmail.com) for more info!

Supporters are always welcome to join us in cheering on our families. Show your school spirit by wearing your NPE class or spirit shirt on Sunday, April 23rd!

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Grandparents Day Recap!

Grandparents/Special Friends Day was a great success, with over 120 Friends attending! They enjoyed an assortment of pastries, fruit, and beverages provided by the PTA. Their students took them on tours of the school and showed them around the classroom!

Thank you to everyone who came out to this event, all the NPE staff for their help, and to our volunteers for making this day happen!

### Student Scholarships!

Attention Former Students of  
North Pointe Elementary:

North Pointe Elementary PTA will be awarding \$500 scholarships to three seniors graduating in the Class of 2023.

Completed applications should be submitted to North Pointe Elementary and received by April 14th, 2023 for consideration.

Scholarship Applications are available in Naviance, in the front office at North Pointe Elementary, and with your counselor.

#### Criteria for Scholarship

Completed application form including essay

3.0 or above GPA – must provide copy of latest transcript

Applicant must have attended North Pointe Elementary for at least 2 years

Applicant must be a graduating senior at a CCISD School

Applicant must not be in competition for scholarship at another CCISD Elementary School

Application must be postmarked / received at North Pointe Elementary by April 14th, 2023. Entries postmarked / received after that date will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Zenter, NPE PTA President, at [president@rocketpta.com](mailto:president@rocketpta.com).



## Getting Involved, Opportunities To Help

### Nurse Donations

Our school nurse is in need of boys pants for the clinic. If you have any that you can donate then please send them in to Nurse Clara. All sizes are needed.

### Helping Hands

The Helping Hands committee relieves teachers and staff of the important non-teaching tasks like photocopying, binding, die cuts, and laminating - giving them more time for instruction. We need and appreciate your help!

Questions can be sent to [volunteers@rocketpta.com](mailto:volunteers@rocketpta.com).

*"I like doing helping hands because it's one of the easiest ways to help out at school. I can do an hour or two depending on my schedule. After staying at home with my kids because of Covid for a year, I realized how much work and prep the teachers need to do to make the kids learning experience fun and creative. So, my way of helping is to do helping hands. I do some printing, laminating and any other tasks that teachers ask for. Everyone is very friendly and always appreciative." – Jamila Rashid*

[Click Here for Helping Hands](#)

### Rocket PTA Website!

North Pointe PTA has a website!

[www.rocketpta.com](http://www.rocketpta.com) Bookmark it and visit it regularly, as it is still growing!

### 2023-2024 PTA Executive Board Positions

The PTA is always looking for new people to help, from organizing library helpers, staff appreciation, putting on the back to school teacher luncheon, organizing our fall fundraiser, putting on our veteran's day event, international night, fun run, helping with rocket readers, rocket publishing, and other student activities.

There are so many different roles to fill- some that require only a little bit of your time and others that need more.

If you are interested in having a role on our board or a committee, have someone you think would be fabulous at a certain role, or even just want to hear more about the different positions/ want to be involved but are unsure where you would best fit- please fill out our form here!



PTA Board Interest Form

### Library Helpers

Mrs. Sandner, NPE's Librarian, needs help throughout the school year with checking books in and out, reshelving books, locating research materials, and aiding with any special library projects - such as makerspace activities. If you would like to be on the library helpers list, please submit the form linked by the QR code and our library chair will reach out soon!

Questions can be sent to [library@rocketpta.com](mailto:library@rocketpta.com). [Click Here for Library Form](#)



Library Helpers Form



Helping Hands Form



## Get To Know The NPE PTA Board!

### Meet our Treasurer - Heather Strawser

Hi, my name is Heather Strawser, and I'm serving as treasurer this year. I've been an NPE PTA member for 7 years.

My family is made up of my husband, Phil, and daughters Anna (11) and Sophie (8). Phil is a software engineer for Rugged Robotics. Sophie is in third grade at NPE, and Anna has moved on to Westbrook Intermediate for the WAVE program.

I'm currently an Alpha instructor and long-term sub for CCISD Advanced Academics. I also substitute teach at NPE, so your kids probably recognize me even if I haven't taught them yet. And as a Lifetime Girl Scout member, I lead a multilevel troop that camps at least twice a year.

My PTA job means that I read boring reports at the meetings, but my goal is to stay on top of our finances, reimburse expenses quickly, and hopefully make purchasing easier for all of us. I try to highlight some interesting aspect of our finances at each meeting when possible.

I'm happy to be able to give back to the school that's done so much for my kids.

### Meet our Staff Appreciation Chair- Jennifer Simmons

Hi! I'm Jennifer Simmons and I am the Chair of the Staff Appreciation committee.

This is my 2nd year in this spot with my vice-chair Susan Rizzo. I have been on the board for 9 years and have 2 more to go. I have an 8th grader at Westbrook and a 3rd grader at NPE.

Serving on the Staff Appreciation committee has been so fun. Not only do I get to help spoil our teachers and staff, but I get to work with the community and businesses who have been so generous in sponsoring our events. Our staff works so hard to make NPE the amazing school that it is and I relish every opportunity to show our appreciation. If you haven't been a part of the Staff Appreciation team before, consider joining us. Putting a smile on the adult members of the NPE family is worth every bit of your time. :)