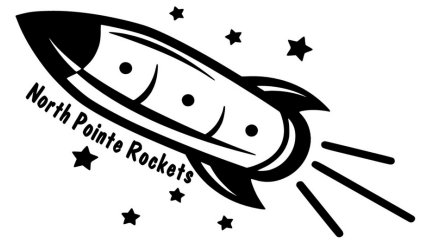


# To The Pointe



## North Pointe Rocket PTA Newsletter

October 4, 2022

[www.rocketpta.com](http://www.rocketpta.com)

Facebook: PTA of North Pointe Elementary

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### Join NPE PTA!

Welcoming all students, families, and communities of North Pointe to join Rocket PTA!

Membership supports our NPE children and staff by funding essential educational needs while building an inclusive school community for all our families.

Increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible to provide important educational resources, extending your voice on important issues and create a stronger school community.

There is no wrong way to PTA, however you choose to PTA is up to you!! No time to volunteer, that is ok! Membership does not require you to volunteer.

Join today at [www.joinpta.org](http://www.joinpta.org) – still have questions?

Please email [membership@rocketpta.com](mailto:membership@rocketpta.com).

### Upcoming Dates

- October 4 - October 18 PTA Fundraiser
- October 7 Share Your Hair
- October 10 No School
- **Thursday, October 13 @ 5:45 PM**  
PTA Meeting in the NPE Gym  
Girl & Cub Scouts Presentation & Info.  
Childcare provided by CBHS PALS
- **October 21 Reflections Projects Due**
- October 24-28 Book Fair
- October 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- **Friday, October 28 @ 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM**  
2nd Grade Character Book Parade
- **Friday, October 28 @ 6:00- 8:00 PM**  
Trunk or Treat with Book Fair at NPE
- Tuesday, November 8 No School
- **Thursday, November 10 @6:00PM- 8:00PM**  
STEM Night at NPE
- **Friday, November 11 @ 8:30AM - 9:30 AM**  
Veterans Day Program
- **Friday, December 9 @ 5:00PM -8:00PM**  
Movie Night at NPE Playground

### Rocket PTA Website!

North Pointe PTA has a website!

[www.rocketpta.com](http://www.rocketpta.com) is full of information Full calendar of events, meeting schedule, helpful links from lunch sign ups to volunteer sign ups, and other information can be found there! Bookmark it and visit it regularly, as it is still growing!



## Getting Involved, Opportunities To Help

### Fall Book Fair Volunteers -School & Trunk or Treat

Our Fall NPE Book Fair needs volunteers! If you're available to help students shop, run the cash registers, or restock shelves - please sign up in a slot here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084CADA62CA4FD0-fall>

We will also need volunteers during the PTA Trunk or Treat event! The book fair will be in the school gym from 6pm-8pm on Friday, October 28th for last-minute shoppers. If you've got time to spare, please sign up to help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084CADA62CA4FD0-book>



Fall Book Fair  
Volunteers

### The School Fair Needs You!

#### Silent Auction Help

The School Fair team is already hard at work preparing for the school fair. A big and very visible part of that is the Silent Auction. If you or your company provide a product or service that you would like to donate and have highlighted in the school fair, or if you would like to sponsor an item in the silent auction, please contact Alex McCracken at alexandria.mccracken@hotmail.com.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help out the school, we are putting together a team that will contact local businesses asking for donations. This would be either time spent making online requests or visiting your favorite places requesting donations.

#### Basket Committee

We are looking for volunteers to help create themed gift baskets to be raffled off at our Rockets Rock School Fair in February 2023!

Each volunteer will be assigned a theme and asked to create an Amazon Wish List full of items to fit into your theme. Then our wonderful NPE families donate items off our wish lists to help us make our baskets! The kids LOVE the basket raffle every year at our school fair. Fill out the form below and our fair basket chair will reach out to you soon with more information.

<https://forms.gle/NEMXEZssqH5uHm1A>



Trunk or  
Treat  
Book Fair  
Volunteers



Basket  
Committee  
Form

#### Art Classroom Needs!

Mrs. Mills needs a lot of yarn for a project. Any craft yarn will do, even leftovers and used skeins/balls. All colors are welcome. She is also still in need of plastic Folgers coffee tubs for paintbrush cleaning.

Yarn and coffee canisters can be left for her in the office or sent in with students.

#### 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.

[Click Here for Helping Hands](#)

#### 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.

[Click Here for Library Form](#)



Library  
Helpers  
Form



Helping  
Hands Form



## Upcoming Events!

### PTA Reflections!

This year's theme for the Reflections Program is Show Your Voice!

To participate in Reflections, students must be members of the PTA. Students must create an original submission of artwork that reflects this year's theme; the artwork must fit at least one of the following categories: photography, literature, visual arts, dance choreography, music composition, and/or film production.

The artwork, along with an application form that was sent home the week of September 26th, needs to be submitted to the student's teacher by **Friday, October 21st** to participate in the program. All entries will be judged, and the judges' rankings will determine if entries advance to the next round at the Council Level. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Lucas (art@rocketpta.com)!

### Trunk or Treat!

Join us in the faculty parking lot on  
**October 28th at 6:00pm**  
for NPE's Trunk or Treat!

Come Dressed in your favorite Costume and Enjoy Games, Yummy Food, Tons of Fun & After Hours Access to the Book Fair!

Bring a Bag of Candy to the school by October 21st as your "Admission Fee"

Interested in hosting a trunk? (Spaces are limited)

Contact Mindiparmet@gmail.com for more information!

### STEM Night

Announcing STEM night 2022!

**Date: Thursday November 10th**

**Time: 6:00-6:45 pm The Yuck Show**  
**6:45 - 8:00 pm. Hands On Experiments**

**Place: NPE Gym**

Please mark your calendars for a night of science!

There will be a special science demonstration, The Yuck Show, from 6:00- 6:45 pm and there will be hands-on experiments until 8:00 pm.

This is free night of learning for the whole family.

We hope to see you there!

### Veterans Day Program

Save the Date for NPE's Veterans Day Program!

**Friday, November 11th at 8:30am**

All veterans are invited to attend.

If you or someone you know is a veteran and may be interested in speaking at our program, please contact Sara Zenter at president@rocketpta.com.

### Book Fair

**October 24th- 28th**  
during school hours.  
**October 28th, 6pm-8pm**  
during our  
**PTA Trunk or Treat**

Can't make it to the book fair during the school day?  
No worries.

Our Fall Book Fair will be closing out the week in the school gym from 6pm-8pm on October 28th during the NPE PTA

Trunk or Treat event!  
Don't forget to pop in to get your book fix after you've done your Trunk or Treating!



## Get To Know The NPE PTA Board!

### Meet our 2nd VP of Programs- Zaynab Hassan

My name is Zaynab Hassan and this year I'm the 2nd VP of Programs. I have two rocket graduates and have two current rockets.

As the Programs chair I hope to identify community needs and survey families along with school personnel in order to empower them with knowledge and skills while building a sense of community. Additionally, I will evaluate existing programs and execute them as best aligned with the needs and goals of our families.

Some examples I hope to bring forth are:

- School of excellence surveys / program completion
- International Night
- Yuck Show
- Pastries with Pals
- Membership meeting programs / childcare for members attending

Through this I believe we can promote student wellness and family involvement one program at a time. I am looking forward to a great year as your 2nd VP of programs!

### Meet our Library Chair- Kim Thompson

My name is Kim Thompson, and I have been on the NPE PTA board for the past 8 years with this being my first year serving as our Library chair. My daughter Pippa is a Rocket Alumni, and my son Ollie is a current 4th grade Rocket. Both of my kids are big readers and love the school library, so I am very excited to fill this position to help our librarian, Mrs. Sandner!

In my free time you can usually find me chauffeuring my kids to their various activities, helping at my daughter's school with the Band Booster and WIRED Robotics booster clubs, plus the Advocacy chair for their PTA board. I also enjoy the classic grandma past-time of cross-stitching.

This year my big goal is to help organize and grow the makerspace area of our library. Our makerspace is filled with activities that provide hands-on, creative ways for students to design, experiment, build and invent. Your student(s) will spend at least 2x a month exploring makerspace activities!

My favorite area on campus to help has always been the library, and we always need helpers! If you're interested in volunteering in the library during the school day OR during our Fall (coming SOON!) or Spring book fairs, please reach out to me at [library@rocketpta.com](mailto:library@rocketpta.com) and I will add you to my volunteers list! Our schedule is flexible, so whether you can come weekly or just an hour a month to help shelve some books, we'd love to have you!

### Meet our Arts In Education Chair- Amy Lucas

My name is Amy Lucas, and I am the Arts in Education Chair. This is my first year to serve on the executive board. My husband, Juan José Vallejo, and I have one daughter, Maya, who is a student PTA member and 1st grader. The three of us love books, art, swimming, and biking – Maya and Juan José particularly enjoy biking to school!

I also work full-time at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. I am an Associate Professor in Sociology, and I also serve as the Department Chair for the Social and Cultural Sciences. I've been at UHCL for 10 years, and I very much enjoy teaching sociology to students each semester.

I am looking forward to being on the board and seeing what the PTA has planned for this upcoming year



## Around The School

### Yearbook

Make sure to get your yearbook orders in! Families can only purchase yearbooks online. Last year we SOLD OUT and had no extras at all.



<https://www.balfour.com/texas/houston/north-pointe-elementary-school>

Do you have skate night photos? International Night?

Share them in ImageShare and they could be in the school yearbook!

Website: [studio.balfour.com/ImageShare](https://studio.balfour.com/ImageShare)

Project Number: 310765 – No upload code is needed just leave it blank

You can also download the apps in the app store of your phone and upload from there too.

Don't forget to add PTA Texas Congress 1520 North Pointe Elementary PTA to your Amazon Smile! Every time you order, our PTA receives a donation from Amazon! Win-Win!

### We've Been Busy!

#### International Night

NPE PTA would like to thank all the participants and families that attended this years International Night. We had 17 families host booths and the winner of the booth raffle prize was Guatemala! All of it wouldn't be possible without our wonderful NPE families!

#### Staff Appreciation

The PTA's Staff Appreciation committee has been busy already honoring our staff and giving them some well-deserved treats! In August, we hosted a picnic-theme lunch sponsored by Kuk Sool Won and Tomorrow's Leaders. September was our Stock the Lounge event, sponsored by Gay Family Auto. Tiff's Treats sent over some yummy cookies later in the week. Thursday, Sept. 22 was FOOD TRUCK DAY and Ashy Legs brought their amazing BBQ. Sooo good! We also started our monthly birthday bundt cake celebrations thanks to Ally Medical ER! Thank you to these amazing and generous sponsors for recognizing the efforts made by our staff to make this school a great place to work and learn!!

### School Store!

The NPE School Store is open daily from 7:45 – 8:10 and is stocked with a variety of school supplies and specialty items.

Students are invited to stop by on their way to class. We ask that students leave their backpacks in the hallway and enter the store with only their money.

There is a limit of 3 shoppers allowed inside the store at a time.

To make shopping easy for all students, items are arranged on shelves according to price. Prices begin at 25¢ and go up in quarter increments stopping at \$1.75.

The items available for purchase change weekly as items sell out and new merchandise arrives. We are trying out something new this year - Student PTA members will have the opportunity to help select items to sell in our school store! If your child is a PTA member, they will be receiving an invitation in the next few weeks

Here is a sampling of items available for purchase:

- 25¢ - assorted pencils, donut scented erasers, pencil bags
- 50¢ - dry erase markers, puzzle erasers, Dog Man erasers, laptop stickers, scented bookmarks, folders, pencil grips
- 75¢ - Dog Man 3D erasers, bendy pencils, scented highlighters, pop-a-point pencils, scented kneaded erasers
- \$1 - dual pencil sharpener/eraser, color changing pens, glow in the dark kneaded erasers, pop-it bracelets
- \$1.25 - mash-up scented erasers, 6 color pens, maze pens, adorkable mechanical pencils, putty
- \$1.50 - Spy pens, pop-it fidget spinners, earbuds, 3 pack notepads
- \$1.75 - paint brush pens