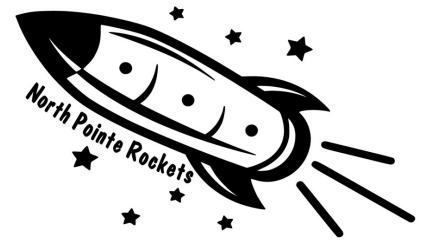


To The Pointe

North Pointe Rocket PTA Newsletter



September 6, 2022

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Upcoming Dates

Thursday, September 15 @ 5:45 PM

PTA Meeting in the NPE Gym

Safety & Watch Dog Presentations

Childcare provided by CBHS PALS

Monday, September 19 No School

Tuesday, September 20

Chess Club Sign Up Due

Friday, September 23

International night forms due for booth hosts

Thursday, Sep. 29, 6:00–7:30 pm

NPE PTA International Night! @ NPE

October 10 No School

Thursday, October 13 @ 5:45 PM

PTA Meeting in the NPE Gym

Girl & Boy Scout Presentation & Info.

Childcare provided by CBHS PALS

October 14 Share Your Hair

October 20 – 28 Book Fair

Friday, October 28, 6:00– 8:00 PM

Trunk or Treat with Book Fair @ NPE

Welcome back Rockets!

It is so good to be back and getting a fresh start on a brand-new school year. I am looking forward to meeting all of you soon! My name is Sara Zenter and I have been on the NPE PTA executive board for five years; the past three years as Treasurer. I have a 6th grade NPE graduate son and a 4th grade son. I love our school, our PTA, and this community.

NPE PTA is an integral part of our school. Not only do we normally host fun events like:

- ❖ International Night
- ❖ Stem Night
- ❖ Breakfast with a Grown-Up
- ❖ Fun Run
- ❖ Movie Night
- ❖ and our biggest fundraiser, the School Fair

We also fully fund educational programs that benefit all our students. Examples of the usual programs we provide are:

- ❖ Character Education assemblies
- ❖ Dinosaur George
- ❖ Additions to our Makerspace activities
- ❖ And our K-5 literacy library

We have been able to provide these activities in previous years thanks to the support of our Rocket families and our membership. Last year, the NPE PTA was able to donate almost \$17,000 back to NPE in Teacher Start Up funds and Teacher Wishlist items. By joining the PTA, you'll help ensure that we can continue to provide these programs, events, and materials to our children and their teachers.

Our Rocket PTA Membership Drive is under way as of August 1st, 2022. I would like to encourage you all to renew or start a new membership for only \$10 per person. Becoming a PTA member does not mean you are expected to volunteer; however, for our community to be strong, we need you! Many parents feel they cannot participate in the PTA because of language barriers, or they cannot be available during the day because of work. Please don't let that discourage you! We are strong in numbers. Your voice alone is truly needed and appreciated.

Thank you for your support, and please let me know if you have any suggestions or questions at president@rocketpta.com. You can also follow us on Facebook (PTA of North Pointe Elementary) or visit our website (www.rocketpta.com). Those are great sources of PTA information as the year continues.

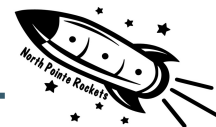
Sincerely,

Sara Zenter
NPE PTA President 2022-2023



Website QR Code

Full calendar of events and a ton of other information can be found on our [website](http://www.rocketpta.com).



Meet The PTA Board!

Teresa Caric is our VP of Membership.

My name is Teresa Caric; this is my first year serving as Vice President and Membership of NPE PTA. I am a wife and mother; my husband, Mike Caric, is District Chief for Houston Fire Department, PTA member, and W.A.T.C.H D.O.G. volunteer. We have two daughters, Mila (9) and Taryn (5). Mila is a student PTA member and 4th grader; Taryn will start NPE next year. We enjoy sports; all of us are soccer players (Mike and Mila are the best ones in the house). We are a very social family and enjoy hanging out with friends.

I also work full-time as Director of FBO and Airport Sales in the aviation industry for World Fuel Services. I have been in aviation for 19 years; I manage a sales team responsible for various fuel offerings across the US, I love my job and the team I work alongside.

I joined the PTA to be involved with my children's education and, more importantly, support the staff that helps mold the mind of my kids while in their care. It truly takes a village. If I can help in a small way, I will. Much to popular myth, the PTA is not only meant for stay-at-home parents; any parent or family member that wants to support in any way is encouraged to do so and always welcomed. Memberships are only one way to support the school and its teachers. Student memberships not only financially support but allow the student members to have a direct impact on school events. Some examples include voting on PTA-themed events, student highlights, member-only perks, and confirmation that their voice makes a difference at NPE. All members help support teachers' wish lists and school programs. Joining the PTA does not mean you need to attend monthly meetings, sign up for a specific role, or volunteer. You can make membership involvement yours. To find out more about membership, please visit the membership page on our website.

Get Involved At The School! Volunteer Opportunities

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](#)

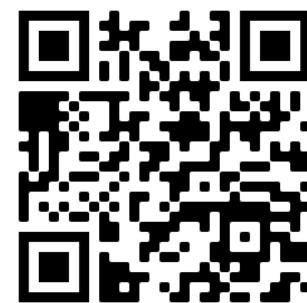
Helping Hands

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 Form](#)



Library Form



Helping Hands Form



We are looking for families interested in hosting a booth for International Night. Share something unique about your native country or culture – traditional costumes, special food, arts, music, games or dance. Once “TSA” clears you then you will get your ticket with a special gift and will be clear to depart.

In previous years we have had great success with 15 cultures represented and over 200 kids participating. We hope you can join us and add your culture to our wonderfully diverse event!

If interested in hosting a booth please fill out the form linked [HERE](#) (QR to the right) no later than **September 23, 2022.**

You can also contact Zaynab Hassan at programs@rocketpta.com if you have any questions.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT HAPPENING SOON!

Come travel the world with us!

When: September 29, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm– 7:30 pm

Place: NPE Gym



School Store

Located by the 2nd grade hallway.

Store Hours

Monday 7:45 –8:10

Tuesday 7:45 –8:10

Wednesday 7:45 –8:10

Thursday 7:45 –8:10

Friday 7:45 –8:10

There are lots of great items for students to purchase including scented bookmarks, earbuds, scented kneaded erasers, mechanical pencils, 3D puzzle erasers, fidget toys, and more!

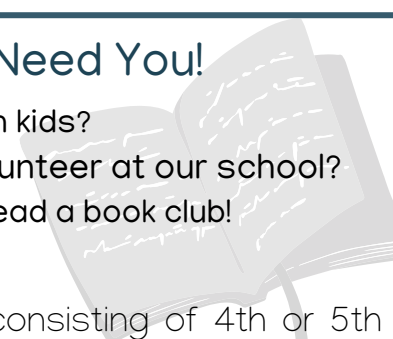
Prices range from 25¢ up to \$1.75.

The Rocket Readers Need You!

Do you love to read with kids?

Are you interested in a fun way to volunteer at our school?

Come join Rocket Readers and lead a book club!



What are Rocket Readers?

Rocket Readers are small book clubs consisting of 4th or 5th grade students who meet weekly or every other week to discuss books. These book clubs meet during the students’ lunch time for a half hour.

What is my job as a volunteer?

Your role would be to facilitate these meetings. You can choose the day of the week that works best for your schedule as well as determine if your group meets weekly or every other week. There will be a book club training provided for all volunteers as well as book club books for you to use. You can be a parent, grandparent, or anyone who loves to read with kids. You do not have to have a student in 4th or 5th grade to volunteer.

I'm interested in leading a group. What do I do next?

Please email Mrs. Sandner, rsandner@ccisd.net. There will be an informational meeting held at the end of September. Thank you!



Membership Sign Up

www.joinpta.org



Lemonade Social Recap

After a long two years, the PTA was able to host our much-anticipated Lemonade Social for Meet the Teacher afternoon on Monday, August 15th. We handed out over 300 water bottles, lemonade packets, and cookies to the adults and kids of North Pointe! It was so nice to see everyone that stopped by the membership table and those that already signed up to join NPE PTA. We hope to see you all at our next event in just a few short weeks.

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!

Hospitality Lunch

Thank you to our hospitality chair, Ali Balmer, and everyone who helped make the Teacher Luncheon happen! The PTA was able to service the staff of NPE a wonderful back to school lunch complete with chicken & waffles, pasta salads, sandwiches, macarons, and lots of other great treats!

Teacher Start- Up

Another way NPE PTA helps the teachers is giving back a set amount at the beginning of each year. We hope this helps in some way to all the wonderful items the teachers buy to make the school year a little extra special for all our kids.

Teachers don't forget to turn in your receipts to take advantage of this offer!

Chess Club

First through fifth grade students at all playing levels, including beginner, are invited to join a new after school chess club! The club is in the process of assess interest levels. Please fill out the interest form [here!](#) NPE Chess Club is not a PTA sponsored program.



From the CCISD Department of Advanced Academics & GT Program

Gifted & Talented Referral Process

More information [CLICK HERE](#)

TIMELINES

Parents and teachers may refer students for testing within the following timelines.

OCTOBER 1ST DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1 - 12

DECEMBER 1ST DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN & 2ND GRADERS

ALL of kindergarten will be screened in the Fall, however if you would like to refer them you may do so before December 1st .

ALL 2nd graders will participate in a grade level administration of a cognitive abilities test during the fall semester so there is no need to refer them for testing.

HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL

If you are interested in having your child tested this year, please email the Advanced Academics Specialist, Jean Neyland, at jneyland@ccisd.net . Please include your child's: Full Name, Homeroom Teacher, & Grade. Your child will not be able to be tested until all forms are returned.





Reflections- Be on the lookout!

ABOUT REFLECTIONS

Reflections has been a staple arts program in many schools for 50 years. Through the efforts of our Local PTAs, millions of students have found a creative outlet in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.

More information about Reflections will be coming soon in flyers and the October newsletter. This year's theme will be Show Your Voice!

NPE PTA SPIRIT WEAR ORDER



STYLE 1
Garment #3001CVC
BLACK HEATHER



STYLE 2
Garment #BC3501
BLACK

ORDERS DUE: **September 10th, 2022**

CASH, CHECK OR CARD ONLINE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **NPE PTA**

1. Visit SPIRITWORX.COM
2. Search for Spirit Store 13815
3. ORDER!

Turn money and form in to PTA President

We are offering this year's NASA Rockets design in a heathered black short sleeve in youth and adult sizes and a solid black long sleeve in youth and adult sizes.

Please note The Youth sizes do run a little small, so I would advise you size up!

Our spirit store will close on September 10th. The shirts are shipped for free to the school where they will be sent home with your child around the first week of October.

Follow the link below for our store, happy shopping!

<https://spiritworx.com/store/13815/>

