



THE HUMBLE ISD VOLUNTEER SCOOP

MARCH 2023

Humble ISD is lucky to have 7,826 volunteers who give their time and talents to share with our students, teachers, and staff. Volunteers help with Book Fairs, copy room duty, homeroom parties, mentoring, and other events that make Humble ISD shine. Volunteers also attend leadership trainings to be the best they can be for Humble ISD.



Volunteer Spotlight: Matthew Peak

King, Queen, Capture, Checkmate, Stalemate, Bishop, Rook, Knight and Pawn. These are all terms that Matthew Peak, Level 1 – Local Chess Coach, explains to the students at Willow Creek Elementary and Riverwood Middle School. Matthew is a junior at Kingwood High School. Every Monday afternoon, he travels to Riverwood Middle School. This is his third year to coach at Riverwood. This fall, he started coaching at Willow Creek Elementary on Wednesday. He also coaches these teams for UIL competition. A Chess Tournament for Humble ISD students is set for April 15, 2023.



Matthew has been playing chess since the age of 3 and competing for the past six years. He is currently the President of the Kingwood High School Chess Club. He is a planner and to ensure the Chess Club will continue after he graduates in 2024, he has established his own non-profit, Chess Lab Foundation. He is training his brother, Benjamin to continue the Chess Clubs at the elementary and middle school.

Claudia Peak, Matthew's mom, has been instrumental in establishing the Chess Tournaments for the student players at the local schools. Claudia is a USCF (US Chess Federation) Certified District Chess Instructor. This family of chess players have been actively involved since 2018. The family is grateful to Paul Mount, chess sponsor and teacher at Riverwood Middle School for his support of the Chess Club and the communication with the school and parents, and Alicia Pearce, principal at Willow Creek Elementary School for her support of the Chess Club.

Matthew also serves in the community. He plays chess and coaches residents at Village Green Alzheimer's Care Home in Kingwood and Auberge at Kingwood Memory Care Home.



Travel to a Different Land at the Humble ISD Council of PTAs Founders Day

The Humble ISD Council of PTAs will host their annual Founders Day Luncheon on Friday, March 3, 2023 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Raffa's Restaurant in Kingwood. Tickets are \$35.00 each or \$250.00 for a table of eight. The theme is "Around the World." A contest will be held for the best decorated table.



Sponsorships and silent auction items are still needed. Please reach out to Tina Canavan at <https://www.humblecouncilofptas.com/foundersday> and see how you can help make this event a success.

The funds raised will go towards the Humble ISD Council of PTAs Scholarship Fund.

HARTA Donates Books for Students to Read During Breaks

Janie Branham with Humble Area Retired Teachers Association created a campaign called, "Teachers love Readers." She made it her personal goal to see that students in the Humble ISD would have something to read over the holiday break. She collected over 7,000 books and distributed them at the Christmas in the Park event in Town Center, Kingwood. Students attending the event were able to pick out books from their favorite authors and go home with a bag full of books.



WatchDOGS Challenge: Battle of the Beltway Basketball Tournament

Rivalry is a big part of the Humble ISD culture and the WatchDOGS dads are no different. The WatchDOGS at Autumn Creek Elementary and North Belt Elementary are challenging each other to see who has the best basketball team. The basketball teams will have dads and staff join together for a winning combination.



The basketball game is set for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6 p.m. at Summer Creek High School. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$2.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults. The funds will benefit the WatchDOGS programs at both schools.

Tickets will be available to purchase on RevTrak; as the event gets closer.

For additional information please contact Quinton Stanley at watchdogscordinator@autumncreekpto.org.

Humble High School Project Prom Needs Community Support for Students on May 6

The Humble High School Project Prom Committee needs community support in raising funds to host Project Prom on May 6 from 11 p.m. – 6 a.m. at Humble High School. The Committee has planned a night of games, inflatables, a movie room, and other fun activities for the students.

[Donations can be made by clicking here!](#)

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Kim Martin at kim@fbtrial.com

Ridge Creek Elementary Teams Up with Jack and Jill Foundation to Fight Hunger

Ridge Creek Elementary and the Jack and Jill Foundation teamed up to fight hunger in the month

of January. Over 1,956 pounds of food were collected to help the Houston Food Bank replenish their supply. The students also designed lunch bags for families.



Welcome Gators Athletic Booster Club

The Autumn Ridge Middle School Athletics Department held a parent's night in January and elected officers for the Gators. Congratulations to the new officers: Nyjah Jackson, Mary Allen, Denisha Remble-White and Jasmine Lewings.



Treasurer Talk Series

Question: Can our parent group have a fundraiser for a student who needs surgery and has no medical insurance?

Answer: Funds cannot be raised through a parent group for a medical emergency for a student, parent, teacher, or staff. If the parents wanted to donate to the student to help with the operation, then a Go Fund Me account could be created by a family member.

Question: The Executive Board of our parent group is wondering how much money we should carry over for next year?

Answer: The bylaws for the parent group should state the amount of carry over for the next school year. Most parent groups carry over enough funds to cover the start up costs such as general liability insurance, post office box rental, a welcome back breakfast for teachers and staff

in August, and expenses if a fall carnival or another fundraiser will be held. Carry over amounts can range from \$2,000 to \$8,000. Always talk with your Treasurer and review the budget to determine how much money is needed to have a successful start and to leave a new board in solid financial standing.

If the bylaws do not state a carry over amount, the Treasurer and Executive Board will need to review the budget to determine this amount.

Scholarship Application Closing Soon!

Calling all parents of seniors! The Humble ISD Education Foundation has opened the scholarship portal. There are over 60 scholarships available this year. The deadline for submitting an application is Monday, March 6, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

[Click here to see the scholarship opportunities](#)



Humble ISD has several workshops offered through Parent University. This is a series of classes that educate families on how to best prepare their students for success. The workshops cover a wide range of topics such as life skills, college and career readiness, and much more. Anyone can register for a free Parent University class.

[Click here to see upcoming workshops and past presentations](#)

District Volunteer Opportunities

Humble ISD volunteers make a significant contribution to the education of children. Each school year, thousands of volunteers donate hundreds of thousands of hours of service to the school district. YOU can become part of our volunteer family!



[Click here to see other volunteer opportunities!](#)

Did you know Humble ISD shares information from local businesses and organizations when they have something to promote to Humble ISD families? [Click here to check out the Humble ISD Community Offers & Events page today!](#)



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