



# Fielder E-News

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

September 6, 2016

## *Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message*

I hope everyone had a chance to view Virtual Curriculum Night presentations. If you didn't, all presentations are still available at <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/FE/Pages/Virtual-Curriculum-Night.aspx> This week we have lots of great things happening at Fielder; please see the calendar below. This will be our last week for our school fundraiser. We are excited to see who will be top sellers in each grade level and within the whole school. All sellers will receive their Charleston Wrap prizes but the top seller in each grade level will receive a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us and the top seller in the entire school will receive a \$75 gift card to Toys R Us!!

Thank you for always supporting our school- whether it be through a fundraiser or through your gift of time and energy, you are truly appreciated. The staff of Fielder is blessed to have such a supportive parent base and community.

## *Website / Event Calendar*

### **September Core Essential: Responsibility**

**Proving you can be trusted with what's expected of you.**

**Animal: Rooster / Color: Brown**

[Core Essential Flyer for September](#)

### **Tuesday, September 6**

6:00-7:00pm Reed, Deed, Run Parent Meeting, Library

### **Thursday, September 8**

NO HOMEWORK NIGHT – spend time with your family!

9-10:30am VIPs Kickoff / LGI

### **Friday, September 9**

10:30-1:30 Grandparents Day Lunch, Gym

3:35-5:00pm Abrakadoodle, Science Lab

## **Sunday, September 11**

Grandparent's Day, Patriot Day

## **Monday, September 12**

FE School Fundraiser Ends

## **Tuesday, September 13**

5:30-6:30pm Destination Imagination Program, Science Lab

# *Office and Other Information*

- Click [HERE](#) for the FE PTA Website
- Click [HERE](#) for the Fielder Website
- Click [HERE](#) for Katy ISD Home Access Center (HAC). Register to gain access to grades, e-news, etc.
- To receive the weekly Fielder E-News, email [fe@katyisd.org](mailto:fe@katyisd.org) and ask for your email address to be included in distribution
- For **changes of transportation** send an e-mail to [fe@katyisd.org](mailto:fe@katyisd.org) by 2:30 of the day of the change

### *Follow us via social media:*

**Facebook=** [Fielder Elementary](#)

**Twitter=** [@FielderElem](#) [#fielderpride](#)

**Website=** <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/FE/Pages/default.aspx>

### *Charleston Wrap Fundraiser*

What a great start we have had to our fundraiser! Thank you to all who have helped out. Please remind your students if they have sold 3 items, they need to bring the "ticket" to the front office to collect their prize. The deadline for orders is next Monday, September 12. Checks should be made payable to Fielder Elementary.

### *Read, Deed, Run Mandatory Parent Meeting*

4<sup>th</sup> AND 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS: Read, Deed, Run is about to start! Your 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader can join other kids across the district who will run 26 miles this year, read 26 books or 2600 pages, and do 26 great deeds for our community. Don't forget about our mandatory parents meeting tonight, September 6<sup>th</sup> in the gym at 6:00. Your student is welcome to attend as well. We will hold another meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the gym for those of you with schedule conflicts with the junior high night. Can't wait to start another year of RDR!

[Cinco Ranch High School Cheerleader Clinic, 10/8/2016](#) (registration form)

## *Information from the PTA*

### *New Announcements:*

#### *News from the Library!*

We still have some shifts available if you want to volunteer at the Library. It's fun to see the kids learn and help them find books. Please click our link for more information.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0d4ea8ad29a4fb6-volunteers/30969135>

#### *Spirit Wear*

Fielder Spirit wear is available for purchase on the PT Avenue store. Go to [www.ptavenue.com](http://www.ptavenue.com) to place your order for t-shirts, water bottles, lanyards, and more. All items that were sold-out at Meet the Teacher night are available to order online. We will be placing an order after the 16th of September, so please get your orders in soon!

#### ***WATCH D.O.G.S.:***

Your Fielder PTA is inviting all Fielder Fathers and adult father-figures (Uncles, Grandfathers, Step-Dads, etc.), to join us on September 15th from **6:00-6:45pm, in the Fielder cafeteria** for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Watch D.O.G.S. Kick-Off.

You will meet in the school cafeteria at **6:00 pm** to hear a short presentation about our **WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) Program**. **WATCH D.O.G.S.** is an innovative program being used by schools across America, which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father figures in their student's life. Our goal is to have you spend at least one day this year at the school to be a positive, male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears. Please come to the Kick-Off and hear what this program is all about!

Please make sure and bring your personal calendar so you can sign up for a day. Additionally, if you do not currently own an official WATCH D.O.G.S. t-shirt for you or your child, you will be able to order them at this meeting.

#### ***PT-Avenue Instructions***

On behalf of the PTA board, I want to welcome all of our new and returning families to Fielder! The PTA has set up an account with PT-Avenue to bring you a more secure way to pay for all things PTA. We want to limit the number of times your students are transporting money to school, as well as give families a way

to find each other thru the directory function as well as sign up for volunteer opportunities and see the PTA calendar.

If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader and you did NOT buy the school supply pack thru the PTA, you must have a planner for the year. If you purchased your own school supplies, you will need to buy one thru PT-Avenue.

Each year, the PTA coordinates two class parties, this year Thankful & Valentine's. We ask every parent to contribute \$8 per child to help pay for food, games, and crafts! This is also in PT-Avenue.

Once you set up an account, its simple to log in later to make changes or purchase additional products. Below please find detailed instructions for setting up your account. The instructions for logging back in subsequent times are a little different, and those instructions are included as well.

Because this is also our school/class directory, we hope every family will set up an account! For questions about PT-Avenue, contact Heather at [treasurer@fielderpta.org](mailto:treasurer@fielderpta.org).



Welcome to PT-Avenue! This is the new program the Fielder PTA will be using for volunteer management, student directories, an online store and more! We hope this will be a one-stop-shop for all things PTA.

Go to the website: <https://www.pt-avenue.com>

Click the green box in the far right hand corner: LOG IN

Enter the ORGANIZATION CODE: fielder123

Choose from the square buttons at the top of the screen, REGISTER

Choose one adult in your family to be the PRIMARY CONTACT (you will be able to add your spouse and Fielder students later).

**First Name:** Enter your name

**Last Name:** Enter your name

**Member Type:** Parent/Guardian

This should open the second half of the form. Continue adding your **email, address** and create a **password**. Write them below to help you login later.

**Directory Options** – This is where you decide if other families can see your information. This will be the only way to share your information with others in your class and grade.\*\* The school administration and teachers are not allowed to share it.

**Volunteers** – Please join our volunteer crew! We need your help! Click YES for any and all of the volunteer jobs you'd like to help with.

**ADD** other members of your family. Entering your students' names along with their teacher names will help us create class lists for you to access. \*\*

Click the green button to SAVE your information.

Once you have entered all of your family members, visit the calendar of events and the online store. In the store, you will be able to pay for PTA memberships, marquee birthday announcements, class parties, school planners and spirit wear. Only PTA members will have access to the directory online.

### **To LOG IN after you've created an account**

Go to the website: <https://www.pt-avenue.com>

Click the green box in the far right hand corner: LOG IN

Enter the ORGANIZATION CODE: fielder123

Choose from the square buttons at the top of the screen, MY HOUSEHOLD

Enter your email and password.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***VIPS Kickoff***

Calling all Fielder volunteers and anyone interested in volunteering! Please join us on Thursday, September 8th at 9AM for the Volunteer in Public School's kick off! This is a great opportunity to learn more about Fielder Elementary programs & meet other Fielder parents! We look forward to seeing you there!

### ***Happy Grandparents Day!***

Please come and enjoy lunch with your Fielder Falcon on Friday September 9. This is an event for grandparents and their Falcon only. Please visit [www.pt-avenue.com](http://www.pt-avenue.com) for more information and to see the lunch schedule. We can't wait to see all of the grandparents!

### ***Fundraising***

The Fielder PTA would like to thank **Kids Healthy Teeth** for being our first Minion Mad Dash sponsor. Kids Healthy Teeth provides comprehensive dental care for children and young adults in a "child-friendly" environment. Their philosophy is to provide the same quality of care for each patient as if they were their own child! Contact Dr. Elizabeth Chen and Dr. Sheryl Hunter Griffith at 281-579-8700 or [www.kidshealthyteeth.com](http://www.kidshealthyteeth.com)

Does your company want to sponsor the Minion Mad Dash? We have several levels of sponsorship available to meet every budget! Contact Jaime Burris at [fundraising@fielderpta.org](mailto:fundraising@fielderpta.org) for more information

**We need more Minions!** The Minion Mad Dash needs lots of volunteers to help make it a huge successful fundraiser. Sign up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba4ae29a64-theminion?1472047538530>

## ***Box Tops***

Support Fielder PTA when you shop at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) by linking your account to our charitable organization. Amazon will share a portion of their proceeds with us!

1. Sign in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity.
3. Select PTA Texas Congress 5708 Edna Mae Fielder Elementary.



## ***CLIP FOR CASH***

The school year has started and so has our box tops collection! Once again, we will be rewarding the two classes who collect the most box tops with an ice cream party in December and April.

Please put your box tops in a ziplock bag labeled with your student's name, teacher name and grade. Drop off either with your teacher or in the collection box in the front office.

A few things to note:

- Labels for Education program has ended.
- Collection Aug-Dec 1<sup>st</sup> for December party
- Collection Jan-April 1<sup>st</sup> for April party

Questions please email: [boxtops@fielderpta.org](mailto:boxtops@fielderpta.org)

## ***Birthday Marquis***

Do you want your student's birthday recognized on our school marquee? Sign up and pay your membership dues online before 9/23/2016 to receive \$5 OFF the BIRTHDAY MARQUEE. Go to <https://www.pt-avenue.com/login.asp> and use Organization code: fielder123

## ***Fall Afterschool Session***

The Fielder PTA is proud to partner with Abrakadoodle to bring students an amazing after-school experience. Professional staff will teach step by step projects including colorful landscapes, delicate floral compositions, acrylic and watercolor paintings to hang on your walls, and home décor to brighten any room! This 6 Week Session will run every Friday from Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 3:45-4:45pm in Fielder Science Lab.

- \* Session Fee: \$108/child
- \* Classes: K-2nd Grade & 3-5th Grade
- \* Max 15 children per class (min 10)

Sign up will ONLY be available online at:

<http://www.abrakadoodle.com/tx-katy-and-west-houston-register/>

### ***PTA Text Reminders***

Don't miss out on events and deadlines!! Sign up for PTA News and Reminders via text message. Send a text message to the following:

To: 81010

Message: @43eaf9

### ***MAD Lab is Here***

MAD (Mom And Dad) Lab is gearing up for another great year. Its success is due to the wonderful participation of Fielder parents. Now is your chance to get involved. The dates are set for the 2016-2017 school year. Visit [www.pt-avenue.com](http://www.pt-avenue.com), log into your account, click on the calendar tab at the top of the page and then click the Mad Lab link on the date in which you want to volunteer. This will pop up a **Sign UP Genius Link**. Follow the instructions on the link to sign up to volunteer for your child's class.

First labs for each grade are:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Friday, September 16, 2016
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Friday, September 23, 2016
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Friday, October 7, 2016
- Kindergarten – Friday, October 14, 2016
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Friday, October 28, 2016

### ***What is MAD Lab?***

MAD Lab is Fielder's hands on science program where a parent works with a small group of 4-5 children in the science lab. Lab activities are selected by the teachers based on the objectives being taught in that grade. Fielder's science lab is a great place for the children to discover the fun of science. This is your opportunity to be involved in the excitement.

User-friendly activity guides for each lab can be found on the Mad Lab links on the PT Avenue calendar. On the day of the lab, all the materials needed to conduct the experiment will be ready and waiting for the parents. Best of all, there is **NO SCIENCE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!!** Who knows? The kids might be teaching the parents.

Looking forward to seeing you in the MAD Lab soon!!!!!!