

# RAE PTA News



Our Mother Son Games Night was such an amazing evening! Thank you so much Melanie Ellis, Kara Floyd, Jana Olivas and Erin Baumgardner - you ladies ROCK! Thanks also to Teri Yates and Texas Mesquite Grill for such AWESOME food! Check out the photos here

<http://raepta.smugmug.com/Mother-Son-Game-Night-/n-GPtrvB> the password is Mother.

The RAE PTA online Auction opens **TODAY** (March 1<sup>st</sup>) at 8pm. The entire auction will be completely online so giving you the chance to; shop from anywhere, be emailed when you have been out bid, shop and bid from anywhere and to pay online. You'll have the chance to bid on reserved parking, front row event seating, personalized street signs, unique VIP events, gift baskets and much more! Check out this fabulous video of Dr Hobin and members of staff rapping to get you bidding! [www.tinyurl.com/raeauction2016](http://www.tinyurl.com/raeauction2016)

Every cent raised goes to our StingRAEs. The money raised from the specials and grade level groups goes right back to those groups to use for continued student enrichment. Money raised from the Carpool, Reserved Parking Spot, RAE Street Signs & Birthday Marquee will be used to support PTA and RAE sponsored programs. To find out more go to [www.raepta.org](http://www.raepta.org) or head straight to our secure auction website at <https://www.32auctions.com/raepta> Happy bidding!

Don't miss our fabulous book fair, which runs until March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be open **tonight** during Open House from 6pm until 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, nominations for RAE Volunteer of the Year close this Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Make your nomination here <http://www.myvlink.org/raepta/news.php?ID=7681>

Shannon Kim

PTA President 2015-2016

## Coming Soon!! RAEnbow of Stars!

Is your StingRAE a star in the making? Do they and their friends have a talent they would like to share? Then RAEnBow of Stars needs them! RAEnbow of Stars will take place on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and to have the chance to be part of the show you need to return the completed permission form by **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Lyrics to any music used in the act **MUST** be attached. All you need to know about the competition and entry requirements can be found right here <http://www.myvlink.org/raepta/event.php?ID=19381>

## PTA Officer Nominations

Thank you to everyone who put forward a PTA Executive Board Nomination. The Nominating Committee has met and has slated the following officers for the 2016 - 2017 year:-

President - Erin Baumgardner  
1st VP Programs - Shannon Kim  
2nd VP Membership - Lannie Christensen  
3rd VP Ways & Means - Meredith Gilliam  
4th VP VIPS - Jana Olivas  
Secretary - Vicki Hockey  
Treasurer - Jennifer Spencer

Voting will take place on March 10th during our General Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor. A huge thank you to the Nominating Committee members. We appreciate your work!

## Healthy Lifestyles



**Commit to a device-free dinner...**

"It's no secret that smart phones, tablets and the like have taken over our lives. It's my hope though that we can all agree to keep one sacred place device-free, and that's the dinner table! Today's post is mainly about kids, but parents and other adults, let's be sure we lead by example here."

-Lisa Leake, 100 Days of Real Food

<http://www.100daysofrealfood.com/2015/04/24/lets-commit-device-free-dinner/>

## Upload Yearbook photos with ease!

Thanks to the free Josten's "Replay it" app it's never been easier to send your pictures to our

RAE Yearbook team. You can upload the photos you take on your phone instantly. Go here to find out more <http://www.myvlink.org/raepta/news.php?ID=7664> or contact Lannie Christensen at [secretary@raepta.org](mailto:secretary@raepta.org)

Don't forget to order your Yearbook - simply go to <http://www.jostensyearbooks.com> This year the Yearbooks will be delivered at the end of the school year and there will be a signing party!

### **Get involved at RAE**

The RAE International Festival is on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to represent your country and culture please contact Enya Huang at [h5h5h5@hotmail.com](mailto:h5h5h5@hotmail.com) or phone 512-751-4909.

The RAE Carnival will be on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email the Carnival Chair, Natalie Newberry, [Natalie.newberry83@gmail.com](mailto:Natalie.newberry83@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved.

Hands on Science continues throughout the school year. If you would like to volunteer to help our StingRAEs sign up at [www.raepta.org](http://www.raepta.org)



**Dads of Great Students**

We're always looking for fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles and any other father figure to join Watch D.O.G.S. If you can spend one day a year at RAE interacting with our StingRAEs you're just who we need! We also need walkers to be in school to meet and greet our wonderful Watch D.O.G.S. from 7.50am until 8.30am. For more information about becoming one of our Watch D.O.G.S. or a Walker please contact Dawn Crabtree at [watchdogs@raepta.org](mailto:watchdogs@raepta.org)

### **Clothing donations still being taken!**

If your kids have been doing that growing thing again or you're having a clear out to make way for the latest styles don't throw away your gently used clothes - donate them to our Clothing Drive with Schoola. You can drop them off in the bright yellow collection bin near the front office. Please no sleepwear, underwear or socks as these can't be accepted. Remember we receive 40% of the proceeds from every single item sold!

### **Challenge/GT Parents – donations needed!**

Ms. Cruser and Ms. Twiggs have put together an Amazon wish list of supplies that they would really like for their classroom. If you would like to donate just follow the link

<http://tinyurl.com/Mrs-Cruiser-s-Amazon-Wishlist> Thank you!