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Apperson Street Elementary School

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Apperson PTA Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 2 - 6

Teachers are real life superheroes. They educate, innovate, encourage and support. Every day they touch the lives of so many children and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

Take the time to celebrate Apperson's real life superheroes during **PTA Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2016**.



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – May 5

It's time for our annual "fiesta style" teacher/staff appreciation luncheon! This year, Taco Guy Catering will be serving up all of the hot food. You can help by donating a side dish (salad, fruit, veggie platter, etc.), drinks or dessert. Drop off your dish in the office or in room 29 no later than 11:00 on Thursday, May 5th. Contact Shannon with any questions at chiefsmiley13@hotmail.com or 714-390-9628.

Honorary Service Award Ceremony - May 5

Please join us in the Auditorium after school on Thursday, May 5 as the PTA presents our 2016 Honorary Service Awards!

Movie under the Stars - Friday, May 13

Join us at our spring outdoor movie night on Friday, May 13. This is a family event and parents must stay with their children. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Movie selection and event time will be announced soon!

PTA Meeting - May 19

Please join us on Thursday, May 19 at 8:15 am for our **last PTA meeting of the school year**! Come say "thank you" to our outgoing board members who worked so hard all year to make Apperson the very best. All are welcome!

Thanks and Praise

Yearbook Committee

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the yearbook by taking pictures, and especially to the following for putting together the class and activity pages: Melanie Paige, Shannon Heier, Crystal Fitzgerald, Gigi Lewis, Jennifer Jones, Mari McLaws, Carol Alexander, Kali LaMarine, Joann Mendez, Kristina Valcarce, Becky Briggs, and Jennifer Crawford. Thank you also to our yearbook sponsors, Mack and Jane, Revolution Dance Center, and Time to Explore.

Last Chance for Yearbooks!

Yearbooks will arrive at the end of May. If you did not order a yearbook, there will be approximately 60 yearbooks available for purchase for \$25 each, first come, first served.



Spotlight on Sun Safety

May is National Skin Cancer Prevention and Detection Month! Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S. 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays is the number one risk factor for developing skin cancer – and it's preventable! You can have fun in the sun and decrease your risk of skin cancer with these simple steps: minimize sun exposure between 10 am and 4 pm, wear a hat, sunglasses and UV protective clothing, apply sunscreen with a minimum of 30 SPF at least 30 minutes before sun exposure, and whenever possible, seek shade. Studies show that sustaining 5 or more sunburns in youth increases lifetime melanoma risk by 80%. Teach your children now to apply sunscreen every day – it could save their life!

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Calendar

Here are some important dates for the upcoming school year. Please check future newsletters for updates and more details for each event.

May 2-6 May 5	Teacher Appreciation Week Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and HSA Ceremony
May 13	Movie Night
May 19	PTA Meeting – 8:15 am
May 30	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 3 June 9 June 10	5 th Grade Class Picnic Minimum Day – 8:00 am – 12:31 pm Last Day of School – Minimum Day 8:00 am – 12:31 pm 5 th Grade Culmination – 9:00 am
	Have a safe and happy summer!

First day of instruction 2016-2017

Reflections

August 16

The National PTA's art contest, Reflections, is coming in the fall! This year's theme is "What is Your Story?"

Students can enter artwork in the following categories: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production. Every child who enters will receive a medal. This is a great chance for kids to express themselves artistically! So kids, start thinking over the summer about the project YOU will create! Details about the contest, including rules for submission and deadlines, will be available in the fall, or find out more on our website at

www.appersonpta.com/reflections.



Fundraising News

Brick Fundraising Campaign is back!

Have you seen the beautiful brick wall in the main hallway at Apperson? Now is your chance to have your name or message engraved on a brick and permanently installed at Apperson. The second phase of our brick campaign is happening now through May 27, 2016. We hope to have the new bricks installed before the end of the school year. There are several sizes and options available. A flyer and order form will be coming home soon. You can also find the flyers on our website at www.appersonpta.com/bricks or go directly to www.bricksrus.com/order/appersonpta to place your order online.





To ALL the MOTHERS everywhere, may your day be filled with love, joy and laughter!

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