

# ROCKET NEWS

## John Rex PTA Newsletter

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### PTA Elections TONIGHT!

Please join us for one of our most important meetings of the year!

PTA elections will be held at 6 pm TONIGHT, Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, during our general meeting in the John Rex cafeteria. All PTA members are encouraged to attend and vote for 2018-2019 officers. Free pizza and childcare will be provided.

PTA members who have agreed to run include: Maggie Howell, President; Lydia Arguello, Vice President; Rachel Erwin-Proper, Treasurer; and Mary Ann Osko, Secretary. If you are interested in running or need additional info, please contact Kelly Masters-Newton, [kmastersnewton@icloud.com](mailto:kmastersnewton@icloud.com) or 405.537.3903

In addition to electing next year's officers, attendees will enjoy performances from two John Rex Odyssey of the Mind Teams, which will both compete at World Finals in May. Booths will be set up at the PTA meeting to sell popcorn and John Rex gear to raise money to attend the world competition.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### PTA Meetings

All meetings will be held at John Rex on Thursdays at 6pm. Pizza and childcare will be provided!

April 19 (Elections)

#### April

23<sup>rd</sup> – Spring Photos (MONDAY)

Students are encouraged to wear their "Sunday Best" clothes for these pictures.

#### May

1<sup>st</sup> – Muffins for Mom

7:00-7:55 am in the John Rex Gymnasium

7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

## Two John Rex Odyssey of the Mind Teams Headed to World Finals!

In their second year of competition, John Rex students have done it again – they've advanced to the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition. Odyssey of the Mind began in 1978 and is the largest creative competition in the world. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Both John Rex teams are overjoyed for the opportunity to represent Oklahoma and John Rex at the world competition held at Iowa State University May 23<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. In order to attend the competition, students must raise \$16,000 to cover the cost of registration, transportation, and lodging. Donations can be given electronically via GoFundMe at: [gofundme.com/john-rex-to-world-finals.html](http://gofundme.com/john-rex-to-world-finals.html) or by contacting Wendi Liles at [WLiles@johnrexschool.org](mailto:WLiles@johnrexschool.org) or LaTonia Moore at [LRMoore-Galberth@okcps.org](mailto:LRMoore-Galberth@okcps.org).



LEFT: Emoji, Speak for Yourself Team

Marisa, Trinity, Ashlynn, Evan, Aaron and Willie with coach LaTonia Moore.



LEFT: Stellar Hangout Team

Tanner, Justin, Henry, Sophie, Francesa, Reagan and Lillian with coach Wendi Liles.

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## Committee Reports

### Executive Committee

PTA Executive Board Elections for the 2018-2019 calendar year will be held during the PTA General Membership Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary, please contact Kelly Masters-Newton, [kmastersnewton@icloud.com](mailto:kmastersnewton@icloud.com) or 405.537.3903 for more information.

### Merchandise Committee

Pre-ordered 2018 spirit shirts will be delivered to classrooms the last week of April. There will be another opportunity to pre-order all styles of short sleeve shirts, at the end of July, at [tictail.com/johnrexpta](http://tictail.com/johnrexpta). Watch the John Rex PTA Facebook page for exact dates. Also, limited quantities of shirts will be available at meet the teacher night. Pre-ordering is the best way to guarantee you get the size you want!

### Teacher & Staff Appreciation Committee

We are gearing up for Teacher Appreciation Week May 7th-11th. Parents, be on the lookout for some fun things that we would like you all to participate with, to make sure our teachers and staff know how much we love them! There will be something for each day that week, keep an eye out for more

information in Thursday Folders. Parent Classroom Reps, be on the lookout for an email from committee chair Tatiana Polin regarding this.

### Membership Committee

Please sign up to join the PTA! Moms... Dads... Grandparents... All are welcome! Membership is only \$5 per year and you can join online or in person at a PTA General Meeting. Please sign up by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be included on this year's roster! To sign up online, please visit:

<https://johnrexpta.nationbuilder.com/joinpta>

### Fundraising Committee

Please continue to turn in your Box Tops for Education! We will accept them through the last day of school. Box Tops need to be checked to make sure they don't say 2017 or before and trimmed neatly, please. (A collection box is located in the main lobby of JRCES).



MOMS, GRANDMAS,  
AUNTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS,  
PLEASE JOIN YOUR ROCKET FOR *Muffins For Mom!*

TUESDAY, MAY 1  
7:00-7:55 A.M.  
JOHN REX GYMNASIUM

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## Rockets Enjoy Give Back Night at Urban Johnnie

Thank you to all the Rocket families who have participated in Give Back Nights throughout the year! Together, with the help of local businesses like Urban Johnnie, Kendra Scott, Hideaway Pizza and S&B Burger Joint, we are making a huge difference for our school! Be on the lookout for more Give Back Nights to be scheduled soon!

