

JRCS PTA NEWSLETTER

August 30, 2018 Rocket News, Mission 5.0

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Welcome Letter from the PTA President

Dear John Rex Charter School (JRCS) families,

Our JRCS PTA welcomes you to our Mission 5.0/2018-2019 school year! To everyone who helped make last year so very successful by volunteering time, skills, and/or resources to school programs, committees, or projects, thank you! Without the hands-on work and many volunteer hours of our parents, teachers and families, our kids would not have the school opportunities they have today. So, CHEERS to you all!

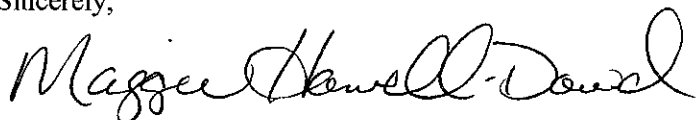
This is some of what the fundraising and volunteer work of our PTA brought to JRCS in the past school year alone:

**Chrome Books
New Playground Equipment
50% of Art Teacher Salary
Enrichment Cluster Leadership & Supplies
Classroom Support & Field Trips
Teacher & Staff Appreciation
Diversity & Community Events**

This year we want to, need to, **MUST** set a new bar! Consider this a call to service. We need all of us! From volunteering for pick up or drop off, to helping on field trips, to working shifts at events or heading up committees, every minute we give is a contribution to the education of our children in more ways than we can imagine.

Listen, *the advantage* is up to us. I look forward to getting to know you all as we jump in to do our part in bringing *the advantage* to JRCS!

Sincerely,



**Maggie Howell-Dowd,
JRCS PTA President, 2018-2019**

Event	Date	Details
T-Shirt Sales	9/3/18 – 9/14/18	Online
JRCS Blood Drive	9/07/18	JRCES Gymnasium 8:00 am-1:00 pm
General Meeting	9/13/18	JRCES Cafeteria, 6:00 pm
Fall Festival	9/28/18	JRCES Playground 6:00-8:00 pm
Donuts with Dad	10/26/18	7:15 am (location TBD)
Second-hand Uniform Sale	10/11/18	JRCES Cafeteria, 8 am
International Explorers Week	11/05/18-11/09/18	JRCS
Holiday PJ Movie Night	11/30/18	JRCES Gym 7:00-9:00
Canned Food Drive	12/3/18-12/7/18	
Holiday Party	12/18/18	Classrooms - 2:30 pm
General Meeting	1/10/19	JRCES Cafeteria, 6:00 pm
Valentine's Party	2/14/19 (Th)	Classrooms - 2:30 pm
T-Shirt Sales	3/3/19 – 3/15/19	Online
General Meeting	4/18/19	JRCES Cafeteria, 6:00 pm
Fuel Up	4/24/19	TBD
Rexfest	4/25/19-4/28/19	JRCES Playground, 10 am-8 pm daily
Muffins with Mom	5/2/19 (Th)	7:15 am (location TBD)
Teacher Appreciation Week	5/6/19-5/10/19	
End of School Year BBQ	5/23/19	5:30 pm Bedlam BBQ (?)
T-Shirt Sales	July 2019 (exact dates TBD)	Online

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Committee Reports

Membership

Join JRCS PTA! 100% participation would be incredible--think of all we could do with so many members! Membership is \$5 for the year. You can join online at <http://www.johnrexpta.org/> (click on the "Join John Rex PTA" tab), or at the first PTA meeting. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Amy Sherry Fischer at amyfischer@oklahomacounsel.com.

Parent Involvement

Multiple classes still need class representatives! Help coordinate the three classroom parties (Winter, Valentines, and End of Year) and support your child's teacher. Help still needed for (K) George, Buchanan, Stephenson, Watterson; (1st) Cundiff; (2nd) Lawson, Morgan, Minor; (3rd) Hays, Lunn; (4th) Liles; (5th) McCall. Please contact Moriah Guild at earthseaskysong@hotmail.com or Kimberly Walters at KimberlyErin21@gmail.com if you can help!

6th grade Rocket parents! Catherine Cunningham will serve as 6th grade PTA liaison! Contact Catherine@appcater.net with questions.

JRCS Fall Festival

Friday, September 28th, 6pm-8pm, JRCS Playground. Purchase tickets at <https://tictail.com/johnrexpta>. You can also purchase Basket raffle tickets with this link. BONUS - if you purchase your admission tickets in advance you get a free basket raffle ticket for every paid admission. Watch for opportunities to volunteer at the Fall Festival soon!

Annual Fall Festival Basket Raffle

Fun baskets will be auctioned to raise funds for PTA-sponsored school programs. Students can donate an item for their grade's basket.

Basket themes are

- Pre-K: Thunder Up!
- K: Date Night!
- 1st: Boomer Sooner!
- 2nd: Movie Night!
- 3rd: Family Game Night!
- 4th: Go Pokes!
- 5th: Pizza!
- 6th: Stay Local!

Send items in your child's backpack or drop off at the front office! More details coming soon.

T-Shirts

Online Fall JRCS T-shirt sale: September 3-14. T-shirts will go home with students around September 28. Order online at <https://tictail.com/johnrexpta> (not in operation until Sept. 3).

Fundraising

Our PTA is a listed charity on [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). We have already earned over \$100 since August 1st! Please shop through [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose John W Rex Elementary as your charity! We can also help raise money for the PTA by buying a new mattress! Share with friends & family! <https://www.tuftandneedle.com/givesback/>.

Keep bringing your Box Tops for Education! You can bring them in a ziplock to your teacher or drop them off in the box by the door to the downstairs JRCS conference rooms.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale: To be held during Parent-Teacher Conferences, October 11, in the JRCS cafeteria. Starts at 8 am until inventory runs out. The Second-Hand Uniform Sale is calling for volunteers for 1 hour shifts! Please contact Kelly Masters-Newton kmastersnewton@icloud.com if you can help! Donate your gently used uniforms! Drop off in the box in front of the downstairs JRCS conference room window.

The Give Back committee would like to highlight our JRCS family business owners! If you own a store front or restaurant, or if you have a business that provides goods or services, contact Jamie Winteroth about participating in a Give Back to JRCS event! jamiwinteroth@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for information on Give Back events coming soon!

Beautification

Thank you all who joined our first Campus Clean-Up of 2018-2019, August 18th. We had a great turn out and the flower beds are (almost) weed and litter free again! Join us September 15 or October 27, 9 am at the West Gate of JRCS. Gloves encouraged. Little people welcome, jobs for everyone. And, there will be DONUTS and COFFEE!

Health and Wellness

Please sign up to donate at the JRCS Blood Drive on September 7 in the JRCS Gymnasium! https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/251764. Contact Ms. Nix at mnix@johnrexschool.org with questions.