



# Randall Middle School PTSA

2017-2018 Information

## Welcome Randall Families!

This information packet serves as your PTSA at-a-glance! Inside you will find all the information you need to get the year started. As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students. We welcome every family to be a part of the PTSA! Joining is easy and provides many benefits to our kids, our schools and ultimately -

our community. Should you wish to go beyond joining and offer your time, talents or resources we are grateful and happy to work with you.

Please visit our [website](#), [facebook pages](#) and follow us on [Twitter!](#)

Join us for Open House on Monday, August 7th. We encourage you to walk or ride your bike as a family to Open House if you believe your child may do so during the school year. It is a great time to practice!

If you are driving, overflow parking for Open House will be in the Newsome front loop or the front lawn of our school. Please do not



park along the side of the road or at the businesses across the street. Thank you!

*We are looking forward to a fabulous 2017-2018 school year!*  
~Your Randall PTSA~

## Open House - Monday, August 7th

The 2017-18 Randall Open House provides opportunities for parents and students to pick up schedules, meet teachers and locate classes. Prior to Open House there will be "Parent University" (information) sessions for 6th grade parents or parents new to Randall. The topics will cover how to use Edsby and how to access and use online textbooks. We will have rooms posted when you arrive at 12:30 or 1:10 if you are attending these sessions.

Parents and students follow a class schedule for a total

of 1 hour and 55 min. to meet each teacher. Parent Info.

Sessions for Grade 6 and Students New to Randall, 12:30-1:40 p.m.

Edsby 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Online Textbooks 1:10-1:40 p.m.

Cafeteria Purchases 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Homeroom (Schedule pick-up) 2:00-2:10

Period 1: 2:15-2:25

Period 2: 2:30-2:40

Period 3: 2:45-2:55

Period 4: 3:00-3:10

Period 5: 3:15-3:25

Period 6: 3:30-3:40

Period 7: 3:45-3:55

Agenda Planners (\$5) will be available for purchase in the student cafeteria.

Yearbook orders and club displays will be in the Media Center.

PE. uniforms will be sold through PE. classes during the first full week of school.

We look forward to seeing you at Open House. Postcards indicating students' homerooms will be mailed prior to Open House.





**Kathi Hayes**  
RMS PTSA President

## Hey Randall Families!

The 2017-2018 PTSA Board would like to extend Randall students and families a warm welcome to Randall Middle School. Your PTSA Executive Board has already been working hard this summer making changes to improve communication and programs to meet and surpass our mission: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

We have a full calendar ahead of us this year, therefore, communicating information to the Randall families and faculty is the key in the success of our programs and activities. We have set up grade level and school wide Facebook Pages, the PTSA website [www.RandallPTSA.org](http://www.RandallPTSA.org), and the PTSA monthly newsletter. Also, Randall has a school website <http://randall.mysdhc.org/> to stay informed of dates and deadlines.

Our main focus is keeping students focused on learning in a safe environment. Your middle schooler will become more independent, develop new attitudes, make new friends and face new experiences. Social media could become one of their main focuses in middle school. PTSA has developed a part of our website called "CYBER Aware". Please visit the various links and talk to your child about the expectations that come with the responsibilities of owning a phone. Most importantly, set a good example for your child through your own actions. They watch more than they listen! This program along with others is to help keep our children safe!

As we head into the first week of school, PLEASE be patient and courteous. Most of all, be safe! We look forward to meeting you at Open House!

If you have any questions or need to get in touch with us you may email [randallptsa@gmail.com](mailto:randallptsa@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support and look forward to an awesome year!

Go Hawks!  
Kathi Hayes  
PTSA President

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# VISIT THE PTSA ONLINE STORE!

## Avoid the lines!

The online PTSA shop is your one-stop shopping for everything you need, from the comfort of your own home. Tee shirts, memberships, magnets, donations, birthdays on the marquee and hawkings can all be ordered online! Have questions? Drop us a line at: [store@randallptsa.org](mailto:store@randallptsa.org).



## Get your Spirit T-Shirt

Shirts are \$13 for cotton, \$15 dri-fit and \$18 for ladies fit. Orders will be delivered to your student's classroom in mid September.

## Hawk your friends!

Celebrate a student or friend's special day with a RMS "Hawking." The PTSA will place "hawks" in your yard for a day to mark the special event! A flock, which includes 10 Hawks, is \$20.

- Add the "Loud and Proud" option to let the victim know who you are – \$5
- Add an additional Sign to show an additional meaning customized with the student's name – \$10



## Birthday celebrations!

Randall Middle School PTSA would like to help you celebrate your child's special day! Give them a Happy Birthday shout out on the marquee! Please allow a minimum of 7 DAYS PRIOR to your child's birthday. If your child's birthday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, you have the option of running the shout out on the Friday before or the Monday after their birthday. The shout out will read:  
"Happy (age) Birthday (First Name Only)!"

## New Magnets

Order your newly designed 2017-2018 Randall Middle School magnet. Perfect for your car or refrigerator.





## RANDALL IS A PTSA – PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT ASSOCIATION

### Who can join?

Moms, Dads, students, teachers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors and businesses

### Why Should I Join?

With this membership you not only join RMS PTSA but also the state and national PTA, which are constant advocates for our children.

### Where does the money go?

A portion of the money from your membership pays your school, state and national dues. The remainder is used to help support the many services and activities planned throughout the year.

### How much does it cost?

\$6 per individual, \$12 for dual and \$25 per business.

## RMS PTSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Randall PTSA is a very active group, doing many things to benefit our children. On a school, state and national level we have been instrumental in many initiatives from which all children have benefited. Randall PTSA has a long history of accomplishments including the student photography contest, reflections which showcases our students many talents, teacher grants to improve classroom learning, student of the month awards, teacher appreciation, our Marquee that keeps parents informed of upcoming events, and much more.

We offer individual memberships for parents, grandparents, students and teachers for \$6. A special student and parent dual membership (see offer below) is \$12. Businesses can purchase a business partner membership for \$25. All business memberships will be listed in the PTSA monthly newsletter and on the website. Please consider joining so we can continue to offer these and many other great programs throughout the year.

Visit the website to join today!



The dual adult and student membership, for \$12, comes with many student incentives including a free treat from Jeremiah's Ice (one treat per dual membership) and a special treat during lunch quarterly.

# RMS PTSA Needs You!

We can't do it without you! If you can help for an hour, a day or more, please let us know! It's super easy to sign up online. Select any of the following opportunities below, fill out the online form and we'll contact you to help with those events. Thank you!

**Fundraising** – work with the Fundraising Chair on projects to raise funds so we can continue to support our students, teachers and staff.

**Staff Appreciation** – assist the Staff Appreciation Chair with the many wonderful things they do for the teachers throughout the year.

**Occasional Volunteer Opportunities** – volunteer at school as needed to help with picture day, selling reindeer grams, etc.

**Arts/Family Night** – help organize and implement an entertaining evening.

**Hawking Team** – have fun with your students and friends by placing “Flocks of Hawks” in yards at night.

**Book Fair** – help set up and run the book fair twice a year.



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## RMS PTSA DONATION DRIVE

The Cash Donation Drive will serve as the PTSA's major fundraiser this year and will end October 19th, so don't delay! Where does the money go? 100% of your donation goes directly to enhancing your student's academic experience by funding award-winning programs and services that benefit our students, faculty and school. Monies raised will help us to provide safety programs (texting and driving, CyberAware), grade level support, advocacy and technology programs, student and faculty recognition, teacher grants, school beautification and more. The success of our Drive will help us to continue to support these programs and additional services that might be needed throughout the year. We hope you will help us reach our goal--every dollar makes a difference! How much should you give? Everybody's circumstance is different; so if you are able, please give as much as you feel comfortable with. Every contribution helps!



Be on the lookout for a small school fundraiser in October for those of you who wish to support a traditional fundraiser.



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NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS®

# WITHIN REACH

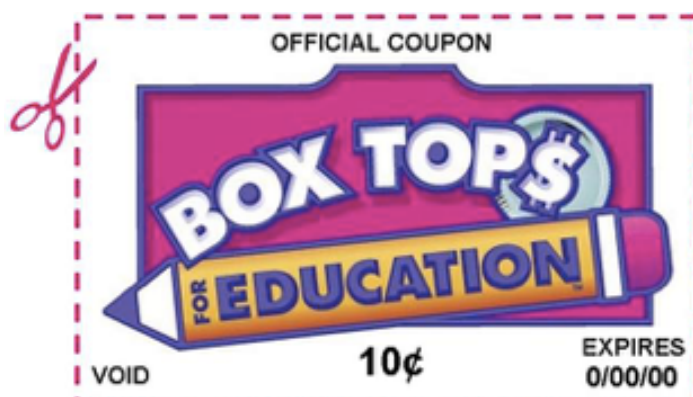
All students attending PTA schools sponsoring the program are invited to participate and submit original artwork in one of six areas:

- Film production
- Visual arts
- Literature
- Music composition
- Dance choreography
- Photography

Artwork is submitted first to school-level PTAs, where they are first recognized, celebrated and judged by five grade-level divisions, while a non-judged Special Artists division celebrates student artists with special needs. School PTAs then choose a selection of entries to be judged by local PTA units, which are then sent on to councils and then districts for consideration. The final artworks submitted to Florida PTA by counties are then considered for Awards of Excellence or Awards of Merit. Award of Excellence entries then go on to represent Florida PTA in the final National PTA judging round. Please review general entry rules. For more information, [email reflections@randallptsa.org](mailto:reflections@randallptsa.org).

## BOXTOP LABELS

Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$400 million since 1996. You can earn cash for your child's school by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. We will continue our friendly competition of seeing which homeroom can bring in the most Box Tops, which are collected the last Thursday of each month. Make sure you include the expiration date when you send in those labels!



## RANDALL SCHOOL CALENDAR

Randall Middle School Walk-about	August 7
Student's First Day of School	August 10
Labor Day Holiday / Schools Closed	September 4
End of First Grading Period	October 13
Non-Student Day	October 16
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 10
Fall Break / Schools Closed	November 20-24
Students Return to School	November 27
Reindeer Gram Sales Begin	December 1
End of Second Grading Period	December 22
Winter Break	December 25-Jan 5
Students Return to School	January 9
Martin Luther King Jr Holiday	January 15
Florida State Fair Day	February 9
President's Day IS a school day!	February 19
End of Third Grading Period	March 9
Spring Break	March 12-16
Students Return to School	March 19
Non Student Day	March 30
End of Fourth Grading Period	May 25
Last Day of School	May 25



*A note from Mrs. Mawhinney*

### Randall Transportation Changes Q & A

As you know, students living within two miles of our school will no longer receive bus transportation to school. I will answer questions for which I have information. As a school, we are also awaiting routes and bus lists.

#### ***When will I know my child's bus number if I receive transportation?***

Transportation is expected to send out post cards to students receiving busing. I will send out information as I receive it from our transportation department.

#### ***How have we prepared for our students walking or riding their bikes to school?***

Last spring our PE classes saw presentations from the bike safety contact with St. Joseph's community outreach programs. I have sent out a follow-up survey that students completed. At this point it serves as a good overview of questions parents can ask their children to assess whether they are ready to walk or ride their bike to school. We had two walk-arounds during which parents and staff identified areas to improve for safety. I would like to encourage parents to come to Open House by foot or bike if your child plans to do so. This practice is essential for safety.

#### ***Where are bike racks located?***

Currently there is an enclosed bike rack area on the Newsome side of our campus. There is an additional bike rack on the opposite side at the end of the new sidewalk. We will use fencing to lock up any overflow bikes we might have. The district has offered to install a cement pad as we add more racks. We will order more bike racks as needed. Students are required to have their own bike lock and wear a bike helmet.

*Click here to learn more about transportation changes...*

