



WYATT ELEMENTARY PTA BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER IMPORTANT BACK-TO-SCHOOL DATES:



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 4-5PM

Visit your classroom, meet your new teacher, find your locker, meet old and new friends.

3:30-5:30PM

Come early or stay late to check out the PTA Fair and purchase the latest spirit wear styles!

ATTENTION
NEW WYATT
FAMILIES!



MEET THE
TEACHER NIGHT



You are invited to sign up for our "Connecting Families" Program and join us for a Welcome Social on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 at 6-7PM

Contact Jenn at jdmccrea1@gmail.com for info

See more at www.wyattpta.org
and page 7 of this newsletter!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

1st grade – 6-6:30PM

3rd grade – 6:45-7:15PM

4th grade – 7:15-7:45PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Kindergarten – 6-6:30PM

2nd grade – 6:45-7:15PM

5th grade – 7:15-7:45PM

Parent only night to get grade level curriculum info.

Dear Wyatt Families,

I hope that you have been enjoying a relaxing and engaging summer with your families! Now that it's time to start thinking about back-to-school, I am eager to see the hallways of Wyatt filled with the smiles of students and staff again, especially given this year's fun "what'shappening?" theme! Help your child be a SUPER TECHIE! Be a part of the Technology Campaign aimed at bringing new technology and learning tools into every classroom.

Are you wondering how you can get more involved in your child's education? Studies show that parental engagement in the school is one of the key factors in determining academic success. **Come, join in the fun at Wyatt and participate in any way you can. Become a part of the community, converse with your child's teacher and other parents in the hallway, get to know how the school functions on a day-to-day basis, and understand the various programs and resources that are being offered to your child! These moments are all priceless!** We are confident that there is a place for everyone – working and stay-at-home parents, moms and dads, families of all cultures. All are welcome!

I encourage you to subscribe to the **Wyatt Wire E-News**, join our **Facebook** group, and become a member of Wyatt PTA to stay in-the-loop about important news, events, and happenings at the school. I hope that you will find our **Back-To-School "Wizard" online system** (featured throughout this newsletter) to be an easy way to get all of your PTA tasks done - order spirit wear, donate towards technology, check out volunteer opportunities, join PTA, edit your directory information, and more. There is a **calendar and checklist** featured on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience as well. I look forward to seeing you at Wyatt! Fun hAPPens only at WYATT!

Sarita Venkatraman
Wyatt PTA President, 2015-2016
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WYATT PTA'S SUPER TECHIE: THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL WIZARD...

CLICK ON THE "WIZARD" IMAGE BELOW or at www.wyattpta.org to:

- Join the Wyatt PTA
- Purchase spirit wear and planners
- Donate to Technology
- Sign up to volunteer



- Edit your directory info
- Pre-order yearbooks at discounted rates
- And MORE!!!!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Place your order by TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th AT MIDNIGHT to have your items available for pick-up at our PTA Fair on Thursday, August 20 from 3:30-5:30PM.

This is the online system our PTA will be using throughout the school year for selling spirit wear, tickets to social events, and yearbooks, as well as for our fundraising events. Save time and sign up today – visit www.wyattpta.org and click on the "wizard"!

STAY CONNECTED

• **A MUST-DO! Subscribe each family member's email to the "Wyatt Wire" E-News at elist.pisd.edu. *This is the school's AND the PTA's primary method of correspondence.***

• Ask to join the "Wyatt Elementary PTA" Facebook group. This is a great forum for last-minute reminders about ordering deadlines, dress-up days, and events, as well as to see photos of the assemblies and programs your kids see at school.

• Check out the Wyatt PTA website at www.wyattpta.org.

• Subscribe to occasional PTA & Dad's Club E-newsletters through our Back-To-School "Wizard" – see above.

• Sign up for text message updates from Wyatt PTA by texting "Follow @WyattElemPTA" to 40404. You may also follow us on Twitter @WyattElemPTA.

For more information, please contact: Lisa Mendiola, Communications & Publications Chair - vlmendiola@yahoo.com

DON'T FORGET!



• Visit parent.mypisd.net to update your child(ren)'s emergency card and registration forms. Subscribe to the Wyatt E-News for all family members through this site.

• Add money to your child(ren)'s lunch account at www.paypams.com.

BE A VOLUNTEER

Be a science fair judge

Clip & count
Box Tops

Library volunteer

Be a class reader

Help at Field Day

Cook a dish for a
teacher luncheon

Lunch duty helper

Get donations for
our auction

Take pictures for the yearbook

Process cafeteria recycling

Prepare classroom
materials for teachers

Share your career during College Week



The Wyatt Library is in need of volunteers for this school year. Volunteers shelve books, check out books to students and help our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Armstrong with various projects in the library. If you can volunteer, please email Tina Whitfill ~ tinaw47@hotmail.com

Click on the "WIZARD" image **HERE** or at www.wyattpta.org to sign up for **ALL volunteer opportunities, big and small!**

We need YOU to make this year a success for our children...

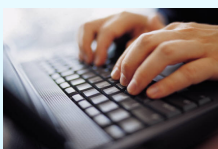


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For more information, please contact:
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**COMPLETE YOUR PISD VOLUNTEER
APPLICATION TODAY!**

Go to pisd.edu/volunteer to get started.



DADS ARE SUPER TECHIES TOO!

Dads are an important part of our Wyatt community. We have an active Dad's Club that participates in activities throughout the year, including our WatchDOGS program during which dads can volunteer for an entire day at Wyatt.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the program as featured on the TODAY Show, and **keep an eye out for signups this fall to reserve YOUR WatchDOGS day** at Wyatt! Stay "in the loop" by subscribing to e-News [here](#) & Dad's Club correspondence [here](#).

For more information, please contact: Todd Boone, Dad's Club Chair - toddlboone@att.net



PTA FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
August 5th – September 30th

**Help Wyatt bring
new technology and
learning tools into
every classroom with a
tech donation.**

Prepare our students for the future with technology today!

Our Goal: 120 tablets (Chromebooks and iPads)

Total Required: \$1,500 per classroom

How can I help?

Any amount you donate will help our students. A donation of \$40 per child will provide 10 tablets per grade level. We encourage you to involve family, local businesses and use corporate/employee matching programs. All donations are tax deductible (PTA Tax ID #75-2863557).

Why should I donate?

Donating is completely voluntary and optional but this fundraising campaign will have a direct impact on our students. Our teachers want to use tablets to reach diversity in learning styles, encourage collaboration, help students stay engaged and be better prepared for the real world environment and their future careers.

How do I donate?

Online: <https://pisd.parentconnect.net>

Checks: Drop off checks in the PTA treasure box in the Wyatt office (payable to Wyatt PTA)

Questions? Contact Esther Rutnam - fundraising@wyattpta.org



#TECHFORWYATT

The following partnerships are **EASY** and **FREE!**



- **KROGER Community Rewards Program**

Kroger Community Rewards identification number for the 2015-2016 school year is #81751. You must link your Kroger Plus card each year. Please go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to link your card or sign up for a Kroger Plus



- **TOM THUMB Good Neighbor Program**

Please link your Tom Thumb card at any store to *Good Neighbor* number **8873**.



- **TARGET Take Charge of Education**

Go to www.target.com/tcoe and enter Wyatt Elementary and ID# **115232** to link your red card to Wyatt. Your red card can be either a credit or a debit. Earn 1% for our school, plus 5% savings for yourself!



- **AMAZON SMILE**

Use this link to "SHOP FOR WYATT": <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2863557>. You can also "SHOP FOR WYATT" by visiting <http://smile.amazon.com> and searching for Wyatt Elementary.



- **BOX TOPS**

Cut out and send in to school with your child's name and teacher on the outside of a baggie or envelope. The class with the most Box Tops collected will win a TREAT!



- **WORLD WEAR PROJECT**

By partnering with World Wear Project LLC., Wyatt can raise money for the apparel it collects by utilizing the donation bin in the Wyatt parking lot. Simply drop off your gently used clothes, toys and shoes. <http://www.worldwearproject.com/about-us>

For more information, please contact: Esther Rutnam, VP of Ways & Means - ynavah@yahoo.com

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT WYATT PTA THIS YEAR



August - Purchase spirit wear, sign up for partnerships (see above)

September – Attend our restaurant night

October 16-22 – Purchase books at Book Fair

January – Attend our restaurant night

April - Spring Fling/Online Auction

May – Purchase school supplies packs

COMMUNITY... What's missing? YOU are!



Texas PTA's continuing membership campaign encouraging members of the community (YOU included) to "Back The Future" and support education by joining PTA.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a video about the Texas PTA campaign.



Be a SUPER TECHIE

FOR YOUR CHILD AND FOR OUR SCHOOL...

JOIN WYATT PTA TODAY!



CLICK THE "WIZARD" IMAGE AT THE LEFT or at www.wyattpta.org to join Wyatt PTA, edit your directory information, and order spirit wear. **Take advantage of our family discount and have all adults in your household join!**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Did you know???

Wyatt PTA supports & funds:

- **In-house field trips for all grades**
- **Student educational programs**
 - **Student assemblies**
 - **Parent education seminars**
- **Classroom books and materials**
 - **Art, music, and PE supplies**
- **Library books and author visits**
 - **Family educational nights**
 - **Social events and parties**
 - **Field Day & Fall Picnic**
- **Teacher appreciation activities**
 - **And so much more!!!**

Members of Wyatt PTA receive:

- Access to our online and app directories
- Discounts at Six Flags, Sea World, La Quinta, Dell, Schlitterbahn, Enterprise, Schwan's, Nationwide Insurance, Staples, Hertz, AARP, Texas Rangers & Sylvan Learning

For more information, please contact:
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ssludwig@gmail.com

WYATT PTA BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- 1) Visit the Back-To-School "Wizard"** by clicking on the wizard image in this newsletter or on our website at www.wyattpta.org. *Use this online system to:*
 - Join the Wyatt PTA – take advantage of family discount!
 - Edit your directory information
 - Sign up to volunteer – spouses too!
 - Purchase the latest spirit wear styles
 - Purchase yearbook(s) – get an early-bird discount!
 - Purchase planners (if needed)

- 2) Sign up ALL members of your family to receive Wyatt's E-News** at elist.pisd.edu. *This is the school AND PTA's primary method of correspondence with you throughout the school year.*

- 3) Join the "Wyatt Elementary PTA" Facebook page.**

- 4) Donate for Technology Fundraising Campaign**

- 5) Sign up for After School Programs**

- 6) Participate in Wyatt partnership opportunities** – see page 5 for more details.

- 7) Complete your PISD Volunteer Application** at pisd.edu/volunteer.

- 8) Attend Wyatt's Sneak-A-Peek event and PTA Fair/Spirit Wear Sale on August 20th from 3:30-5:30PM!**



[CLICK HERE!](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

August 5 – Sept 30th – Technology Fundraising Campaign

August 20 – Sneak-A-Peek event 4-5PM,
PTA Fair & spirit wear sale 3:30-5:30PM

August 24 – First Day of School!

August 27 – Meet The Teacher Night for 1st (6PM),
3rd (6:45PM), and 4th (7:15PM) grades

September 1 – Meet The Teacher Night for K
(6PM), 2nd (6:45PM), and 5th (7:15PM) grades

September 10 – Connecting Families social for new
Wyatt families 6PM

September 16 – Wyatt PTA Meeting 12PM

October 18 – Fall Family Picnic at Wyatt

October 16-22 – Book Fair at Wyatt

2015-2016 Wyatt PTA Board

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