

# PTA Newsletter

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## Letter From Our PTA President

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Dear Roper Parents,

Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 School Year. I hope you all had a great summer! My name is Stephanie Kirkpatrick and I am your new PTA President this year at Johnson Ranch. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Johnson Ranch and I will be here for at least 3 more years. I have a son in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and a daughter in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade this year.

We have a wonderful PTA Board this year and the Board is already working hard to make this a special year for Parents, Teachers, and Students.

I am very excited about the Walk-A-Thon coming up on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for this event, as it was a great experience for our students who participated last year. We will again award prizes and more details will be coming home soon on this exciting event. With all of the recent budget cuts, it would be wonderful if we could get 100% participation from our students this year. The Walk-A-Thon is considered one of our larger fundraising events.

With monies raised this year in the PTA, we are planning to make sure that all of our students are afforded the opportunity to have Grade Level Field Trips. We are also purchasing a Smart Board for the Library that will be accessible to the entire school. We are purchasing additional playground equipment, providing numerous programs to both parents and students, and much much more!

I encourage everyone to get involved at Johnson Ranch! Even if you work full time, there are still volunteer opportunities available and ways to help out at the school.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to email me or call me. My email address is [parentvolunteer1@yahoo.com](mailto:parentvolunteer1@yahoo.com). My cell/text is 210-241-6086. As always, THANK YOU for supporting your Johnson Ranch PTA!

Stephanie Kirkpatrick

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### Important Dates:

#### SEPTEMBER:

23<sup>rd</sup> – Holiday

28<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PTA Mtg

28<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 – 7:00

Parent Orientation

Night K – 2nd

29<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 – 7:00

Parent Orientation

Night 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

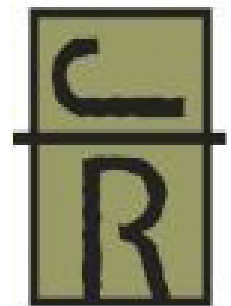
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Food Drive

30<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccine Clinic

#### OCTOBER:

14<sup>th</sup> – Walk-A-Thon

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## Volunteer Background Check Information

In order to volunteer in your child's classroom, chaperone field trips, etc you must have a volunteer background check on file. This must be done each school year. To complete the volunteer form, go to [www.comalisd.org/Volunteer](http://www.comalisd.org/Volunteer).

Once the form is submitted, you will usually appear in the system 1 to 2 weeks after the date of submission.

Any questions, please contact Laura Powell at [thepowells1997@yahoo.com](mailto:thepowells1997@yahoo.com).



## Food Drive - Calling all JRES ROPERS

On Sept. 26th-30th we will be conducting a "healthy" food drive for the Bulverde Food Pantry. The Bulverde Food Pantry serves between 300 to 600 families PER MONTH in 4 surrounding zip codes within our community.

Let's show our ROPER pride by fulfilling these much needed nutritional food items for our hungry friends!

Healthy Foods for the Bulverde Food Pantry:

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Soups = Hearty canned soups-  
Chicken noodle, chicken &  
rice, chicken & vegetable, etc.

Breads = Wheat and other whole grain

Cereals = Raisin Bran and any other Bran cereal

Beans = ANY canned bean items

Peanut Butter = ANY

Canned fruit = Peaches,

oranges, fruit cocktail, etc.

Pastas = Wheat and other whole grain

Tomato Sauces = ANY canned

Please

\*\*\*\*No Glass Containers\*\*\*\*

There are several options for parents and students to deliver the donated food:

1. We will have volunteers at car line collecting the food at drop off every morning during the drive.

2. We will have a box located in the gym every morning during the drive for bus riders who would like to contribute.

3. We will also have a drop off station in the cafeteria from 5:15 p.m.-6 p.m. on BOTH nights of Parent Orientation Sept. 28th for K-2 and Sept. 29th for 3-5.

4. Monetary donations will also be accepted and may be sent in with your children or given to a volunteer at any drop off location.\*

\*Please send monetary donations in an envelope marked Bulverde Food Pantry.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the food drive via email at [jennifer.junco@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer.junco@yahoo.com).

**"The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands."**

Robert M. Pirsig



## Student Directories

Student Directories will be finished and sent home around mid October so be looking for them in your student's backpacks. Directories are free to all PTA members so if you are not a member please contact Missy Carlson at [mipcarlson@satx.rr.com](mailto:mipcarlson@satx.rr.com). Forms need to be returned to school by Sept. 22nd. If you have any questions regarding the student directory, please contact me at [ashuler68@qvtc.com](mailto:ashuler68@qvtc.com).

Amy Shuler  
Directory Chair

## Show your Family's Johnson Ranch Spirit

### Walk for JRES

October 14<sup>th</sup> hosts the 2nd JRES Walk-a-Thon! Come cheer on your walkers during their specials time as they take to the 1/8 mile track - aka the bus loop - all while raising money for our school. Prizes will be awarded for top laps per grade and drawings will be held for a Dsi XL, Wii Play Motion, digital camera and more! All \$200 in pledges will go to a Games2U Party at school. Watch for pledge forms soon.

For questions, please contact

Tracey Molina  
[molinat520@gmail.com](mailto:molinat520@gmail.com)  
 702-595-8432



### GameTown Pizza

Come join us at GameTown Pizza from 3-9pm on Tues, November 15<sup>th</sup> for great food and fun while earning money for our school. They will donate 20% - including game cards. See you there!

### Barnes & Noble

Do your holiday shopping at Barnes & Noble from Dec. 4 - 9 and help fill our school's library shelves. On Sunday, Dec. 4 we'll be there for a fun afternoon with our Honor Choir, story times by special guest readers, and fabulous artwork from our students. You can even shop online. Don't miss this one.

### Yogurt Zone

We had a great time at Yogurt Zone on September 15<sup>th</sup> and successfully raised \$80.00.

## Sponsorship Opportunity at the Ranch

Your PTA is busy rounding up community business leaders willing to partner' with us to throw two great shin-digs this year: Christmas @ the Ranch and the popular Ropers' Carnival! Sponsorships are offered at the Gold (\$200), Silver (\$100) and Bronze (\$50) Belt Buckle levels because you know how we love our bling! As a way to thank our generous supporters for their resolve in supporting our students, they are given recognition in the school directory and publically acknowledged with signs and announcements on the days of our celebrations. The deadline to be included in this year's directory is September 30; sponsorships secured after that time will be included in next year's directory.

If you are interested in sharing this opportunity of sponsorship with a local business or are able to join us as a proud partner of this great school community, please contact Sarin Abati ([abati5@gvtc.com](mailto:abati5@gvtc.com)) or Michelle Egli ([megli@gvtc.com](mailto:megli@gvtc.com)). Thank you!



# Box Tops

Parents Sign up at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to get the latest information on Box Tops, Contest, Coupon & Recipes.

Contest for the Fall is: Top 3 Classes (1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$3 per, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$2 per, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$1 per Student) & Top 3 Students (1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$5 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$3) will receive gift certificates to purchase items from our JRES School Store. Our goal for 2011-12 school year is \$3,500.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Michelle Green  
[Msgreen4@gvtc.com](mailto:Msgreen4@gvtc.com)



Leading JRES Ropers in Individual Box Tops collected is Megan C.-Hill-2<sup>nd</sup>, Rebecca R.-Rosell-5<sup>th</sup>, Allyson B.-Wilcox 2<sup>nd</sup> and Addison D.-Harris 1<sup>st</sup>

Leading JRES Ropers in Class collection of Box Tops-Ms. Hill, Ms. McCracken, Ms. Wilcox & Ms. Rosell

Leading JRES Ropers in Grade collection of Box Tops-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

JRES keep collecting those Box Tops so our school can be in the top 25 schools in our local area (25 mile radius)!

GO JRES...GO BOX TOPS!

## Johnson Ranch School Store

Howdy Ropers!!

Our student store is up, running, and open for business.  
 We have lots of new and exciting items for sale in our store this year.  
 Come on by and check them out!



Our hours are:

Wed 7:15am - 7:45am

Fri 7:15am - 7:45am

Y'all come in and see us!!



\*\*ALL proceeds from the student store go directly to programs and activities for our students at JRES.

# Not Yet a Member of the PTA

PTA Teacher Goal is now 100%! Thank you to all the fantastic JRES teachers for supporting your PTA.

Currently, we only have 156 out of 666 students represented in the PTA. That equates to only 23%! Parent's, if you haven't done so already, *please* help support your child by joining PTA.

Here are just a few of the things we have planned for the 2011-2012 school year:

- With the education crisis in full swing, there is NO school budget for field trips for the 2011-2012 school year. The PTA will be donating \$1,000 *per* grade to ensure that our children don't miss out!
- Purchasing a Smart Board for the library which will be accessible to the entire school.
- Purchasing *more* playground equipment for our kids to enjoy
- Adding a Christmas Carnival complete with a visit by Santa!

To join PTA, fill out the form below and send in with your child or PTA registration tables will be available in the cafeteria between 5:15 to 6:00 the nights of Parent Orientation at JRES.

Thank you for your support!

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**Johnson Ranch Elementary School**  
**2011-2012 PTA Membership Form**  
**\$6.50 per member (includes free student directory)**  
 (Don't forget about DAD!)

**Member's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Member's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name	Teacher	Grade
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**For PTA Use Only**

Check One: \_\_\_ Cash or \_\_\_ Check

Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

## Flu Vaccine Clinic At The Ranch

Save time, stay healthy! Vaccinate and protect yourself and your family at the Johnson Ranch flu vaccine clinic.

**Date:** Friday, September 30th

**Time:** 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**Cost:**

\$25 Inactivated flu vaccine (flu shot)

\$30 FluMist live nasal spray vaccine (only for healthy people up to age 49)

\$30 Thimerosal-free Inactivated flu vaccine (supplies limited)

Cash or check payable to Flu Busters, LLC. Credit cards and debit cards also accepted. Receipts provided.

**Who:**

Staff, family members, parents and children age 9 and up -- or children age 5 to 8 who have had a flu vaccine in the past.

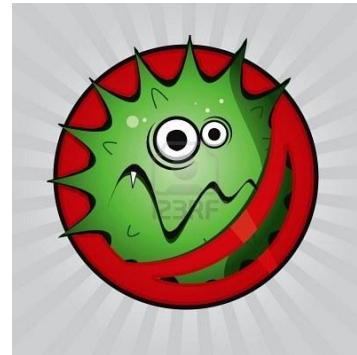
Please make your reservation at [www.signupgenius.com/go/vaccinate](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/vaccinate).

FLU Busters looks forward to serving you and your family.

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Please visit our website: [www.texasflubusters.com](http://www.texasflubusters.com)



**SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 IN THE CAFETERIA**