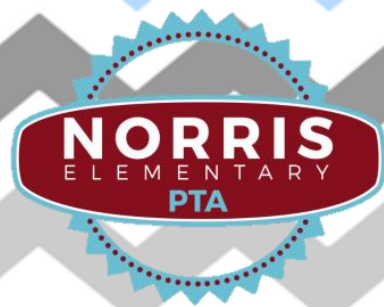


Norris PTA Newsletter

September 2015 Edition



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A Note from the PTA President

It is with great pleasure I officially welcome you to our very first school year at Norris. Everyone is getting adjusted to school routines and how much fun are our kids having? I know my son is loving every minute with his teachers and friends so far.

As we kick off the year in a brand new school there are many things we can be thankful for. I know I am thankful for the wonderful staff that has come together to open this awesome new building, the brand new books that have nice crisp pages, the never before used classrooms and facilities. Our kids are pretty special to take part in this school being opened for the very first school year.

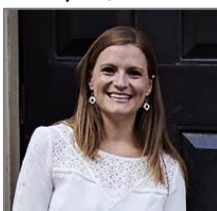
With a new school does come some challenges, like leaving friends behind to start a new journey in a new environment. Change can be difficult for some. It is up to us as parents to help our children have the best possible experience in a new setting. That's where the PTA comes in!

The PTA is here to advocate for each child by engaging and empowering our families and community. We strive to make each students experience a better one. That can include things like helping with teachers projects since they give so much of their time to our children or raising funds to supply a shade cover for the play-scape to protect our kids in the hot summer weather. It also includes coordinating funding programs to enhance our child's experience and learning.

We are here to serve the school, our teachers, our students, and our staff in many ways. We can't do that without the help of our parents. I thank each and every one of you! I am very excited for the opportunity to meet each of you, serve with you, and build a community with you this year.

Let's make this year one to remember!

Sincerely,
Katie Harris



Upcoming PTA Events

September 16

Mooyah Spirit night 3-9pm
(Custer/380 location)

September 17

Watch D.O.G.S. pizza night
6:00-7:00pm

September 18

Spirit Shack 2:50pm
(By the cafeteria doors)

September 28 – Oct 2

Book Fair

October 1

Literacy Night "Reading Around
the World" 6:30-7:30pm

October 5-9

Box Tops and Labels Collection

October 6

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night

October 7

National Walk to School Day

October 30

Norris Neon Fun Run

Get Involved!



JOIN THE PTA!

Membership forms can be found on the Norris Elementary PTA Facebook Page. Forms are also being sent home with students the week of Sept 1. For more information or to join, please email Jennifer Alameda (membership@norrispta.org).

Current membership numbers as of 09/14/15.

- 290 members
- 94 male members
- 36 teacher and staff members



VOLUNTEER

We have several opportunities to volunteer throughout the year. A few committees include Bulletin Board, Hospitality, Healthy Lifestyles, Thursday Folders and more. Please consider getting involved. It is a great way to meet other parents, serve our staff and make a difference in our child's school.

*We have several opportunities coming up to volunteer at the Book Fair!

If you are interested in signing up, email Angie Kelly at norrisvolunteers@gmail.com.

Each year, our volunteers need to complete the required Fisd volunteer background check at <https://forms.friscoisd.org/sf/background-checks/volunteer>.

JOIN THE WATCH D.O.G.S.!



Dads Of Great Students is sponsored by the Norris Elementary PTA.

This organization encourages fathers and father figures to volunteer for a day in their student's school. Fathers gain insight into their student's education, help the school in volunteer tasks, and provide a positive male role model for the community.

WATCH D.O.G.S. PIZZA NIGHT

Dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads and adult brothers . . . this is your chance to have a night out alone with your student in a fun atmosphere at school. Our goal is to have you spend at least one day this year at the school to be a positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears. Learn about the program and get signed up for your special day.

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015

Time: 6:00-7:00pm in the Norris cafe.

Register at:

www.watchdogspizzanight.eventbrite.com



Raise money for Norris!

PLEASE COLLECT Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson A+ Labels! – Buy your favorite products, cut out the Box Top or Label and send them to school with your child the week of **October 5, 2015!**



SIGN UP FOR THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM – Did you know you can help earn money for Norris Elementary just by shopping at Kroger?

To get started, please follow these Program Enrollment Instructions:

- Customers must have a registered Kroger Plus card account to link it to Norris Elementary PTA.
- If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- If you have a Kroger Plus Card, but have never established an online account, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and click on “Create an Account”
- Enter your zip code, click on your favorite store, enter your email address, create a password, and agree to the terms and conditions.
- You will get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on “My Account” and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on “Edit Kroger Community Rewards information” and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Enter Norris Elementary PTA’s NPO number (56426), or select our school from the list and click on confirm.
- To verify that you are enrolled correctly, Norris Elementary PTA’s name should be on the right side of your information page.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Plus Card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus Card or use their Alt ID when shopping for each purchase to count.



JOIN SHOPAROO TODAY to earn money for Norris Elementary School!!! Snap pictures of your receipts from any store or restaurant to earn Roo Points and Sweepstakes Entries for Norris. Roo Points will turn into CASH DONATIONS from Shoparoo! Download the free Shoparoo app for iPhone and Android devices and start turning your shopping receipts into donations for Norris TODAY!! **Use one of the following referral codes to maximize our points!** zey33420, sink5704, stopt997, sect1585, gal84638, brang324, glect367, yag68156, sib59360

Contact Melissa McReynolds with questions (256-525-0598 or melissa.mcreynolds@gmail.com)



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PTA Roster 2015-2016

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