

2017-2018

BHEPTA
PARENT GUIDE

Your resource for Barton Hills Elementary & BHEPTA Events and Activities

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Welcome! Barton Hills Elementary has one of the most active PTAs in Austin ISD and it can be daunting for new parents and even established parents to keep track of everything we traditionally do in a school year. We cannot do what we do without your help and participation! THANK YOU in advance for being active, committed participants in your child's education. We hope this guide will give you information and insight into all that Barton Hills Elementary and BHEPTA has to offer for your child and your family. Because of your support, BHEPTA is able to give back to every student who attends BHE.

What we do...

Academic Enrichments BHEPTA brings in vendors for after school enrichments. Specific information can be found at bheeagles.com

AmazonSmile BHE can benefit every time you shop online. Go to smile.amazon.com and select PTA Texas Congress 600 Barton Hills Elementary as your charity of choice.

Box Tops for Education Cut out and return your Box Tops to the collection box in the classroom or school office.

Bulletin Board Located in the hall by the main entrance, this bulletin board will be a hub of BHE and BHEPTA information.

CATCH Committee Formerly known as the Health and Wellness Committee, the CATCH (Coordinated Access to Community Health) committee hosts a variety of events to keep our student body in top shape. One highlight is the Health and Wellness Fair, a school wide community event that includes a fun run, demonstrations and other fun demonstrations.

Community Events BHEPTA hosts several free of charge community events. Past events include a pet parade, hot chocolate playdates, popsicles in the park and more...

Cultural Arts The Cultural Arts Committee bring in various performances for the student body throughout the year. Past performances have included Tapestry Dance Company, Blue Lapis Light Studio, writing workshops with local author Owen Eggerton and presentations by author and speaker Lizzie Velasquez.

The Eagle News e-newsletter Our e-newsletter delivered weekly to your inbox. The Eagle News will have the most up to date information from BHEPTA as well as faculty and staff. Sign up at bheeagles.com then add bartonhillspta@gmail.com to your contacts so the newsletter is not caught in your spam filter.

FUNraising There will be several FUNraising profit share events through the year at local restaurants and establishments.

Fundraising

Annual Fund: Rather than ask you to sell wrapping paper or candy, the BHEPTA Annual Fund is a no-hassle fund raiser. Donations can be made online at bheeagles.com or in the school office at the BHEPTA mailbox. Receive your PTA membership and a BHE car decal with your donation.

Carnival: Our main fund raiser of the year requires the school as a whole to come together to contribute. Each individual class hosts a game or activity. We ask for various contributions including food, prizes, baked goods, and other odds and ends assigned by our carnival chair and committee leaders.

Parties with a Purpose: A new fundraising venture, Parties with a Purpose invites groups of BHE parents to host an event with the proceeds donated to BHEPTA.

Greenworks Parent volunteers perform landscaping maintenance and beautification to the school grounds.

Hospitality Each grade level hosts a luncheon for our faculty and staff. Your Room Parent will contact your class with meal information and sign up sheets.

2017-2018 HOSPITALITY CALENDAR

Friday, August 18	PTA board	Picnic
Thursday, September 28	5th & 6th	Italian
Thursday, October 26	1st	Fall Favorites
Thursday, December 7	All grades	Holiday Treats
Thursday, January 25	Kindergarten	Soups and Salads
Thursday, February 22	2nd	World Market
Thursday, March 29	3rd	Mexican
Thursday, April 26	4th	Brunch

Reflections: Within Reach! A juried art contest where students can enter original works of dance, film, visual art, photography, and musical composition and advance to national competition.

Scholarship The PTA awards a graduating senior who attended BHE. The Nick Ackery Scholarship honors the memory of the first principal of Barton Hills Elementary.

What you need to know to stay in the know...

bheeagles.com School news, lunch calendar, faculty/staff contacts, PTA contacts, Carnival information, Donations and more.

The Eagle News e-newsletter Your best source for BHE information delivered into your inbox each weekend. If you DO NOT receive the e-newsletter, please sign up at bheeagles.com under the CONTACT tab then add bartonhillspta@gmail.com to your contacts.

The School Directory Our secure on-line school directory can be found at myschoolanywhere.com. Be sure to download the app!

Monday Morning Assembly Faculty and staff announcements, class introductions, school songs and birthday celebrations.

PTA Calendar Go to bheeagles.com for a calendar of events and the latest school and BHEPTA updates.

Room Parent Your room parent will be a great source of information. They will update you on school and class events.

Thursday Folders Each Thursday, your teacher will send home a folder containing information about upcoming BHE events.

Year At A Glance Please reference the back of this guide for a overall picture of BHE and BHEPTA events.

School Directory: myschoolanywhere.com Don't miss out on class events, play dates, parties and more. Include your contact information in the school directory. Go to join.myschoolanywhere.com. Use code: bartonhills to add/update.

School T-shirts Each student receives a complimentary shirt.

Teacher Support and Development

Classroom: In addition to assisting with training and development opportunities, BHEPTA provides a stipend to supplement teacher wish lists and classroom materials.

Counselor: Funds are allotted to support the efforts of the Counselor as she serves the entire school population.

Grant Program: Staff members are eligible to apply for grants benefitting their classroom, professional development, etc.

Maker Carts: Stock and supply carts for making and tinkering.

Special Areas: BHEPTA provides funding for our special area teachers as a supplement to their AISD budgets. This provides greater opportunities for our students.

Volunteer Opportunities Our Volunteer Coordinator or Room Parents will provide information and sign ups for many of our school events. Volunteers also need to register through APIE. See Mrs. Ewing for more information about registering.

Yearbook Each student receives a complimentary yearbook.

How to help...

Donate. Your Annual Fund donations and enthusiastic support of the PTA Carnival make all of these programs, and more, a reality. We prefer fundraisers like these rather than asking you or your child to sell wrapping paper, candy, etc.

Volunteer. There are many ways for you to support the BHE community. We need YOU! We have existing committee chairs that are open and are always looking to add new events. Contact bob@elmrj.com

New this year...

BHEPTA is excited to offer a Parent Support Series free of charge to BHE parents and caregivers which will bring in experts to share insights, advice and inspiration on various parenting and education topics. Please join us throughout the year for these exciting topics.

PARENT SUPPORT SERIES

The Tech Generation:

Raising Balanced Kids in a Hyper-Connected World

Speaker: Dr. Mike Brooks

Girl Focus – Topic TBD

Speaker: Jill DiCuffa, Ann Richards Girls School staff member

Nurturing Boys

Speaker: Kirsten Nottleson

Executive Functioning

Speaker: Terra Lynch

Beyond the Birds & The Bees

Speaker: Katie Malinski

Anxiety, Stress, & the Sensitive Child

Speaker: Bethany Prescott

The Transition to Middle School & Beyond

Speaker: Mrs. Stephanie White, BHE school counselor

BHEPTA could not offer or support any of these programs without you. We not only depend on donations of your time and talents, but your financial support as well. *Thank you.*

BHE & BHEPTA 2017-2018 Events*

AUGUST

8/18	Meet the Teacher Day
8/19	Teacher Luncheon by PTA board
8/21	First Day of School
8/31	PTA General Assembly and Back to School Night

SEPTEMBER

9/4	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
9/11-15	CATCH Kick-off Week
9/12	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
9/15	Marathon Kids Kick Off
9/21	Parent Support Series
9/28	Teacher Luncheon by 5th and 6th Grade

OCTOBER

10/2-6	Walk & Bike to School Week
10/2-6	Custodian Appreciation Week
10/6	BHE Choir at ACL Festival 5th and 6th Grade
10/9	STUDENT HOLIDAY
10/9	Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/10	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
10/10-13	Take Your Parent to Lunch Week
10/14	BHE Choir at ACL Festival 5th and 6th Grade
10/19	Teacher Luncheon by 1st Grade
10/20	Reflections <i>Within Reach</i> entries due
10/23	Student Flu Shot Clinic
10/24	Fall School Pictures
10/26	Halloween Choir Concert 3rd & 4th Grade
TBD	Parent Support Series

NOVEMBER

11/14	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
11/4	BHE Carnival PTA Fundraiser
11/16	Turkey Day Lunch
11/16	Great American Smokeout
11/20-24	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
11/26	Zilker Tree Lighting Choir performance
TBD	Parent Support Series

DECEMBER

12/7	Holiday Treats for Teachers by All Grades
12/11-15	Scholastic Book Fair
12/12	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
12/14	PTA General Assembly and Nutcracker performance
12/20	WINTER BREAK

Events yet to be Scheduled

PTA & School Events

Showcase Night
Maker Parade

Community Events: Such as our Yappy Hour Pet Parade, Hot Chocolate Playdate, and more...

JANUARY

1/3	Classes resume
1/9	PTA Executive Board Meeting*
1/15	MLK Jr. HOLIDAY
1/25	Teacher Luncheon by Kindergarten
1/27	Day of 11 Song Show K-3rd Grade
1/31	100th Day of School

FEBRUARY

2/1	Health & Wellness Fair
2/5-9	National School Counseling Week
2/12	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
2/19	STUDENT HOLIDAY
2/19	Parent-Teacher Conferences
2/22	Teacher Luncheon by 2nd Grade
2/23	Barton Hills BASH
TBD	Parent Support Series

MARCH

3/2	Book Character Day
3/3	5th grade Volleyball Play day
3/5-9	AISD School Breakfast Week
3/6	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
3/12-16	SPRING BREAK
3/30	STUDENT HOLIDAY
3/29	Teacher Luncheon by 3rd Grade
TBD	Parent Support Series
	PTA Nominating Committee selected

APRIL

4/17	Spring Picture Day
4/8-14	School Librarian Week
4/10-11	STAAR Testing: 4th & 5th
4/10	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
4/5	Bugz Musical
4/26	Teacher Luncheon by 4th Grade
4/26	PTA General Assembly and K-1 Song Show
4/27	Track and Field Day
TBD	Kindergarten Round Up
TBD	Kinder Rodeo
TBD	Walk & Bike to School Week
TBD	Parent Support Series

MAY

5/1	Nick Akery Scholarship due
5/7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/10	National School Nurse Day
5/10	Student Talent Show
5/10	Parent-Teacher Talent Show
5/14-16	STAAR Testing: 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade
5/15	PTA Executive Board Meeting**
5/28	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
5/30	Last Day of School
TBD	Parent Support Series

* **PLEASE NOTE: Events and dates are subject to change.** All events may not be listed at this time. Event details are announced at bheeagles.com, on the PTA Bulletin Board, in Thursday folders, at Monday Morning Assembly or through other BHE sources.

** The first 10 minutes of Executive Board meetings will be open for public commentary. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm in the Library.