



Dear Groves Families,

The Groves PTA would like to welcome our new families and welcome back our returning families for the 2018-2019 school year.

PTA Volunteer Opportunities - There are so many ways to get involved at Groves. We have such great students, staff and parents to meet and get to know. Volunteering is a perfect way to meet other families and build relationships that make a difference! There are low commitment opportunities such as coming to a PTA meeting, or simply send in requested donation items for a PTA sponsored event/activity. Help out with the **Garage Sale** (10/18 to 10/21) It is our **one** big fundraiser and drives our budget to help support Staff and Student Activity Grants. The years you spend at Groves fly by so don't stay home – **STAY INVOLVED!** Keep an eye out for the **"Groves PTA Updates"** section in Dr. Roberson's weekly e-News. We will be sharing all the current PTA activities and volunteer opportunities.

PTA/Direct Donation Campaign - Each year families spend money on all kinds of things, but what is worth more than a quality education and enriching school programs at Groves? We hope that this year, you will **join the Groves PTA and make a direct donation** – this puts your money to work for your student's education! The link on the e-Fund home page will continue to be available throughout the year to make it easy for you to contribute. Printed Membership/Donation forms are always welcome! **With at least a \$30 membership donation, your family will receive one Groves directory.**

With state budget difficulties on the rise, your donations to the Groves PTA are needed now more than ever to ensure that quality programs and technology continue to be available to our students. We are hoping that ALL Groves' families will become members and participate in giving to the Groves PTA. Our PTA budget is determined each year by the success of our membership drive, Direct Donations and the Groves Garage Sale (our only fundraiser).

The money that you donate through membership and **direct donation helps to fund important school programs** such as:

- Big Brother/Big Sister Program – Freshman Mentoring program
- Breakfast with the Principal – Student Recognition
- Food for Thought – Breakfast during exam weeks
- Senior Seminar – program occurs toward the end of senior year
- Student Activity Grants – 100% funded by donations from parents
- Teacher/Staff Grants – supports requests for technology and classroom items
- Staff Appreciation – Conference Dinners and Retirement Luncheon
- LINKS
- Refreshments for various activities; Open House, Curriculum Nights

Student Activity Grants – This program distributes grants to student clubs, programs, boosters and activities at Groves to help cover or offset costs for the upcoming year. This is also completely funded by parent donations. Last year numerous grants were awarded to teachers and to over 18 Groves booster, club groups, and organizations, which in turn enriched hundreds of students' high school experiences. **Suggested donation is \$25** but all contributions are very much appreciated (especially those over \$25!!) and are tax deductible.

GROVES PTA MEETINGS– The Groves PTA encourages parents to stay active, to volunteer in our high school, and to attend our meetings. PTA meetings are a great way to meet other parents, become more familiar with Groves, connect with our amazing principal Dr. Roberson, share ideas, questions and concerns. Please join us! Our meetings are held on **Mondays** in the Staff Development Room and are open to all parents!

October 1st – *6:00 pm
November 19th – 6:30pm
January 7th – 6:30pm
February 4th – 6:30pm
March 4th – 6:30pm
April 15th – 6:30pm
May 20th – 6:30pm

JOIN “GROVES HIGH SCHOOL PTA” FACEBOOK PAGE- We have a new Groves High School PTA facebook page to provide and share helpful information about our school activities and to be a positive support group for parents and guardians of students at Groves High School. You can ask questions, provide advice and feedback, and make new connections. Please join the group!

There is no busy time of year at Groves as *every* day is a busy day. With academics and all the extra-curricular activities your students can choose, it’s hard to fit in another meeting or activity, but the PTA has an important role at Groves because our mission is to support the students and staff and we do a great job of that. So again, please commit some time and energy to this worthwhile organization.

We thank you in advance for staying involved, sharing your time and talents with our school, and contributing financially to support our school.

Here’s to a wonderful 2018-2019 school year! GO FALCONS!

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