



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Pine Ridge Elementary School. For those of you who are unfamiliar with us, we are a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff who are all dedicated to the successful education of our children. The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) works hard to help make the school year both enjoyable and exciting for students, teachers, and parents.

I am Rusti Garcia, first term PTO President. I am a Livingston Lion Alumni, member of First Baptist Church of Livingston, work full time at Kindred Hospice, and President of House of Mary. I am proud of Pine Ridge Elementary staff and students, our school district, and our community. My son is in the 3rd grade with my daughter coming up right behind him. My husband serves on the LISD School board and supports active parent participation within the district. As a family unit we believe that kids are our future; that they can and will succeed if given the proper love, encouragement, education, and tools for success. You will also notice that I am a huge fan of prayer and teamwork. Any successful organization is only successful when all players of the team have the same goal in mind. Our goal is the betterment of the children at Pine Ridge Elementary School.

The Pine Ridge Elementary PTO and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families. Working together we can truly make a difference. Every positive imprint we make on our children can go a long way. "Team work makes the Dream work" and all of you are on the starting lineup.

Our PTO plans, organizes, and executes events such as "Fun"-draisers, Christmas Parade Float, on campus tailgate party, family event nights and the Book Fair just to name a few. Some of these events help raise funds to support our school by providing classroom supplies to staff and students. However, this school year our main goal for Pine Ridge Elementary PTO efforts is going to be providing educational and exciting field trips for all students, promoting PTO parental involvement and the purchase of a new school marquee.

Anyone with a child at Pine Ridge Elementary is invited to be part of all PTO volunteer opportunities. Some examples of ways to get involved are to participate with your family in our Family Fun events, enjoy our school community, actively contribute to fundraisers and charity drives, and/or attend the monthly PTO meetings.

We, the PTO, believe that it is the ultimate importance that parents do everything we can to enhance the learning environment of our children as they truly are our future. It will take all of us working together to ensure that this happens. We look forward to getting to know you and hope we do all we can to make you feel welcome! So let's kick off a great year and have a winning season.

With Best Regards,

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