



**Dear Ridgeview Family Members and Supporters:**

On behalf of your PTA, welcome to another fun and exciting school year at Ridgeview Middle School!

The Ridgeview Middle School PTA is dedicated to providing students with the materials and opportunities they need to excel in school. We have budgeted nearly **\$40,000** this school year to help provide:

- Enrichment Day Presenters
- Community Outreach
- Reflections Art Program
- Student Engagement Events
- Red Ribbon Week
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Watch D.O.G.S. Program
- Grade Level Dances
- A & A/B Honor Roll Ceremonies
- PAWS Ceremonies
- Staff Appreciation
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Go Green Recycling
- Teacher Grants
- Athletics Support
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Your support this school year will keep our PTA strong so that we can continue to work together in support of our children. There are many opportunities to be involved in our school:

- **Become a PTA member.** Membership allows you to vote on issues important to your child's education. Moms, dads, students, grandparents, friends and neighbors are encouraged to join! A diverse and broad membership base will enrich our PTA and the education of our children. Student membership will provide leadership skills in our developing children.

In 2014-15 RMS PTA earned the following PTA awards:

**Golden Apple Award** (ALL full-time RMS staff are PTA members),

**MARS Award** (Men Are Really Special - having at least 50 male PTA members),

**Texas Star Award** (having a current president on record at Texas PTA, having earned active status by October 15, having current bylaws within the past 5 years and increasing membership by March 15),

**Membership Increase Award** (having at least 1 more member than the previous year),

**Early Bird Achievement Award** (reporting at least 75% of our previous years membership by September 30),

**500 Club Achievement Award** (having at least 500 PTA members), and the

**Winter Increase Award** (having at least 1 more member on December 31, 2014 than reported on December 31, 2013).

We will be working hard on achieving these awards again this year! We will also strive to earn the **Gold Award** (having at least 75% of the school's student enrollment be members) or **Platinum Award** (having at least 100% or more of the school's student enrollment be members) this year! It's definitely a challenge, but one worth making! Please help us by becoming a member!

- **Participate in major fundraising events.** Based on your feedback, we will hold the Panther Pride Donation Drive again this year instead of a traditional catalog sale. This will allow you to make a tax-deductible donation and 100% of your contribution will benefit Ridgeview Middle School. We will also have Restaurant Spirit Nights throughout the year. Be sure to show your Panther Pride by wearing your spirit shirt to these events.
- **Become a Volunteer.** Every contribution of time makes a difference. Please complete and return the volunteer form to your advisory teacher. For more information about our school events and activities and to sign up for events, please visit our online site at [www.ridgeview.my-pta.org](http://www.ridgeview.my-pta.org) Please feel free to contact any of our board members or committee chairs to help identify an opportunity that works best for you. A list of current board members and committee chairs is also included for your convenience.

Your involvement will continue to make Ridgeview a special place for our children to learn, grow and succeed. Please join us today!

Sincerely yours,

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