

# Houston Academy PTO Committees and Events

## RAIDER RUN

- Raider Run is a 5k race through the HA neighborhood. A one mile fun-run is also available for participants not interested in the 5k. We appreciate any amount of time you can offer as a volunteer. We especially need volunteers the day of our race, which will include a set-up team, race time team, and clean up team. If you can provide more time to the group beyond race day, we will start meeting when school begins and will meet as needed. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would still like to help, you will be kept up to date via email and can help from home. Raider Run volunteers also help secure event sponsors to help raise funds for PTO. Raider Run is a wonderful event for our HA family and the community!
- Raider Run date will be scheduled by the chairman and school administration, and then communicated to parents/students via e-mail, social media, hand-outs and other means determined necessary.

## RAIDER RETAIL

- Raider Retail is our on campus store located in the new Grand Hall. We sell snacks and drinks which students can buy during lunch and break. Raider Retail is completely staffed by volunteers. Four volunteers are needed per day, but shifts are divided so that 2-3 volunteers work at a time. Working at Raider Retail is a great way to meet other parents and students, and also get to see your own children during the day! Raider Retail is open from approx 9:30 to 1:30, Monday through Friday. You will be able to specify which days and times best suit your schedule.

## MAY FAIR

- May Fair is an annual festival held on campus geared towards LS and MS students. It is usually the first Thursday of May each year during the school day, rain or shine.
- May Fair is PTO's largest fundraiser and highly anticipated by our students each year. There are a wide variety of activities including games, rides, face painting, inflatables, train rides, bingo, cakewalk, and a bake sale. Refreshments are also provided. Parent volunteers of lower school and middle school classrooms work shifts along with MS volunteer students to supervise the various activities, sell refreshments, and provide baked goods for the bake sale. Parent volunteers help organize the event, work booths, and help secure event sponsors to raise funds for PTO. Funds are also raised by selling Mayfair wristbands, t-shirts, and bake sale items.
- We are looking for parent volunteers to help in these areas:
  - Bake sale
  - Concessions
  - May Fair partner coordinator
  - Booth organization
  - T-shirts

- Wristband sales
- Sponsorship

### **TEACHER/STAFF LUNCHEONS**

- This committee organizes/provides a monthly lunch and/or treats for the faculty and staff as our way of saying “Thank You” for all that they do. We usually have two volunteers each year who are in charge of scheduling luncheons, food delivery, and food set up.

### **RAIDER BIRTHDAYS**

- Lower School students are recognized during their birthday month at lunch and are given a cupcake. June and July birthdays are recognized in May, while August and September birthdays are recognized in September. The volunteer in charge of Raider Birthdays orders cupcakes once a month based on the number of students having birthdays that month, and delivers cupcakes to the school.

### **LOWER SCHOOL LUNCHROOM COORDINATOR**

- Lower school lunchroom coordinator is charged with organizing parents/grandparents of children in grades 1-4 who would like to volunteer during Lower School lunchtime.
- We are also looking for parents and grandparents of children in grades 1-4 who would like to volunteer to work during the Lower School lunchtime.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

- This program gives parents a chance to buy a new book for our library in honor of their child’s birthday. A sign-up sheet will go home at the beginning of the school year. Parents can fill out their form and send in \$10 per book. On the child’s birthday, they will have the opportunity to choose their birthday book, and a sticker will be placed on the inside cover of the book recognizing your child. The volunteer in charge of FoL sends home book sheets, organizes returned forms and money.

### **SPIRIT CARDS**

- The sale of spirit cards helps to raise money for our school. Spirit cards have participating businesses listed that offer discounts or free services when you use their business and present your card. Information on how to purchase/sell the cards and participating businesses will be sent home as soon as they are available. Volunteers help sell spirit cards at HA and in the community. Sales of spirit cards will start at the beginning of the school year and will typically end in September.

### **FIELD DAY**

- Field Day is an outdoor event for students that involves several team relays. This year school houses will compete with team building activities to make for a fun and memorable event for the entire school. Parent volunteers are needed to assist teachers with managing students during activities held on Field Day. This event is typically in late February/early March.