

# PTA Committees and Events

## Get Involved!

The Bunker Hill PTA is comprised of a dedicated group of volunteers with a wide variety of interests and talents. We would love for you to become involved in some capacity. Please take time to familiarize yourself with our PTA committees and the events that we sponsor throughout the school year. If you would like to help in a certain area, please contact the committee chairperson(s).

## Arts in Education

“Reflections” is a cultural arts contest sponsored by the National PTA and is open to all BHE students. Entries must be the student’s original work and will be judged at the local school level. Selected entries will then move onto the county level, state level and possibly the national level for recognition. Reflections categories include: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, and Film/Video Production.

- Jenny Selzer

## Auction

The BHE auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year and has many volunteer opportunities.

- Katie Hazeldine
- Kayley Isgur
- Amy Kuykendall
- Angie McBeth
- Jennifer Sander
- Anne Sellis

## Back to School Luncheons

Grade level luncheons are held at homes of BHE families at the beginning of the school year. It is a great time to connect with other parents, chat with old friends, and sign up for volunteer opportunities. All luncheons begin at 11:00 am. Go to the PTA website for the schedule!

- Stacey Kearns

## **Biology Volunteer Coordinators**

Fourth and fifth grade students generally perform two dissections in the spring each year. These coordinators prepare the materials and recruit volunteers to assist the students with the dissections.

- 5th Grade: Melanie Bash
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Julie Bergen
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jackie Jenvey
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Stacey Kearns

## **Book Fair**

The Book Fair is a fundraiser for the library. A fall and spring Book Fair are held during school hours and visited by each class. The fall Book Fair also consists of Family Night and Special Friend's Day. Volunteers are needed to decorate, set-up, cashier, and help the children select books.

- Jenny Dillard
- Lauren Hufford
- Kara Mueck
- Shannon Strickler
- Karen Teegarden

## **Book Swap**

This is a great opportunity to clean out your own home library and get new reading material for your children! Donate gently used and age-appropriate books; students may then select as many books as they donated (up to 10).

- Brenda Pounds

## **Bunker Hill eBlast**

This weekly email communication is distributed every Monday. It contains updates, announcements, events and vital information for each family and student at BHE. You can subscribe to the email at [www.bunkerhillpta.com](http://www.bunkerhillpta.com).

- Kathryn Roark

## **Bunker Hill Bricks**

Engraved bricks are sold and then installed on the brick patio next to the playground. This is a great way to honor your child and/or teacher.

- Shawn Hays

**Colonial Day** Hear ye, hear ye! This is a special event for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at BHE and all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent will want to be a part of it. The children dress up and spend the day reliving Colonial life, working hands-on in stations including silhouette art, Colonial food, doll making, candle making, and medicine.

- Julie Bergen
- Allison Martin
- Ruth Odom
- Megan Parker

## **Community Service**

Our Community Service committee holds events, such as a coat drive, throughout the year to benefit the students and staff at our sister school, Thornwood Elementary.

- Melanie Fowler
- Kristie Van Arsdell

## **Directory**

The PTA publishes an annual directory. If you would like your child's information to be included with class information in the directory, please submit the online form that will be emailed to you at the beginning of the school year.

- Brenda Pounds

## **Environmental Awareness (“Go Green”)**

The goal is to help our students, teachers and parents think GREEN! We are a paperless PTA, with most communication being done through email or the PTA and school websites. This committee initiates and coordinates the recycling efforts on our campus, and is also in charge of Earth Day celebrations.

- Kerri Kenne

## **Fifth Grade Events & Event's Chair**

- Rebecca Howard

### **5th Grade Party**

This committee plans the 5th grade end-of-year party and campus parade.

- Cristina Cramer
- Katie Mattingly
- Stephanie Nolen
- Christi Smith

### **5th Grade Farewell**

Organizes the 5th grade farewell program, including decorations, programs, and refreshments.

- Kathleen Hailey
- Rebecca Howard
- Megan Parker

### **5th Grade Video**

Collects photos and coordinates the production of the video shown during the 5th grade farewell program.

- Allison Martin

## **Forms**

This volunteer is responsible for creating various online order forms, including the Big Form, Spirit Order Form and Auction Tickets Form. The Big Form is online in August on the PTA website [www.bunkerhillpta.com](http://www.bunkerhillpta.com). The Big Form gives you the opportunity to join the PTA, donate to our underwriting campaign, order a yearbook, cookbook, BHE brick, and extra copies of the directory, and pay for it all with ONE click!

- Rachel Matthews

## **Foyer Displays**

This committee ensures BHE's Foyer is welcoming to visitors, parents, students and staff. They assist with displaying student work, displaying the teacher photographs, and decorating the bulletin boards and foyer.

- Wendy Egger

## **Gifted & Talented (“GT”) Liaison**

Facilitate communication between SBISD GT program and parents.

- Abby Khatiblou

**Grade Level Program Coordinators** Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> present a musical performance annually for the school and parents. Volunteers are needed to help with decorations, programs, snacks, costumes, and the dress rehearsal.

### **1st Grade Program Coordinators**

- Lindsey Martin
- Anne Sellis
- Kelly Wolf

### **2nd Grade Program Coordinators**

- Emily Paulson
- Morgan Scholl
- Karen Teegarden

### **3rd Grade Program Coordinators**

- Kara Barrow
- Sarah Geyer
- Dana Johnson

### **4th Grade Program Coordinators**

- Shawn Hays
- Rebecca Howard
- Emily Paulson

## **Grounds and Maintenance**

This committee is responsible for ensuring the school grounds and butterfly garden are well maintained. With the assistance of a professional maintenance service and SBISD, these volunteers help keep our campus beautiful.

- Ruth Odom
- Katie Mattingly

## **Health Fitness Coordinator**

This volunteer serves as a liaison between the Health Fitness teachers and parents, facilitating several events during the year such as the Jingle Bell Fun Run and Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart.

- Kara Barrow

## **Healthy Lifestyles**

Works with the district to help our children be nourished, move, sustain and grow.

- Jackie Jenvey

## **Hospitality**

Coordinates the back to school coffee and provides refreshments for PTA meetings.

- Melanie Beck
- Stephanie Nolen

## **International Day Parade & Festival**

This is an educational and festive event where BHE families celebrate our many cultural heritages. The day begins with a beautiful International Parade where students dress in costumes of their origin. Cultural performances and hands-on activities follow making the day a fun time to share and learn together. This is an event not to be missed!

- Amy Arriaga
- Kim Byrd
- Noteel Koss
- Jennifer Olive
- Christine Usher

## **International Day Parade & Festival Co-Chairs**

Support and shadow the International Day chairs in preparation for chairing the event the following year.

- Veronica Barnhill
- Jennifer Brown
- Sarah Geyer
- Shanna Hetherwick

- Lisa Podraza

## **Legislation Chair**

Acts as a liaison between BHE and the District on matters that affect our campus. Attends Council meetings when necessary.

- Minda Caesar

## **Library Volunteer Coordinators**

Are you a bookworm? Then this is the place for you. This committee staffs the library checkout desk, shelves books, and assists students with finding books. Volunteers are usually scheduled for one hour per month.

- Margaret Murphy

## **Marquee**

Works with the front office and changes the text on the front and back marquees on a weekly basis.

- Fernando Estrada

## **Newcomers**

Are you new to BHE? The Newcomers Committee plans several events throughout the year to welcome new families to BHE. New families will have the chance to meet the administration and staff, PTA members, and to learn about BHE. If you are new to our school this year, please fill out the Newcomers form found on the BHE PTA Website.

- Vicky Bhakta
- Jodie Corson
- Dedi Hanagan
- Karrie Yager

## **Odyssey of the Mind**

Odyssey of the Mind is an extracurricular program where kids apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. This chairperson serves as the campus liaison for all BHE teams.

- Vicky Bhakta

## **Office/Copy Volunteer Coordinator**

Extra hands are always needed in the school office! Responsibilities for the office include answering the phones, making copies, recording absences and other office jobs.

- Rebecca Howard

## **Pizza Parties**

The PTA provides two pizza parties each year for the students. Both are held on the last day of the fall and spring semesters in December and June.

- Allison Martin
- Megan Parker

## **Publicity**

This chairperson is a liaison between BHE and local media and submits articles and photos of school events and activities. They also coordinates applications of SBISD Council of PTA awards.

- Kristie Van Arsdel

## **Red Ribbon Week**

The PTA proudly sponsors Red Ribbon Week for the entire school. BHE and the PTA help make children aware that staying healthy and drug-free is a positive choice they can make for themselves.

- Heather Bonner

## **Room Parent Advisors**

Two parents from each classroom may volunteer to be a room parent each semester. Responsibilities include facilitating communication between school and home, helping plan the Winter and Year End parties, and serving as a liaison between the PTA and class parents.

- Stacey Kearns
- Taunya Rother



## **SBEF Liaison**

This volunteer informs the PTA of upcoming Spring Branch Education Foundation (“SBEF”) events and coordinates the Running for the Arts 5K run. SBEF is committed to supporting students and educators and partners with the district and community to fund programs that enhance education and prepare our students for the future.

- Kelly Wolf

## **School Supplies**

This committee markets, orders and distributes school supplies. Order forms are distributed to students in the spring and the required supplies are delivered to the classrooms prior to the first day of school.

- Vicky Bhakta
- Susie Lee

## **Spelling Bee**

This event at BHE buzzes with excitement. Starting at the classroom level, children can participate and move up to the school-wide bee. Certificates are made for each participant and trophies are given to the winners.

- Namrata Kothari

## **Spirit**

Spirit designs and sells the school Spirit t-shirt that is required for field trips. Other fun spirit items are sold each May and at Meet the Teacher. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their school Spirit t-shirt on Friday to show their support of BHE!

- Callie Ezell
- Olivia Porter

## **Spring Fling**

Spring Fling is a family fun day with games, rides, prizes, a DJ, food, and other activities. Many volunteers are needed to coordinate, set up, clean up, and assist in the various booths.

- Jennifer Brown
- Dedi Hanagan
- Emily Paulson
- Kathryn Roark
- Karen Teegarden

## **Teacher Appreciation**

The PTA and a team of parents provide the BHE staff with lunch one day each month. Homemade, store-bought, or catered...the teachers love it and are so appreciative! Go to the PTA Website to sign up to provide an item.

- Sarah Geyer
- Amy Norris

## **Webmaster**

The Webmaster ensures the PTA's website reflects up-to-date information as a service to existing and prospective school families. The website plays an important role in school-to-home communication. Remember, "Click it so you don't miss it!"

- Abby Khatiblou

## **Yearbook Editor**

This volunteer coordinates the photography and works with a computer layout program to assemble the contents of the yearbook. The editors traditionally handle marketing the following year.

- Stephanie Aguirre
- Karen Hellman-Diego
- Claire Zurek

## **Yearbook Marketing**

This volunteer markets the yearbook, takes orders in the fall, and coordinates delivery in the spring.

- Adrienne Hwang