

2016-2017 Kealing PTA Highlights

Fostering Family and Community Engagement

- Organized / hosted multiple parent and community social events:
 - BTS popsicle social, parent coffee first day, fall and spring spaghetti dinners, Annual Thanksgiving dinner, MLK Day of Service and Peace through Pie Social, 30th anniversary re-opening celebration, Kealing Center Stage party.
- Led environmental improvement programs:
 - grounds days, Monarch Heroes program, construction on deck and ramp around garden shed, cafeteria waste receptacles campaign
- Promoted on-campus tutoring and mentoring opportunities to parents at Kealing.
- Launched a new Kealing Business Supporter program to strengthen connections with surrounding community

Serving as a Resource for Kealing Families

- Organized /hosted educational and informational presentations for parents
 - Principal's Coffee series, providing parents with opportunities to engage with the school administration
 - info session on managing stress, substance abuse, and the hazards of digital media
 - info session and handout on free and affordable camp options for Kealing families
- Organized the "Just In Case" program for families in need
 - in partnership with the UT School of Law, providing free legal & notary services

Supporting Programs that Further Kealing Students' Social, Emotional, Physical, and Academic Development

- Provided funding for numerous school needs including:
 - Technology / equipment for classrooms: 30 Chromebooks, 60 headphones, classroom set of goggles, 3-D printer for the new maker space, 10iPad minis and charging station; 5 tripods and IPAD mini mounts
 - Curriculum needs: Classroom books, teacher subscriptions to American Council on Teaching of Foreign Language
 - 90 Hours of tutoring support for Academy students
 - T-shirts for the entire 6th grade class for 6th grade intramurals/advisories
 - Drum kits and new volleyball net
 - Young Scientist's Club
- Supported school field trips:
 - bus costs for AVID program to take students to visit universities in Houston; 6th grade field trip for Academy students; STEM Club field trip to McKinney Falls State Park, Introduction to Engineering trip
- Supported students attending the Science Olympiads trip to nationals
- Ran the Kealing PTA Reflections program (a national PTA program fostering creativity and the arts).
- Sponsored Kealing Men, a mentorship program for Kealing youth.
- Supported the school's CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Children's Health) and wellness program.

Advocating for the Education and Well-Being of all Kealing Students

- Organized breakfast and walk from Kealing to Capitol for the TX PTA Rally Day on Feb 27th.

Supporting Kealing Teachers and Staff

- Hosted appreciation events and programs for teachers and staff:
 - Back-to-school lunch, holiday party, and end-of-year staff appreciation breakfast;
 - Secret Pal Program matching Kealing parents with teachers and staff to deliver treats throughout the year.
- Started two new support programs:
 - Copy Fairy program: parent volunteers provided copying for Kealing teachers throughout the year.
 - Coffee cart service, delivering coffee to teachers' classrooms.
- Sponsored Staff development:
 - Sent an Academy social studies teacher to a national conference, 3 teachers to the SWSXedu conference, an ESL teacher to Seattle for the TESOL conference, and three Spanish language teachers to attend a national conference in San Antonio.
 - Supported the Principal's self care for teachers initiative
- Funded teacher supplies:
 - PTA and KMAG \$100 to each teacher for supplies and materials for classrooms and after-school programs.

Fundraising

- Raised more than \$64,000 to support the school and PTA programs, including \$42,000 from Kealing Center Stage, \$6,000 from Spirit Wear sales, \$7,500 from parent donations, and \$3,500 from business outreach.
- Raised about \$8,000 in in-kind and monetary donations through launch of new Kealing Business Supporter program.