

# Parent Pioneer Weekly

September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2019



Patton Elementary School  
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#BetheFirst  
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Congrats Patton Elementary  
for being nominated as one  
of Mayor Alder's  
Health & Fitness Award!



Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>  
6PM

## District of Innovation (DOI) Days

District of Innovation (DOI) will take place two times in Patton Elementary Calendar. When you see these days scheduled on our calendar, **this is a Student Holiday**. During these days, Patton staff will participate in professional development.

October 11, 2019  
February 14, 2020



COMING SOON!  
October 4<sup>th</sup>  
ALL DAY FUN!

# PATTON PTA UPDATES

## Upcoming PTA Dates

- Thursday, 9/12 - PTA Meeting @ 6:00 PM (all are welcome to attend!)
- Wednesday, 9/18 - Spirit Night at Five Guys, from 4PM - 8PM
- Friday, 9/20 - Coffee Cart

Full Calendar [HERE](#)

Wondering what's a SPIRIT NIGHT? Click [HERE](#)

Wondering what's a COFFEE CART? Click [HERE](#)



## 1st PTA Meeting of the School Year!

The first PTA Meeting of the school year is Thursday 9/12 at 6pm in the Patton Gym. We will have speaker Josh Killam from Austin

Family Counseling. Meetings are for all to attend! Come learn about what your PTA does for your school! Pay Your Membership Dues and be able to vote on school issues! Look for the flyer for more info or click [HERE](#). **(BONUS - There will be a Door Prize Drawing, too!)**

## Become a Member & Support the PTA!

Joining the PTA is so easy, and helps us support our school, our staff, our teachers & our students! Membership is only \$8 for the school year and helps to fund all our activities.



We also sell spirit wear for your family to show your PATTON PRIDE! To purchase and join the PTA, click [HERE](#)!

**PTA**  
everychild.onevoice.®



## Contact Us

The best way to stay up to date on PTA and school events is to check the following links:

-  PTA Website [www.pattonpta.org](http://www.pattonpta.org)
-  PTA on Facebook (like, follow, and click "see first") [facebook.com/PattonPride](https://facebook.com/PattonPride)
-  PTA on Twitter [@pta\\_patton](https://twitter.com/pta_patton)
-  Email Us [pattonpta@gmail.com](mailto:pattonpta@gmail.com)



Check out our PTA Bulletin Board in the lobby near the office!

*hello!*

## In Search of Volunteers

*The Coffee Cart is Coming! The Coffee Cart is Coming! To sign up, go to our Sign Up Genius Page [HERE](#)*

Our PTA invites you to get involved and be part of what makes our school so awesome; become a volunteer! We have all sorts of jobs, so you can help when it fits in YOUR schedule! For more information about volunteer opportunities, click [HERE](#)!

**REMINDER:** ALL Volunteers MUST complete and pass a Background Check. To do this, follow these steps.

Volunteer Directions:

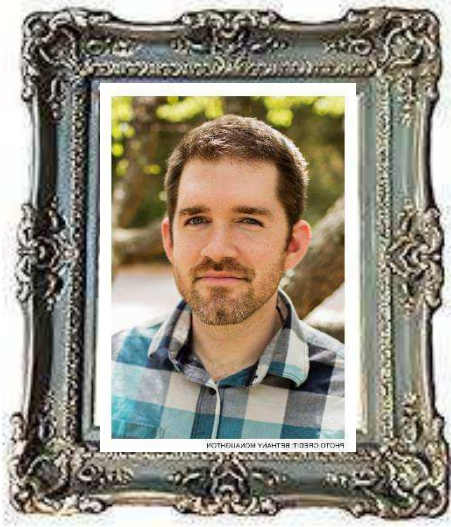
1. Go to [www.austinpartners.org](http://www.austinpartners.org)
2. Select "VOLUNTEER" tab (blue circle tab)
3. Click on "Volunteer Now"
4. Donation page is OPTIONAL. Click the "click here" link at the top of the page.
5. Select "school based volunteer"
6. Drop down menu for school selection (Patton Elementary)
7. Select "VIP Volunteer"
8. Register as a new user or sign in



# The Patton Quibbler



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RYAN HIGGINS,  
CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

## Author Visit!!!

K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade parents, Patton will be hosting author **Ryan Higgins on September 10**. He is the author of the Mother Bruce series, which has always been a huge hit with Patton students! Please consider pre-purchasing an autographed copy of his new book, *Bruce's BIG Storm!*

Please see form below

**\*\* If you go to the Patton YouTube Channel, Dr. Brantley is reading the first Mother Bruce Book!**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFxzn-pjMtA>

## Volunteer Opportunities

### LOVE BOOKS?

With over 1000 students, the Library is always in need of help. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mindy at [pattonreadersrock@gmail.com](mailto:pattonreadersrock@gmail.com). Please let her know which volunteer activities interest you. A **BIG thank you** to everyone who volunteered last week!!!!

## Library News

### Summer Reading Challenge

The deadline for Children's Summer Reading Logs has been **extended to Monday, September 9!** Prizes will be awarded Friday, September 13.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> –5<sup>th</sup> Graders Bluebonnet Reading Challenge

I hope students have read a couple of the Bluebonnet Books this summer. I will be introducing the Reading Challenge in a couple of weeks.

### Library Books

In the next 2 weeks all K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be bringing home library books. Please encourage reading for pleasure 20-40 min daily. K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will receive ninja reading bags to protect their books. Please help your little ones keep up with their book and bag. To help you with this, it will have your child's name, teacher and library day labeled on it. Replacement bags will be \$1.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Author Visit

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade parents, Patton will be hosting author **Cassie Beasley on September 30**. She is the author of *Circus Mirandus* a New Times Bestseller. She will be speaking about her new book, *The Bootlace Magician*, the sequel to *Circus Mirandus*. More information to come soon.

Order Form for **Ryan Higgins @ Patton Elementary**

Tuesday, September 10th at 8:00am

Please return this form to your librarian to purchase signed books.  
Contact Annie Stubbs stubbs.annie@gmail.com with any questions.



**About *Bruce's Big Storm*:** *Bruce's home is already a full house.*

*But when a big storm brings all his woodland neighbors knocking, he'll have to open his door to a crowd of animals in need of shelter—whether he likes it or not.*

*Readers will love this next installment of the uproarious, award-winning Mother Bruce series.*

**About the Author:**

Ryan T. Higgins is an author and illustrator who likes the outdoors and cheese sandwiches. He is NOT a grumpy old black bear, but he DOES like making books about one—starting with the New York Times best-selling Mother Bruce, which received the E. B. White Read-Aloud Award and the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor. He also wrote and illustrated BE QUIET!, We Don't Eat Our Classmates, Santa Bruce, Bruce's Big Fun Day, and Peek-a-Bruce. Ryan lives in Maine with his wife and kids . . . and too many pets.



Title	Quantity	PRICE	TOTAL
<i>Bruce's Big Storm</i>		19.50	
<i>Bruce's Big Move</i>		19.50	
<i>Mother Bruce</i>		19.50	
<i>Hotel Bruce</i>		19.50	
<i>Price includes sales tax</i>			
<b>ORDER TOTAL</b>			\$

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign book to: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR METHOD OF PAYMENT. If you are paying by cash or check, please fill out and submit this form with payment to your school librarian. If you are paying by credit card, follow the instructions below.

CASH	Amount Included: _____
CHECK	Make checks payable to Patton Elementary. Please include your TX driver's license # and phone # on check.
CREDIT CARD	1. Credit Card Payments can be made online: <a href="https://bookpeople.schoolsquarespace.com/patton">https://bookpeople.schoolsquarespace.com/patton</a> 2. Submit this form and a copy of your order confirmation to your librarian. This will help with book delivery.



# Coaches' Corner

Congratulations  
Patton Pioneers!

Mayor's Health and  
Fitness Council  
Healthiest Schools  
2018-2019

Work Out  
Wednesday  
T-Shirts  
\$13

Look Out for these upcoming events  
from the PE Department...

September 9-20 PE Fundraiser. We will  
be selling Work Out Wednesday shirts  
again this year!

September 13 Marathon Kids Kick Off  
during school

September 17 Track Attack starts for 1<sup>st</sup>  
-5<sup>th</sup> graders!

September 19-23 Safe Routes to School  
Guest Teachers in PE class

## **Patton PE Fund Raiser**

We appreciate your support as we work to raise money for cool new equipment! This year, we would like to buy a new gymnastics trampoline and new uprights for our volleyball nets.

To get your super cool "What sMILE are you on?" T-shirt, you can print and return this form to school with \$13, cash or check (payable to Patton PE), OR come see the coaches on the front porch before or after school! T-shirts are available on a first come, first served basis.

We also have limited supplies of last year's shirts for \$7.

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Youth XS Youth S Youth M Youth L Youth XL

Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XXL Adult XXXL



# PATTON PTA GENERAL MEETING

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER JOSH KILLAM,  
THERAPIST AT AUSTIN FAMILY COUNSELING  
"CREATING MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR KIDS"

**DOOR PRIZE  
DRAWINGS FOR  
PTA MEMBERS  
IN ATTENDANCE!**  
COURTESY OF AUSTIN  
FAMILY COUNSELING



Josh will present an important tool you can use to create deeper and more meaningful communication with your kids. Start the school year feeling empowered with new ways to connect and build strong, healthy relationships at home!

**THURSDAY SEPT. 12**

**6 PM**

**PATTON GYMNASIUM**

**MEMBERS & NON-  
MEMBERS WELCOME!**

## Important Dates for Parents

September	October	November
<p>11th - ECO Team Mtg 3:05</p> <p>12th- PTA Meeting 6 pm</p> <p>16th- CAC Meeting 3:15PM</p> <p>19th-Coffee with the Principal @8AM</p>	<p>2nd - ECO Team Mtg 3:05</p> <p>4th- Adventure Dash Fun Run</p> <p>11th-District of Innovation (DOI) Day Student Holiday</p> <p>14th-Student Holiday/Conference Day</p> <p>21st- CAC Meeting 3:15PM</p> <p>23rd-ECO Team Mtg 3:05</p> <p>24th- Coffee with the Principal @8AM</p> <p>24th-PTA Meeting 6 pm</p> <p>25th-Student Picture Retakes</p>	<p>3rd - Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>8th- Veterans' Day Assembly</p> <p>8th- 2nd Gr Innerspace Caverns</p> <p>12-14th Vision &amp; Hearing Screenings (PK, K, 1st)</p> <p>13th-ECO Team Mtg 3:05</p> <p>18th- CAC Meeting 3:15 pm</p> <p>21st- Coffee with the Principal @8AM</p> <p>25-29th Thanksgiving Break</p>

### Mission Statement

James Andrew Patton Elementary is a **joyful** and **safe academic community** that **embraces diversity, creativity**, and **leadership**.