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A GUIDE TO DEALEY FOR NEW FAMILIES

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*The mission of the Dealey PTA is to foster communication and cooperation between parents, teachers, staff, and the local community to ensure that Dealey students develop to their full potential emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually.*

*WE SERVE THE DEALEY COMMUNITY*

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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## WELCOME FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

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Hi Dealey Families,

As the PTA president, I'd like to extend a very heartfelt welcome to you and to congratulate you on becoming part of our wonderful community. If you already have a little one with us, then a warm welcome to your new Dealey Dragon!

The main purpose of the Parent Teacher Association is to support our students. In addition, it supports the faculty, staff, parents, and the local community. "Every Child-One Voice" is the National PTA motto, and the PTA is one of the strongest voices during the educational process.

Our PTA has focused on delivering an extraordinary educational environment for all Dealey students. Parent support and involvement is required to make our PTA effective and successful in helping achieve this.

Your first opportunity to support Dealey and get involved is to become a member of the Dealey PTA. Signing up for PTA is simple and requires very little commitment (signup begins in August).

The second way to support Dealey will be to participate in the many exciting events and programs that we have planned throughout the year. You may choose to be a committee chair, committee member, or volunteer. Whatever level of participation you choose, your time and involvement will be greatly appreciated. If you are ready to get started now, we have some roles that we are already planning for next year so please contact me if interested.

Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the PTA because they cannot attend meetings or be at school during the day. Not so! Your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, whether you can help during or outside of school hours, we need you!

There are endless possibilities and ways you can contribute. The time you give to the PTA and the school will be worth your while, our students see us serving their school and it means so much to them too! Please consider volunteering; it really does make a difference in the lives of all our children!

I am here to serve this community and to help in any way possible, so please contact me anytime about PTA events, questions and activities. I look forward to meeting and hopefully working together in some capacity!

Sincerely,

Alishia Salmon  
2021-2022 PTA President

## WHAT DEALEY PTA DOES

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We conduct the primary fundraising for additional funding needed at Dealey.

Everything we do helps to make Dealey the best possible environment for our children – whether you give your time, money, ideas, or elbow grease – it all contributes to making Dealey the outstanding school it is for our students, faculty, and staff.

Our fundraising events throughout the year – North Texas Giving Day, Dealey Carnival, RSVP Parties, and the Spring Fundraiser comprise nearly 80% of our liquid assets that we give back to Dealey.

## JOIN THE PTA

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Dealey has a strong and active PTA. Dealey's goal is 100% participation by all parents and teachers – it's part of what makes Dealey such a great school and community!

### **WHY JOIN THE PTA?**

**Get connected.** There is no better way to know what is happening at your school.

**Tap into a network.** PTA functions are wonderful opportunities to connect with other parents and share ideas, concerns, and experiences.

**Speak Up.** PTA is a way for you to propose change at your child's school.

**Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events.

**Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

Look for communication at the beginning of the school year on how to join PTA.

## VOLUNTEERING AT DEALEY

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### **EVERY PARENT – 8 VOLUNTEER HOURS PER YEAR**

Everything the PTA does would not be possible without each parent helping to make our community great by offering their time, ideas, materials, and donating financially.

WORK AT HOME, AT SCHOOL, OR IN THE COMMUNITY!

WITH PEOPLE OR ALONE!

WHATEVER YOUR SCHEDULE, INTERESTS, OR SKILLS, WE HAVE A JOB FOR YOU!

### **HOW WILL YOU GIVE DEALEY YOUR EIGHT HOURS?**

The first step to volunteering at Dealey is to register with DISD as a volunteer. You can do that by accessing the following website: <http://dallasisd.org/domain/35>

You can volunteer in your child's classroom or in the class garden, help supervise field trips, work on a committee, volunteer time to make Dealey events a success (like the Fall Carnival or Spring Fundraiser), and/or join the PTA Executive Board to coordinate many of these wonderful activities.

Information about how to volunteer will be distributed in the first few weeks of the year through your teacher, classroom representative, PTA communications, and on the Dealey Facebook site.

## PTA COMMITTEES

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**ARTS-IN-EDUCATION / REFLECTIONS** - Support extracurricular activities that engage creative thinking, expanded horizons, and inspired learning.

**CARNIVAL** - Dealey's annual community event. Help set up, tear down, manage games, community fundraising, food service, & more!

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Help Dealey families stay "in-the-know" about Dealey events and information.

**DADS' CLUB** – Dads do a lot for Dealey too!! From fundraising poker nights to running concessions at the carnival. Dealey Dads Club funds have been able to make several playground improvements.

**DEALEY COMMUNITY / NEW FAMILIES** - Organize new family communications, set up new family events and summer play dates. Help new families integrate into our Dealey family with ease.

**GARDEN** - Help beautify school grounds and/or volunteer in your child's classroom garden.

**FIELD DAY** - A fun-filled outdoor event during the school day (usually in May). Help with event organization, set up, break down, and supervise activities on the day of the event.

**FUNDRAISING** - PTA fundraising supports educational and enrichment activities in the classroom. You can help from home, at school, or in the community.

**HEALTHY LIFESTYLES** - Work toward a healthy initiative to improve wellness & health.

**HOSPITALITY** - Help show our teachers and volunteers how much we appreciate them!

**MEMBERSHIP** - An active PTA is the key to a successful school!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** - Help with events and dances throughout the year and earn your opportunity to chaperone the end-of-year MS Dance!

**NATURE EXCHANGE** - Encourage children's curiosity about nature. Teach them about items brought to the Exchange in the library.

**PROGRAMS** - Assist with coordinating and facilitating school-wide activities.

## 2019 – 2020 FUNDRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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AUCTION \$35,000+

CARNIVAL \$11,500

DEALEY DOLLARS \$2,000+

DRAGON WAGON \$2,000+

NORTH TEXAS GIVING \$25,000

RAFFLE TICKETS \$11,000+

## 2020 – 2021 FUNDRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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MARCH GIVING MADNESS FUNDRAISER \$59,000+

TAMALE FUNDRAISER \$3,000

DEALEY DOLLARS \$5,200+

DRAGON WAGON \$2,000+

## STARTING SCHOOL AT DEALEY

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You will be mailed a postcard to notify you of your student's new teacher over the summer.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

***Open House*** is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, August 12 from 5:30-7:00pm.**

This is an opportunity to meet your teachers, see your classroom, buy Dealey spirit wear, ask any questions you might have, sign up for PTA, and find out more about Dealey programs and extra curriculars. Pre-K students will meet in the cafeteria, while older students will go to their classrooms.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School supply lists will be shared mid-summer via the school website (<https://www.dallasisd.org/dealey>).

Most supplies will be classroom property. Supply lists are specific to each teacher. The teachers will tell you when to bring the supplies to school.

### **CLASSROOMS**

Montessori classrooms are multi-age and set up as follows:

Pre-k through Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

International Academy (middle school) operates on a block schedule C-A-B-A-B

## STREAMS OF COMMUNICATION

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**Dealey Website** - [www.dealeypta.org](http://www.dealeypta.org) – This is your first stop for information. Order school merchandise, sign up for volunteer opportunities, find a link to the latest email communication, and view the PTA/School calendar here.

**E-blast** – This is the email communication sent out on Thursday mornings to alert you about news and upcoming events. Everyone that received an invite to the new family picnic will automatically be signed up. If you do not receive the e-blast as expected, there is a link on the website to sign up.

**Thursday folder** – This is the paper communication sent home containing flyers from both PTA and the school. This will often contain forms and even information.

**Facebook** – Dealey Montessori & International Academy \*Official\* – Stay up-to-date on the happenings of Dealey, ask a question, or share a Dealey proud moment

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### MAY

- Middle School - Adventure Landing Event - May 27 - 4:30-9:00 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

### JUNE

- Dad's Club Corn Hole Tournament - June 5 (link to register: )

### JULY

- Summer Play Date - TBD

### AUGUST

- Dealey Gardens "Spruce Up"
- Dealey Open House / Meet the Teacher / Middle School Schedule Dry Run – tentatively August 12
- Summer Play Date – August 14
- First Day of School - August 16
- Boo-Hoo / Woo-Hoo Breakfast - August 16 morning

### SEPTEMBER

- RSVP Kick Off: Back to School Bash (Date TBD)
- Camp Grady Spruce (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)
- North Texas Giving Day
- PTA General Meeting #1
- Coffee with the Principal

### OCTOBER

- Middle School - Fall Dance (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)
- Movie Night
- PTA Board Meeting #1

### NOVEMBER

- Dealey Carnival
- PTA General Meeting #2
- Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

- PTA Board Meeting #2
- Winter Break

### JANUARY

- Middle School - Winter Dance (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)
- PTA General Meeting #3

### FEBRUARY

- Movie Night
- PTA Board Meeting #3

### MARCH

- Spring Fundraiser
- Spring Break
- Middle School - Spring Dance (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)
- Movie Night
- PTA General Meeting #4

### APRIL

- New Family Picnic
- PTA Board Meeting #4

### MAY

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Middle School - End-of-Year Dance (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> only)
- PTA General Meeting #5
- Field Day

**PTA General Meetings** are held in the Dealey Auditorium and via Zoom; **PTA Board Meetings** are held in the Dealey Library and via Zoom.