

SEPTEMBER, 2025

THE VOICE OF THE
FRISCO AREA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

MOUTHPIECE

ODE TO RETIREMENT

As school gets back in session,
and kids go back to class,
I'd like to say a prayer,
for the teachers that they sass.

"I didn't do my homework",
"I had a game last night",
"Had to babysit my brother"
Enough already - Alright!

But none of this affects us,
We are the chosen ones.
We've had our share of sasses,
But OUR time has begun!

OUR time to wake up later,
and drink coffee at our pace.
OUR time to read the paper
without children in our face.

OUR time to take a walk
around the block and see
How lovely relaxation is -
Retirement is the KEY!

You've already done your duty,
you've had your share of sass,
So, buckle up, retirement world,
I'm here to kick some a__.

Yes, I really said that.

KAROL'S KOMMENTS

HEY! SUPERSTAR RETIREE!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
Not-Back-To-School Luncheon
Sponsored by the Frisco Area
Retired School Personnel

Wednesday 3RD SEPTEMBER

FISD CTE Center
9889 Wade Blvd., Frisco,
75035

9:30 AM Meet and Greet
10:00 AM Meeting

Catered by Ernesto's, so PLEASE

RSVP TO VICKIE:
Call or Text
214.280.7926 Or
Vivi3ryan@gmail.com

RSVP

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO EAT!

RSVP TO ME BY

SEPT. 1ST!

LET ME KNOW IF YOU'LL BE
ATTENDING OUR NOT-BACK-
TO-SCHOOL LUNCHEON ON
SEPTEMBER 3RD!

SEE THE INVITATION ON PAGE
ONE!

RSVP RSVP RSVP RSVP

OR YOU MIGHT NOT GET
YOUR ENCHILADAS!!

VICKIE RYAN
MEMBERSHIP/1 ST VP

**BOOKS! BOOKS! AND
MORE BOOKS!**

Rogers Elementary—the oldest
elementary school in Frisco—will be the
recipient of our book project this year!
Our goal is to put a book in the hands of
every student there—from
kindergartners to fifth graders. So, if you
have any books to donate for this age
group, please bring to our meetings this
Fall.

Did you read some good books this
summer that you might be willing to
share with other members? Our Lending
Library will be open at our first meeting
on September 3rd. I can't wait to see
what gems you enjoyed this summer!

-Rhonda Jackson

DATES TO REMEMBER:

-SEPTEMBER 3 (WED.)
NOT-BACK-TO-SCHOOL
LUNCHEON

CTE CENTER
ERNESTO'S IS CATERING!

-OCT. 7 (TUES.)

HUGS CAFE & GREENHOUSE
WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN
COSTUME!

-OCTOBER 27TH - TRTA/DISTRICT 10
FALL CONFERENCE

GUESS WHAT????

**The Frisco Athletic Hall of
Honor will be the venue for
the TRTA District 10 Fall
Conference on Oct. 27th!!!!**

AND THERE'S MORE!

**The guest speaker for that
meeting is none other than
Tim Lee, Executive Director
of TRTA!**

Excited? You should be!

More info later!

**You know someone who
needs a HAND!**



**Calling for ALL summer
volunteer hours!!**

**Please total up the volunteer
hours you have accumulated
since our last meeting from
May - August Be sure to record
them when you sign in at our
September 3rd meeting!!!**

**I can't wait to see how much
you have collected! Thanks for
all that you do !!! Y'all are
awesome!**

-Susan Burkett

OLDTIMER'S RHYMERS

FIGHT ON A YELLOW DOG (1)

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SLOBBER ABOUT LEARNING (1)

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BIBLIO THIEF (1)

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PENCIL RELATIVE (1)

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FOLLOW BLACKBOARD WRITING IMPLEMENTS (1)

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Each set rhymes. The
number after the clue is
the number of syllables
each side has.

BUS FUSS
SCHOOL DROOL
BOOK CROOK
PEN KIN
STALK CHALK

Care Crew

**Hey fellow FARSP family!
We are starting a new
outreach program this
year to reach out to our
FARSP family members
who could use a bit of TLC.
Isn't that what families do?
Here are some ways to
help:**

- Sign up to be part of the
Care Crew at the meeting
or reach out to me**
- Nominate a person to
receive a note, phone call.
Information coming soon.**

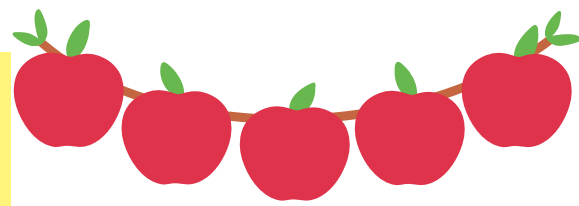
**Come to the first meeting
to find out how you can be
a part of the Care Crew.**

Paige Almond



Disaster Relief

Helping Public Education Retirees Rebuild After Disaster.



Information from **TRTF**



Assists public education retirees who require emergency financial assistance due to a disaster.



Grant seekers are not required to be members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), but must be receiving benefits from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).



More than \$471,500 in aid has been awarded to repair damage to homes caused by flooding, fire, tornadoes, and other emergencies.



Please visit www.trtf.org/initiatives to complete a short application for Disaster Relief assistance or scan the QR code below.



www.trtf.org



Connect with us!

Scan this QR code to learn more about this program.



TRTF



TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION

HOW CAN I HELP WITH DISASTER RELIEF



"A Helping Hand"

Offering Emergency Assistance to Retirees in Need.



Provides retired school personnel with charitable assistance for a one-time special need or short-term hardship.



Grant seekers are not required to be members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), but must be receiving an annuity from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).



Since its inception in 2010, the "A Helping Hand" program has awarded more than \$317,950 in assistance for medical and dental bills, home and auto repair, utilities, groceries, and much more.



Please send an email to help@trtf.org to request an application with program guidelines.



www.trtf.org



Connect with us!

Scan this QR code to learn more about this program.



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TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION



**JUST LIKE A JAR,
RETIREEES
ARE
REUSABLE!**

SO, Just Ask Retirees!

Welcome back retirees! We will once again be offering our time and talents to the school district. I will be sending info to the principals about contacting us if they and their teachers need help on the campus.

If you feel that you would like to help in this capacity you will need to complete a Fisd background check. Here is the link to the webpage that will give you the information you need:

<https://www.friscoisd.org/departments/community-relations/volunteer>

This needs to be completed every school year and before you can be on a campus.

I will let the group know by email when our assistance is asked for and will provide the contact information.

-Theresa Hambrick



WHAT IN THE WORLD?

There are more lifeforms living on your skin than there are people on the planet.

● Otters sleep holding hands.

Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

A human will eat on average 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders while sleeping.

If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.



SaturYAY at Kaleidoscope Park

1 Sep 6 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Kickstart your weekend with SaturYAY at Kaleidoscope Park every Saturday starting March 8, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM! Enjoy a free, family-friendly afternoon filled with activities that may include storytime, arts and crafts, petting zoos, airbrush art, lawn games, outdoor education shows, and more!

Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Saturday

WHERE: Performance Lawn at Kaleidoscope Park

2. September 6, 2025 | Frisco Water Park

Once the Frisco Water Park closes to humans for the summer, we invite our dog friends to come play!

Times

8:30 to 10 a.m.: Small & Medium Dogs
Under 45 lbs.

Including elderly dogs and dogs with mobility issues

10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Large Dogs
35+ lbs.

No small dogs

12:30 to 2 p.m.: Large Dogs
35+ lbs.

No small dogs

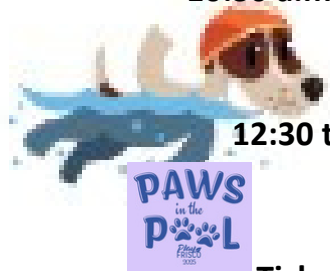
Tickets and Registration

Advance online ticket purchase required.

No onsite ticket sales on event day. No refunds or exchanges.

A ticket is required for each human and each dog. Each dog requires one handler aged 14+. date and time.

<https://www.squadup.com/events/paws-in-the-pool-4>

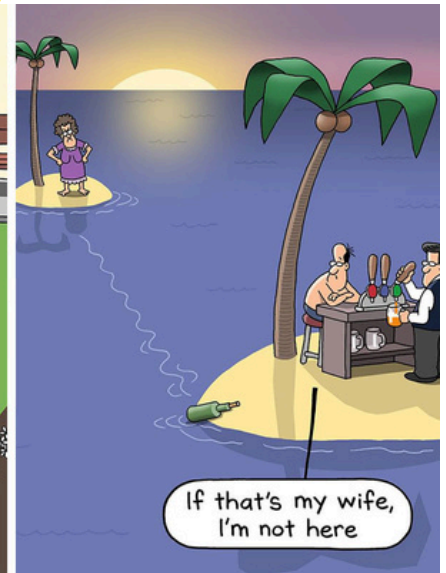


A-A-R-P! I wanna join the A-A-R-P!



The Retirement Village People

September
SMILES



What do you call a person who is happy on Monday morning?



Let's Share the Love of FARSP!

Did you know that most current teachers don't know we exist and that we actually care about them? Sad, but true. Retirement is the last thing on their minds while trying to juggle their classrooms, family, district policies, state policies, and life in general.

MAYBE WE CAN CHANGE THAT.

LET'S FILL THE BUS WITH LOVE!

At our September Sept. 3rd meeting, we will have a table set up for you to **Fill A Bus** and have it delivered to a teacher in Frisco, Prosper, or Celina.

For **\$10.00**, you can pick **7 different items** from the 12+ choices of teacher goodies, put them in a **bus box**, tag the bus with the recipient's name and campus, and we'll deliver them! Check out the picture below! Get the idea? Some fillers may be different from the picture, but there will be plenty to choose from.



So, bring your
money and
start filling up
some buses!



The Truth About School Supplies

Henry David Thoreau Helped Create the No. 2 Pencil

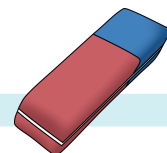
Henry David Thoreau helped conceive of a new numbering system to describe the lightness and darkness, as well as the hardness and softness, of a pencil's graphite. Labeled from numbers one to four, this new notation system took off nationwide, and the now-beloved No. 2 pencil became most popular due to the perfect balance of those qualities.

Post-it Notes Were Used as Bookmarks in Church Hymn Books

The company 3M brought us not only Scotch tape, but also Post-it Notes. In 1968, Spencer Silver, a chemist at the company, started working on an adhesive that was sticky enough to attach to surfaces but could peel apart without leaving damage. He struggled to find a practical application for the product, but in 1974, his colleague Art Fry approached him seeking assistance with a problem he kept encountering during church. Fry had been bookmarking his hymn book with regular pieces of paper during choir practice and found that they kept falling out. Fry was delighted that the Post-its could be used without damaging the pages, and he even started using them around the office to convey messages.

Bread Was Used as an Eraser Before Rubber

What was the classroom like before the modern eraser? Prior to the 1770s, balled-up wads of moist bread were used to correct written mistakes.



Glue Sticks Were Inspired by Lipstick Applicators

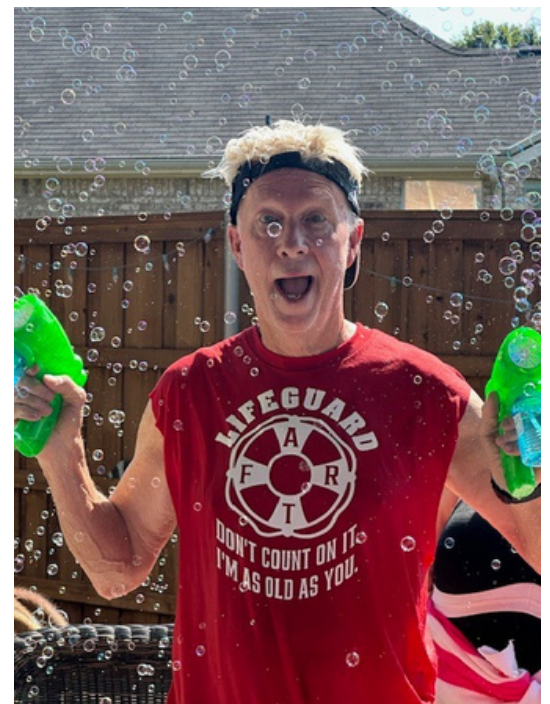
Kindergarten teachers around the world are no strangers to messy, glue-covered hands, but thanks to the German company Henkel, craft time became a whole lot cleaner with the advent of the glue stick. Henkel's invention of the Pritt brand glue stick in 1969 featured a design inspired by twist-up lipstick applicators.

Adhesives researcher Dr. Wolfgang Dierichs first proposed the design in 1967 after witnessing a woman applying lipstick during a flight. Dierichs was amazed at how careful the lipstick application process was and determined the method could also be applied to glue.



BACK TO WORK FARSP BOARD MEETING!

- CRAZY HEALTH CHAIR, DAVID, LED US IN WATER AEROBICS!
- PAIGE INTRODUCED CARE CREW WHILE DRYING OFF AND “MIMOSA-ING”
- TIME TO BRUNCH!
- PLANNED OUR YEAR!
- DECORATED OUR BAGS! AND FILLED OUR SCHOOL BUSES!



**2025 - 2026 TRTA and
FriscoArea Retired School Personnel
Membership Form**

☐ **Check if any of your
information has changed**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

*Directories will be emailed electronically to all paid members.

*If you would like a **hard copy of the Directory, please include \$5.00** with your dues.

*If you would like a **hard copy of the Directory mailed to you, please include \$7.00** with your membership dues.

- I receive an annuity from a teacher retirement system (Circle one) YES NO
- I am renewing my TRTA/local membership _____
- I am a new member _____

TRTA membership year: July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026. Membership dues are not tax deductible.

What is the TRTA Diamond Plus Program? To learn more about the program visit www.trtadiamondplus.org

TRTA offers FOUR easy ways to join! Please check one.

- ☐ Option A - Annual TRTA dues \$35.00 + \$20.00 Local dues (Total of \$55.00)
1.) Complete the enrollment form above. 2.) Give your local Membership Chair your form plus a check for \$55.00 to cover both TRTA and local chapter dues.
- ☐ Option A2 – Annual TRTA dues, local dues and a **hard copy of the directory. (\$60.00)**
1.) Complete the enrollment form above. 2.) Give your local Membership Chair your form plus a check for \$60.00 to cover TRTA, local dues and a hard copy of the directory.
- ☐ Option A3 – Annual TRTA dues, local dues and a **hard copy of the directory mailed to you. (\$62.00)**
2.) Complete the enrollment form above. 2.) Give your local Membership Chair your form plus a check for \$62.00 to cover TRTA, local dues and a hard copy of the directory.
- ☐ Option B- Monthly payroll deduction \$2.92 (Diamond Plus Program)
You must receive a TRS annuity to enroll. The TRS System of Texas will withhold \$2.92 for TRTA membership dues from your monthly TRS annuity check. 1.) Complete the TRS Form 593 along with the enrollment form above. TRS 593 is available for download at www.trta.org/TRS593 2.) Give your local Membership Chair your completed forms plus a check for **\$20.00 to cover local chapter dues, or \$25 for dues and a hard copy directory.**

Anyone can join TRTA! You do not have to be a retired educator.

____ Yes, I would like to make a monetary donation to the book project. \$ _____

____ Yes, I would like to make a donation to help fund FARSP programming and other projects. \$ _____

____ Yes, I would like to donate money to the TRTA Foundation (TRTF). \$ _____

Mail completed forms and checks made out to FARSP to:

Check #: _____

Date: _____

*** Vickie Ryan**

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