

OCTOBER, 2025

THE VOICE OF THE
FRISCO AREA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...you were ever given a bath in a galvanized steel tub in the backyard.

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...you played outside until your Daddy whistled for you to come home.

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...you drank out of the outside water hose.

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF... you helped your grandmother shell peas OR snap beans.

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...you helped your brother with his paper route at 4 in the morning

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...you dressed like your sister on Easter.

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...you ate dinner as a family at a real dinner table.

RAISE YOUR HAND, IF...you ever got a spanking with a hairbrush or something besides a hand.

IF YOU WERE ABLE TO RAISE YOUR HAND EVEN ONCE, YOU WERE PART OF A FAMILY! THE FEELINGS OF BELONGING AND BEING LOVED COMPARE WITH NO OTHER FEELINGS ON EARTH. FARSP IS THAT KIND OF FAMILY. NO, THEY AREN'T GOING TO BATHE YOU IN A WASHTUB, BUT THEY ARE GOING TO HELP YOU THROUGH SICKNESS, SADNESS, AND ANYTHING THAT MIGHT COME YOUR WAY. THEY'RE GOING TO SHARE IN YOUR HAPPY TIMES AND LAUGH WITH YOU IN YOUR SILLY TIMES.

SO, WELCOME TO THE FARSP FAMILY! WE HOPE YOU'LL FIND IT TO BE A PLACE YOU CAN FEEL SAFE, BE HONEST, AND EXPRESS YOURSELF OPENLY. ENJOY THE YEAR AHEAD!!



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1 DOUG ZAMBIASI

2 JOSH OWUSU

2 SUSAN BURKETT

3 BILL YOUNGBLOOD

8 JON YOUNGBLOOD

12 RHONDA JACKSON

25 DAVID KUYKENDALL

27 TRICIA PHILLIPS

28 PHYLLIS HOWARD

31 JANET GRIBNITZ



KAROL'S KOMMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

CHERI SAPP
 JOE JAYNES
 WENDY STEWART
 SHARON SWANSON
 WANDA WILKINS
 LINDA WILLIAMS
 CHARLENE WILLINGHAM
 BILL YOUNGBLOOD
 SANDI YOUNGBLOOD
 KATHERINE GROGAN
 JANET GRIBNITZ
 KELLY BRABEC
 RON BRABEC
 WELDON SWANN
 BRENDA BLEDSOE



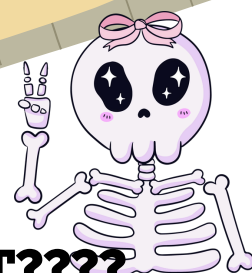
Rogers Elementary—the oldest elementary school in Frisco—will be the recipient of our book project this year! Our goal is to put a book in the hands of every student there—from kindergartners to fifth graders. So, if you have any books to donate for this age group, please bring to our meetings this Fall.

Also, don't forget about our Lending Library! It is open at each meeting! Borrow or bring some books to share!

-Rhonda Jackson

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- OCT. 7 (TUES.) FARSP MEETING
HUGS CAFE & GREENHOUSE
- WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!
-PRIZES FOR MOST CREATIVE, SCARIEST,
AND FUNNIEST
- OCTOBER 20 - FARSP WINE GLASS
PAINTING EVENT AT TOTAL WINE
- OCTOBER 27TH - TRTA/DISTRICT 10 FALL
CONFERENCE-FISD ATHLETIC OFFICES
- NOV. 3 - (MONDAY) FARSP MEETING
PROGRAM UNT ADULT EDUCATION
WEAR YOUR COLLEGE SHIRT!!



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!





Care Crew

This year we have started a new outreach called the "Care Crew". Our committee will be reaching out to members who may be unable to attend our meetings due to certain circumstances or are going through a difficult time.

To nominate someone, please complete the survey online.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P66HHZP>

Contact Paige Almond with any questions.

469-964-2206

paige.almond@sbcglobal.net



**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's in a meme?



It's October and we're all ready for Fall family pictures.



When the clock strikes October 1



Let's talk money!

Thank you all for doing such a great job in getting your dues paid! I'll be set up at the meeting just in case you need to join at our October meeting.

If you'd like to contribute to our programs, TRTF, or our book project, please stop by the Treasurer's Table. We accept cash or checks for these contributions.

See ya soon!
Deb Thompson



DYING

LAUGHING

Who did Frankenstein go trick or treating with? His ghoul friend

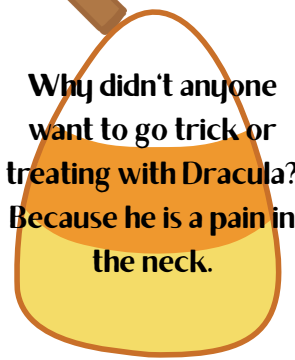
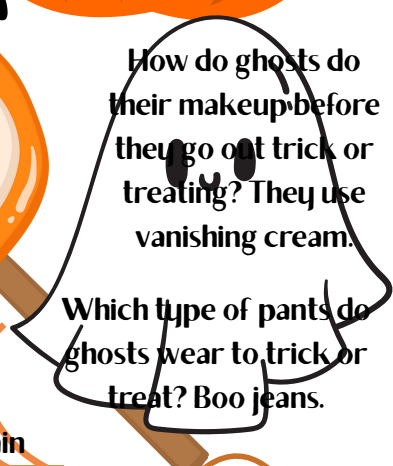
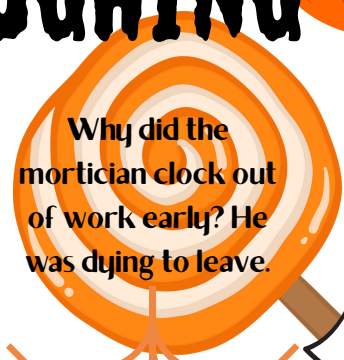
How do ghosts do their makeup before they go out trick or treating? They use vanishing cream.

Which type of pants do ghosts wear to trick or treat? Boo jeans.

Why didn't anyone want to go trick or treating with Dracula? Because he is a pain in the neck.

Why did the mortician clock out of work early? He was dying to leave.

How did the skeleton know it was going to rain on Halloween? He felt it in his bones.



Whooooooo are you?



It's time to pull out that classic costume! Get in the spirit of Halloween and wear your costume to the October FARSP meeting!

Prizes will be awarded to:

-MOST CREATIVE

-SCARIEST

-FUNNIEST



Halloween Word Search



Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

S	P	I	D	E	R	T	I	C	E	D	C
H	X	L	P	N	I	G	H	O	S	T	L
S	P	I	F	E	T	I	G	S	O	R	T
H	A	U	N	T	E	D	O	T	C	I	C
A	M	E	M	G	F	C	F	U	R	C	U
S	S	J	U	P	T	U	L	M	P	K	S
C	T	B	G	U	K	W	I	E	F	R	X
A	A	A	B	O	R	I	D	K	C	T	U
R	R	T	R	E	A	T	N	U	A	E	M
Y	A	R	M	L	E	C	O	T	N	I	I
D	F	C	O	N	F	H	S	E	D	E	N
G	S	P	O	O	K	Y	D	O	Y	E	T

BAT

SPIDER

SCARY

WITCH

COSTUME

CANDY

HAUNTED

SPOOKY

GHOST

TREAT

PUMPKIN

TRICK



October 12 is Moment of Frustration Day, encouraging you to let out a scream.

October 2nd is International Coffee Day. October 8th is National Kick Butt Day. October 15th is National Grouch Day. And October 29th is National Cat Day.

DID YOU KNOW...

The pumpkin, a famous October symbol, was once believed to cure snake bites.

The first electronic television was invented in October. On October 2, 1925, history witnessed a watershed moment when Scottish inventor John Logie Baird successfully displayed the first electrical television.

The October pumpkin industry sells \$708 million pumpkins each year. Carving jack-o-lanterns is definitely one of our favorite October traditions!

LET THE GHOUL TIMES ROLL







THINGS TO DO IN FRISCO IN OCTOBER!



2. Halloween Par-Tee at PGA Frisco

By PGA Frisco

Early bird special: Use code "SPOOKY" for 10% off!

Get in the spooky spirit with this family-friendly
Halloween celebration at PGA Frisco!

Date and time

Saturday, October 25 · 6 - 9pm CDT

Location

3255 PGA Pkwy

3255 PGA Parkway Frisco, TX 75033

6:00 PM Check-In Begins

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Halloween Par-Tee

8:45 PM - 9:00 PM Drone Show

1. DFW Fall Festival

Sat, 18 Oct, 2025 at 10:00 am to 02:00 pm (CDT)

Frisco Fresh Market

9215 John W. Elliott Dr, Frisco, TX 75033, United States

DFW Fall Fest — A Free Family Event You Don't Want
to Miss!

Join us for DFW Fall Fest — happening this October at
Frisco Fresh Market — for a day packed with laughter
memories and everything you love about autumn.

What to Expect:

Watch your kids light up as they meet their favorite
characters

Enjoy live kid-friendly entertainment that's full of
giggles

Get hands-on at our DIY craft stations

Explore dozens of local family-focused vendors

Indulge in fall treats and seasonal goodies

Soak up the festive vibes with photo ops music and
more!

This is a FREE event designed just for families like
yours — and we've made it easy:

Free Admission

Free Parking

Open to Everyone

Fun for All Ages



Friends of FARSP

Do you know someone who
would like to be a part of
FARSP, but wasn't in
education? **Introducing
FRIENDS OF FARSP!** This is a
new kind of membership in
which one can join FARSP as a
sponsor and not join TRTA.
They pay only \$20 to be a
sponsor and enjoy the
fellowship! They cannot be
receiving an annuity from TRS
or hold an office. Interested?
See Karol for more info!

Not Back-to-School!!!







Benefits available from AMBA [American Member Benefits Advisors] for members of TRTA [Texas Retired Teachers Association]:

- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Medicare Supplement
- Cancer / Heart / Stroke
- Accident Insurance
- Long Term Care
- Term Life Insurance
- Whole Life Insurance
- Medical Transportation
- Short Term Care
- Hospital Indemnity
- Hearing Insurance
- ID / Fraud Protection
- Legal Services
- Discounts- save money on computers, electronics, household items, entertainment, dining, travel, hotels, rental cars, flowers, and more

Need an agent's help with these available benefits?
Call AMBA at 1-888-698-0972 [Mon-Fri 8am-6pm CST]

Did you know... AMBA has been around for decades and currently serves over 400 associations?

-Diane Steward

FILL A BUS!



Putting the FUN back in FUNdraising

The buses were a big hit! At our October 7th meeting, we will again 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 variety of teacher goodies, put them in a bus box, tag the bus with the recipient's name and campus, and we'll deliver them! Don't forget to bring cash or check to pay for each bus!

-Robin Heisig

**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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