

**2018 – 2019**

**Carolyn & Vernon Madden Elementary**

**PTO Welcome  
Packet**



# Carolyn & Vernon Madden Elementary **Parent Teacher Organization**

Dear Husky Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Madden Elementary School! We would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a special welcome to our new families.

The Madden Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) maintains a forum whereby parents, teachers, and community members work together to enrich the children's minds, hearts, and character. We are committed to funding activities and programs that enhance the students' education and welfare, as well as, supporting the teachers, administration, and staff throughout the year.

By joining the PTO, you demonstrate your commitment to upholding and advancing excellent standards at Madden Elementary. Join today

## **PTO Programs & Fundraising:**

The PTO supports Madden in a variety of ways, including:

- funding the fieldtrips
- organizing the holiday party
- contributing to the 5th grade party and graduation
- equipping the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade safety patrol with new safety vests
- maintaining a website, which helps keep parents informed
- facilitating programs such as Junior Achievers, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts
- offering mini grants to purchase school supplies for each grade
- funding various campus upgrades and renovations such as the playground shade structure, learning garden, etc.

**INSPIRE... EQUIP... IMAGINE...**



**Become a Volunteer... Why you should get involved!**

You would be surprised how much of a difference your involvement will make!

- 1) Benefits your child!  
Children are more likely to earn better grades, have healthier social skills, positive attitudes, and lesser disciplinary issues when they have one or both parents connected to the school. (Dads matter just as much as Moms!)
- 2) Great School Ratings  
A higher involvement of parents brings about a positive environment in the school and increases the morale of the teachers. Happy teachers=confident students.
- 3) There is lots to be done  
With increasing budget cuts, the schools are asked to do more with very little. This is where we step in and fill in wherever needed. We match you to your interests and skills so you do not ever get bored. And we all help each other.
- 4) Have your voice heard  
Your child will be attending the same school for quite a few years. You will have an opinion and the best way to have it heard is to be involved.
- 5) We are FUN!  
PTO works hard and plays harder! WE are all about building a sense of community and having forever friendships. You will find people here who share your concerns and have had similar experiences.
- 6) Volunteering is rewarding  
Just imagine the smile on a child's face when we help make each day fun and fulfilling for them.

Sincerely,

Your 2018-19 PTO Executive Board,



Ira Domnitz – President

Jamie Kastens – Treasurer

Avion Sylvester – Vice President

Katherine O'Briant – Secretary



## Madden Elementary PTO Committees

Welcome to Madden Elementary! The PTO could use fabulous parents like you to volunteer for our various committees to ensure a smooth and fun year for all our Husky students. We have structured our committees so that you know what you are signing up for and we will be instilling several communication channels so that everyone is well informed and knows what is happening. We cannot make it happen without YOU!

### Our Executive Board:

President:	Ira Domnitz <a href="mailto:president.maddenpto@gmail.com">president.maddenpto@gmail.com</a>
Vice President:	Avion Sylvester <a href="mailto:vicepresident.maddenpto@gmail.com">vicepresident.maddenpto@gmail.com</a>
Secretary:	Katherine O'Briant <a href="mailto:secretary.maddenpto@gmail.com">secretary.maddenpto@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer:	Jamie Kastens <a href="mailto:madden.treasurer@gmail.com">madden.treasurer@gmail.com</a>



### Committee Chairs:

Membership Chair:	Lauren Allaire
VIPS Coordinator:	Sharon Sassen <a href="mailto:Madden.Volunteers@gmail.com">Madden.Volunteers@gmail.com</a>
Parliamentarian:	Ritu Balla
Box Tops:	Gloria Olabisi
Media Coordinator:	Karina Magalong
Fundraising:	Laura Lyle <a href="mailto:Maddenfundraising@gmail.com">Maddenfundraising@gmail.com</a>
Spirit Merchandise:	Pinda Romain
Teacher Appreciation:	Deepa Seetepalli
Room Parent Coordinator K-2:	Umamah Siddiqui <a href="mailto:maddenrpc@gmail.com">maddenrpc@gmail.com</a>
Room Parent Coordinator 3-5:	Anastasia Anderson <a href="mailto:maddenrpc@gmail.com">maddenrpc@gmail.com</a>
Learning Garden Chair:	TBA



## **Communication:**

We believe that communication is the key to our success! You can contact the PTO via email at [maddenelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:maddenelementarypto@gmail.com)



**Visit  
Our  
Website**

Our media coordinator, Karina Magalong, is always keeping our wonderful website <https://maddenpto.org/> up to date with the latest information.

We are on Facebook as “Madden Elementary PTO”.

**facebook**



The Madden PTO holds monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the school's library. Any member of the PTO can attend a meeting to express concerns, bring up new ideas and suggestions, or sit-in to hear about upcoming events.

We would love to see you there! For those who can't make it, all approved meeting minutes will be posted on our webpage: <https://maddenpto.org/meeting-minutes>

## **VIPS:**

We have many volunteer needs and opportunities throughout the year at Madden. Any amount of time you can give to the school makes a huge difference for our kids!

Our awesome VIPS Coordinator, Sharon Sassen, will create sign ups through the year for all of the various volunteer opportunities. She is also the keeper of volunteer hours. When you come to the school to volunteer, you will sign in and out. However if you are doing volunteer work off campus, please keep track of your hours and report them back to Sharon @ [Madden.Volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:Madden.Volunteers@gmail.com)

Remember, in order to become a FBISD volunteer (either on campus, for field trips or for other school sponsored events) that you **MUST** have a current Criminal Background Check on file. Background checks are only good from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, so you have to submit a new one each year. It is super easy and only takes 5-10 minutes.

- Go to <https://www.fortbendis.com/Page/830>
- Click on Volunteer Criminal History Application
- Follow the directions on the website – be sure to select Madden Elementary as your campus
- Be sure to **Submit** when you are done
- Please note that **Active** does not mean **Approved**.

## **Room Parent Coordinators:**

Our wonderful room parent coordinators, Umamah Siddiqui (K-2) and Anastasia Anderson (3-5) will coordinate with all the individual room parents and teachers regarding class parties and/or other important events. You can reach both our room parent coordinators at [maddenrpc@gmail.com](mailto:maddenrpc@gmail.com)

## **Teacher Appreciation:**

Our extremely dedicated Teacher Appreciation coordinator, Deepa Seetepalli, is already hard at work planning some special ways to show all our Husky teachers just how much we love them. At Madden Elementary we love to celebrate our teachers all year long and there are many ways for you to get involved.

## **Box Tops:**

Don't forget to keep clipping Box Tops! The fabulous, Gloria Olabisi will be coordinating our box tops collection this year. It's an easy way for you to help Madden Elementary's PTO earn cash! Last school year, we earned nearly \$250, and we are looking to double our goal for the incoming 2018 school year! Each box top is worth 10 cents, and they do add up!



**CLIPPING IS EASY! Find Box Tops on hundreds of products you know and love**  
**RECORTA BOX TOPS ¡Y RECAUDA DINERO PARA TU ESCUELA!**

## **Spirit Nights:**

Fundraising coordinator, Laura Lyle, has been working tirelessly over the summer to schedule lots of spirit nights for the upcoming school year. You will want to mark these dates on your calendar! We will update you on the school and PTO website once we have additional dates and locations confirmed.



### **SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – SUGARLAND SKEETERS**

Madden Elementary PTO is super excited to announce our first spirit night with the Skeeters @ Constellation Field!! Come out and enjoy a wonderful concert and baseball game with the whole family. We promise it will be a night to remember. The concert starts at 5:00pm and the game begins @ 6:05pm. Don't forget about the post-game fireworks!

Tickets are \$12 when purchased from the PTO

## SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> – IL PRIMO PIZZA

Madden Elementary has a long-standing relationship with Il Primo, and the pizzeria has agreed to have recurring Spirit Nights for our PTO!



KENDRA SCOTT

## SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – KENDRA SCOTT

If you're looking to treat yourself, or someone else to something special, Kendra Scott is participating in a Spirit Night for Husky Territory! Say you are there for Madden Elementary and the retailer will donate 20% of your overall purchase to the PTO!

\* Teachers also get a 15% additional discount!

## Spirit Wear:



Spirit wear coordinator, Pinda Romain, has been hard at work over the summer designing new spirit wear for Husky Territory. You will be able to purchase your spirit wear during various school events throughout the year. Be sure to check out our website <https://maddenpto.org/> for the most up to date information!

## Other ways to support the Madden Elementary PTO:

**Support  
Madden Elementary  
PTO.**

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

**amazonsmile**

**Kroger Community Rewards**

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Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy..all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

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Want to enroll in Community Rewards?

[View Details](#)

**It's easy!**

1. Log into your Kroger account that is linked to your Plus card
2. Go to "Savings and Rewards"
3. Click on: "Kroger Community Rewards"
4. Search for "Madden Elementary PTO"
5. Click "Enroll"

## Become a **Volunteer In Public Schools** at Madden Elementary It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Complete an on-line Criminal History Check (see steps below)
2. Fill out the volunteer interest form below or online
3. Sign up for volunteer opportunities

To enhance security and your privacy, the District uses - WinOcular. Each volunteer is asked to register online annually - beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### 1. Complete the on-line Criminal History Application.

- a. Go to: <http://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/830>
- b. Click on **Volunteer Criminal History Application**.
- c. Follow the directions on the website, and be sure to **Submit** when you are done.

*Notes:* Only select Madden Elementary and we will contact you. Do not select all campuses. Once your background check is cleared, you will receive an e-mail from the district stating that you are cleared to volunteer.

### 2. Fill out the volunteer interest form below or online (after your criminal history application is complete).

- a. Complete the below form or the online form (sent via email by the campus VIPS Coordinator), to choose where you would like to help.
- b. You will receive emails that will indicate volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

### 3. Sign up for volunteer opportunities.

- a. Your campus VIPS Coordinator (Jackie Townsend) will send emails according to your interests to request your help.
- b. The frequency of emails will vary depending on campus needs.



Complete the following information and return this portion in your child's folder\*. **PLEASE PRINT.**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

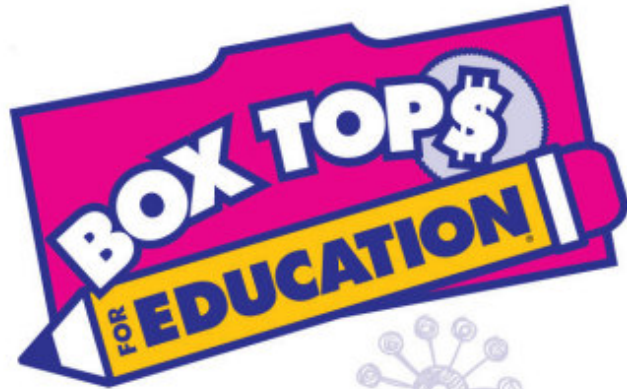
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Which areas can you volunteer in?

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration** - Help plan logistics and event details, and/or volunteer during the celebration
- Box Tops Committee** - Count/prepare Box Tops for submission and assist with rewards for Box Top class winners
- Dad's Club** – Assist with Dad's club planning activities
- Fundraising Committee** - Assist in fundraising, developing ideas and campaigns to fundraise, and collecting donations (i.e. Boosterthon, etc.)
- Lunch Bunch** - Help K-1<sup>st</sup> grade students during lunch (i.e. open food packets, putting straws in drinks, etc.)
- Outclass Helpers** - Assist Library, Music, Art and/or PE teachers
- Room Parents & Helpers** - Coordinate class parties and assist teacher when needed (2 per class). Sign-up sheets will be available in classrooms at "Meet the Teacher" in August
- Teacher Appreciation Committee** - Organize treats, lunches or other events for teachers throughout the year
- VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools)** – Volunteer at Madden Elementary on *Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9a – 12p* to help students and the school overall (i.e. laminating, die-cutting, assembling projects, general helper, etc.)

\*Return this form to the VIPS Coordinator





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# COLLECTION SHEET

HOJA DE RECOPIACIÓN

**HEY MOM!**  
Turn in completed sheets to the Box Tops coordinator at your child's school.

Mamá, entrega las hojas completadas al coordinador de Box Tops en la escuela de tu hijo.

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Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet – please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).

¡Gracias por tu ayuda! Cada cuadrado de Box Tops vale 10¢. Bonus certificados no deben acompañar a esta hoja - por favor entregar por separado. Para aprender más de Box Tops for Education, visita [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).



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**HUSKIES**