It's Time to "Fall" in Love with Pre-G



Are you over your back-to-school blues yet? Are you ready to bust out the fall clothes, eat chili and drink hot drinks (goodbye iced coffee!)??? We are ready too so come hang out with your Pre-G fam, the coolest parents in town! We love connecting our members and their families but none of this would be possible without the support and creative skills of our amazing Pre-G board. That said, we have some exciting Pre-G Board openings and would love to have some new connections join the board! Two positions are currently open and would roll into 2020 - VP of Fundraising and President-Elect. Please give these positions consideration, Pre-G is only as strong as our board and members and we need to continue improving and involving more of our community.

And of course, we always love when someone is interested in chipping in for events – want to help plan a get together, coach soccer, help with school tours, pitch in for Geneva Nights? We love new faces, new ideas, new volunteers. Let's grab a coffee and discuss!

And, shout out to our **FIRST Geneva Nights 2020 sponsors**, BCM & Associates, Blow Salon and Dustin Marshall!!! Read below for more details about our upcoming Geneva Nights in Feb. 2020. **PS**, we are looking for more sponsors and silent auction items so if you know of a business (or family) looking to give back, send them our way!

3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament was Corn-tastic!



The corn-petition was fierce this year! Not only did we raise more than \$2K () for after school programming at Geneva Heights, but we also collected an amazing haul of diapers for Dallas Children's Advocacy Center! And we had four teams go home with prizes for 1st place (Dumb & Dumber) & 2nd place (The Courne Supremacy - our "wild card" team who came back to place!), Best Team Name (Filthy Mouthed Wives) and a diaper raffle (they won a bottle of Patron - diapers and tequila. An excellent combo!!!) All in a days work!!! Shout out to CrossFit White Rock for stepping up and hosting our event as well as our other generous donors including Uprise Chiropractic, Greenville Ave. Pizza Co.,The Woods and Rossi families. And, if you missed this year's cornhole, you also missed "first dibs" on some new babysitting contacts because the J.L. Long cheerleaders were there helping with the kiddos...some of our enterprising parents took this opportunity to add some new babysitters to their rolodex! And big shout out to all of players and supporters. It was a tastic event. See y'all next year!!! #toss4tots











Upcoming Events **event locations/times outlined on Pre-G member website

Oct. 17th @ 8 PM - Mom's Night Out @ Truckyard - Put the kids to bed and join us!

Oct. 24th @ 5 PM - Woodrow Parade Watch Party - Location/details coming soon!

Nov. 9th @ 9:30 AM - FIRST EVER All-Ages Pre-G Playgroup - We are planning on having some quarterly all-playgroup meet ups! Come kick off the first one in Nov. Stay tuned for an invitation. Location details will be on our website for our members.



Nov. 16th - Fall Date Night - Stay tuned for date/time. For now, just know we're planning a "date night" for our Pre-G members who want a night out, sans kiddos. Cheers!

Dec. 8th - Cookie Decorating - Calling all cookie monsters...our annual family cookie decorating event at Tietze Park will be here before you know it. We know, we know, it's not even Halloween yet and we're already talking about holiday parties but we're like all the big-box retailers - we're trying to capture your attention (but NOT your wallets!) now so you'll be on the lookout for more details as you fill your busy holiday schedule. Sign into our website to RSVP as well as the time and location.

Geneva Nights 2020 - Save the date for Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 for our 2nd annual Geneva Nights par-tay!!!



Speaking of Geneva Nights...



<u>Ticket sales are live!</u> We are gearing up for Geneva Nights 2020 and it's going to be an icetastic type of party - an Après Ski party to be exact. Get ready to channel your inner ski bunnies and turn the Granada Theater into a Alpine wonderland for an evening of après ski. All of this winter wonderland fun is to support raising funds for Pre-Geneva and Geneva Heights Elementary. This year we are supporting after-school enrichment programming including a Makers Space and the Peace Pantry.

We have various sponsorship opportunities and are also collecting silent auction items so if anyone has a great donation idea, please contact us!

This party sold out with 200 attending last year, raising more than \$25,000! We expect it to be bigger and better this year so grab your ski gear, buy your Geneva Nights tickets and skate into 2020 like...

Upcoming Geneva Heights School Tours, Activities & News

Oct. 15th, 6 PM - Geneva Heights School Tour. This is an evening tour which makes it great for many working families. Please join us!

**There will also be daytime school tours in Nov. and Dec. - dates/times coming soon

Oct. 25th, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, PTA Trunk or Treat, Geneva Heights Parking Lot - This is a FREE event with kids walking from trunk to trunk to look at decorations, participate in activities and receive treats. A Trunk-or-Treat is a safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween. Cars that belong to families of Geneva Heights students (and future students) who have volunteered to participate will be adorned with Halloween-themed decorations. We ask that each child bring in a donation for the Woodrow Wilson Peace Pantry.

Recurring Pre-G Events

Moms Night Out - monthly; check our Facebook page and website for MNO updates



Dads Night Out - monthly (ok, we'll be honest, we're not good about a consistent schedule but the dads do rally occasionally for a beer. That said, if you are a dad who wants to volunteer to coordinate DNO each month, let us know. Basically pick a bar, send out a Facebook invite and the wives do the rest, aka tell their husbands to go!)

All-Member Play Dates - dates vary by playgroup. If you are a paying member, a playgroup coordinator will reach out to you...just one more reason to join Pre-G!

NEW: Book Club - Calling all book worms! Come have some wine and apps as we dive into our 3rd book! Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 5th. If you're interested in joining book club, email Erica White at easwhite@gmail.com.

Playgroups

Our playgroups were kickin' it this fall. Check out these cool baby Cougars. They are already showing us up by giving back at such a young age - one of their playgroups which was at Juliette Fowler nursing home! So sweet to see two very different generations come together and play! Speaking of playgroups - have you met your awesome, volunteer, energetic playgroup leaders? When we started Pre-G, playgroups were one of the biggest requests and we still think they are important to help families regularly meet up and get to know each other so if you haven't attended a playgroup yet, squeeze one in before year end. And, if you haven't heard from your playgroup leader lately, email us

at Pregenevaassociation@gmail.com.





Pre-G in the Community

Pre-G kicked off the school year with Popsicles on the Porch. It was our most-attended Popsicles on the Porch event to date as we welcomed the new Geneva Heights Principal, Mr. Ruiz, and of course the incoming 2019 kiddos. Even though the weather was scorching, that didn't keep us away...although we did have a few melt downs from both kids and popsicles!









Back-to-school routines weren't just for our kiddos...our dads and moms got back into the routine of our regularly scheduled Moms and Dads Night Outs. The dads might have won "this round" with 20+ dads in attendance but our moms still showed up in force! We just love to see our Pre-G families connecting, and of course, we love our dads working on their #dadbods!



And, we were excited to ring in the new school year with some more moolah that we're donating back to Geneva Heights as a result of the \$25,000 we raised at the inaugural Geneva Nights event this year. We just donated \$1,700 to fund the brand new after-school arts program, Junior Players! Thank you to all of our sponsors and donors to date who have helped us fund programs like this to bring more arts and culture initiatives to the school.



Finally, we had a blast participating at the Annual National Night Out at Tietze Park and Vickery Place. We met lots of new faces and hope that we'll have some new Pre-G families to add to our crew!







PS, do you want to give back to Pre-G without lifting a finger? Do you regularly shop on Amazon (we know you do!)? Be sure to use our <u>AmazonSmile unique charity link</u> when you're shopping on Amazon. In case you're unfamiliar with the program, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charities selected by customers. Sign up today. The easiest way to do it is by <u>clicking this link</u>. Do it, we know you want to!

Member & Volunteer News

150+ families have officially joined Pre-Geneva Association! If you have not registered, please visit the <u>Pre-Geneva Association website</u> to learn about the benefits of membership and register online today. Membership for new and returning members is available at the bargain price of \$25. All memberships renew every calendar year.

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