

Good Times, Tan Lines...Pre-G in the Summertime!!!

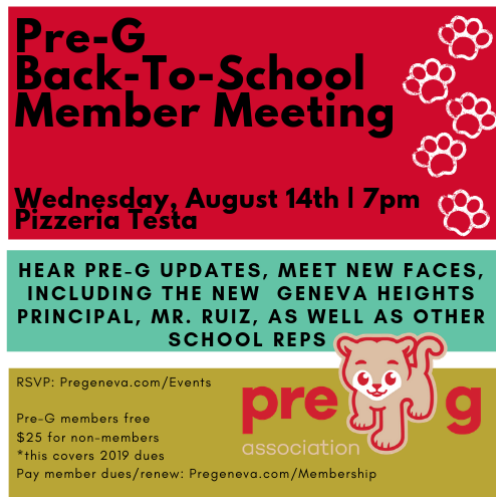


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Hard to believe we're already half way through summer. Did we really just say that?!? But, that means we're that much closer to ramping up more Pre-G activities starting with one of our fave annual events, Popsicles on the Porch! And, we know many of you are wondering what happened with the Long Range Plan for our school feeder pattern. So, here's the scoop. The future plans for Geneva Heights include a rebuilding of the school to be included in the 2020 DISD Bond Proposal. This rebuilding would be for a state-of-the-art Pre-K-5th grade school as Geneva Heights currently serves the community. There was a Woodrow Feeder Long Range Facilities Plan committee comprised of various schools' reps that met this spring and they recommended that Geneva Heights remain a PK-5 school in the future. This recommendation was given to our board member, Dustin Marshall. That's all we've got for now but we'll keep you posted as more news develops. Now, on with the Pre-G deets...

Upcoming Events

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



**Pre-G
Back-To-School
Member Meeting**

Wednesday, August 14th | 7pm
Pizzeria Testa

HEAR PRE-G UPDATES, MEET NEW FACES,
INCLUDING THE NEW GENEVA HEIGHTS
PRINCIPAL, MR. RUIZ, AS WELL AS OTHER
SCHOOL REPS

RSVP: Pregeneva.com/Events

Pre-G members free
\$25 for non-members
*this covers 2019 dues
Pay member dues/renew: Pregeneva.com/Membership

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SATURDAY
AUGUST 17TH
10:30 - 11:30 AM

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popsicles
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Geneva Heights
Elementary
"Front Porch"

All Pre-K and incoming Kinder
Families are invited!

3rd Annual Tossing for Tots - Save the date for Oct. for our infamous cornhole tournament. Stay tuned for details and the official date.

Parent Education Night with The Family Place - date TBD, but tentatively set for September

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!

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



Upcoming Geneva Heights School Tours, Activities & News

Sept. - Geneva Heights First School Tour of the year. Stay tuned for the date/time

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

Meet our new Geneva Heights principal, Mr. Ruiz!!!

He joined Dallas ISD in 2008 after working in technology sales and marketing for six years. During his 11 years in education, he has translated the engagement strategies and customer service skills from his time in Corporate America into the classroom.

In his nine years as a Dual-Language Teacher, Mr. Ruiz has had the privilege of working with widely diverse populations of students and staff. At Hotchkiss Elementary, he served students from 17 different countries. At William B. Travis Vanguard, Mr. Ruiz learned to personalize his instructional practices to meet the unique needs of Gifted and Talented students. In 2016, he was honored to be named one of Dallas ISD's District Teachers of the Year. The following year he received the Jose Marti National Teacher of the Year Scholarship at the National Association of Bilingual Education Conference.

Mr. Ruiz joined the Woodrow Wilson Wildcat Family in 2017, where he quickly planned and implemented the secondary Dual-Language program. By creating meaningful teacher collaboration, and using student-driven, data informed interventions, he has led the Math and Science department to gain in student achievement and academic growth. Math experienced increases across the board in students approaching, meeting and mastering grade-level on the Algebra EOC Examination, and Woodrow went from being ranked 7th to 1st among

comprehensive high schools in Dallas ISD on their overall performance on the Biology EOC. Despite these successes, Mr. Ruiz affirms that he does not consider awards or test scores to be the crowning achievements of his teaching career, but rather the meaningful relationships he has formed with students, parents and staff.



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! We just finished our first book and we're already on to our 2nd book. Our next meeting is this Monday, July 22nd. if you're interested in joining book club, email Erica White at easwhite@gmail.com.

Pre-G in the Community

The spring and summer were packed with get togethers and some our favorite Pre-G traditions like the Easter Egg Hunt and Dads and Donuts at Fire Station 17. Both events had our best turn outs yet. Don't believe us? Check out these pics.





Not to be outdone by the dads with our activities, our moms were also kicking butt (literally) and taking names at our member events with our self-defense training session at Chamberlain's. We also hosted a member learning event [Dallas Children's Advocacy Center](#) to talk about child safety. Our moms came away armed with talking points about how to talk to our kids about their safety. We also now have a list questions ready to ask caregivers, extra curricular groups and our schools to ensure they are adhering to best practices when it comes to training for their staff.



And, our Pre-G fams participated in a few events these past few months including our babysitting mixer as well as a family night out play date at Hatcreek Burgers.



And, we're a group that gives back! We've already started donating money back to Geneva Heights Elementary and the community thanks to the \$25,000 we raised at the inaugural Geneva Nights event this year. Here are just a few things we're doing...

We funded Geneva Heights' Pre-K field trips to Texas Discovery Gardens. Look at these adorable kids, who went on a field trip for the FIRST time. They had a blast and learned a lot!



We funded scholarships for a new after school STEM program at Geneva Heights called NuMinds. The kids assembled catapults and experimented with different spring mechanisms (springs and rubber bands) to see the relationship between the spring force and the distance the catapults can hurl objects. Everyone was hands-on with the project. You can watch a [fun video of the activity in action!](#) Looks like we have some future engineers at GH!



Our generous Pre-G members also collected diapers and baby toiletries for [Dallas Children's Advocacy Center](#). It was a big success and their Director of Development Becky sends a big thank you to Pre-G! She said these diapers and supplies flew off the shelves.

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 [AmazonSmile unique charity link](#) 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 [clicking this link](#). Do it, we know you want to!

Member & Volunteer News

100+ families have officially joined Pre-Geneva Association! If you have not registered, please visit the [Pre-Geneva Association website](#) 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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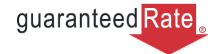
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