

MDE PTA

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2019 Fundraising Auction

**February 9, 2019
Redneck Country Club**

2019 Auction Chairs

**Michelle Hatfield
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Dear Memorial Drive Elementary Supporters,

We are dusting off our boots for our annual Memorial Drive Elementary School Auction! The auction will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at The Redneck Country Club. This annual event is Memorial Drive Elementary's largest fundraiser, attended by over 300 parents, teachers, and administrators who are committed to enriching the educational experience of each student at our school.

Memorial Drive Elementary PTA is requesting support from businesses in and around our neighborhood and community to join with us in raising funds to cover the shortfall created by state budget cuts.

Our school is a public elementary school located in the Spring Branch Independent School District in Houston, Texas. There are approximately 450 students attending the school, which serves Pre-K through 5th grade. Due to the budget cuts that have occurred in recent years, the Memorial Drive Elementary PTA has increased fundraising efforts to bridge the gap created by the decrease in educational funding. The annual auction is the PTA's largest fundraising effort, and aims to raise over \$200,000 each year to support a variety of educational programs, including supplementing teacher salaries and investing in classroom technology. And through this funding, additional programs such as Drug Awareness Week, Cultural Arts, Odyssey of the Mind, Writers in the School, Junior Achievement, Science Lab, Math Olympiad, and the Pony Chronicle are made possible.

We thank you for supporting Memorial Drive Elementary. All supporters of the Fundraising Auction will be advertised in our Auction Catalog and at the auction event on February 9, 2019. Those businesses sponsoring the event will be recognized in the Auction Catalog, the on-line website, on the auction banner, and during the auction event. It is our intent to generate high visibility for our community donors.

Sincerely,
Memorial Drive Elementary PTA Auction Co-Chairs

Michelle Hatfield
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