

* Save the Date!
Kick-Off Meeting
February 16, 2021, 7 p.m.
Zoom link will be sent via Remind

Join Now!



TSBVI Family Lynx



Mission

TSBVI Family Lynx will establish a TSBVI community that connects families and empowers them to work together to support one another and the school. Our goal is to support, listen to, and learn from all parents and guardians.

TSBVI families are eager to learn from and encourage each other during every stage of their journey. Working together we are stronger and better able to support TSBVI families, students, staff, and administrators. *Lynx = Links, Get it? (That's what we're all about!)*

Purpose

- TSBVI Family Lynx is a volunteer organization composed of TSBVI families including those students that attend short term programs, the EXIT program, summer sessions and day students. There are no fees to join.
- We meet regularly during the school year to connect with each other and discuss projects to support of all TSBVI students, staff, and each other.
- We provide a support network for families to share their experiences without judgement.
- TSBVI Family Lynx establishes and maintains a working relationship between families and the TSBVI school community.
- We support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school through volunteer service and involvement.
- TSBVI Family Lynx encourages school cohesion and school spirit.
- Family Lynx does not have a fundraising mission. The group needs financial support from TSBVI Administration.

providing "lynx" to each other and supporting TSBVI

Registration

- **Fill out the Registration Form** - <https://qrco.de/lynxform> (or scan QR Code above)
- **Free** - no membership fees
- **Members-Only** - email announcements and access to the private Family Lynx Facebook page and private Google Drive with Family Lynx Member Directory and more...

easy peasy

* Registration not required to attend meetings, but encouraged to show your support of TSBVI students, families and staff, AND to receive Members-Only access and opportunities to get involved

Spring Meeting Dates



- February 16, 7 p.m.
- March (skip for Spring Break)
- April 13, 7 p.m.
- May 11, 7 p.m.

Initial Projects

- **Wildcat Welcome Wagon** - Greet families taking campus tours. Send welcome letter to new parents and packet for incoming students and summer students. Create signs for each student's dorm door to welcome them on Registration Day
- **Family Lynx Directory** - Available to only Family Lynx members via group's Google Drive
- **Staff a-PAWs** - Celebrate TSBVI staff with tokens of appreciation throughout the school year. "We a-PAWd You" signs can be placed on classroom doors and other common areas
- **Staff Appreciation** - Celebrate teachers and nurses during Teacher/Nurses Appreciation Week, plus other staff members who work with our children on designated dates throughout the year: Residential, Weekends Home, Housekeeping, Cafeteria, Administration, Security, Facilities, etc.
- **Conference Representatives** - Attend conferences as TSBVI representatives and host Q&A sessions about the school and what it is like to have your child attend
- **Lynx Pride Spirit Gear** - Family Lynx and TSBVI spirit gear availability online
- **Sensory Garden** - Design and build a campus Sensory Garden
- **Parent Panel Speakers** - Parents willing to participate in speaking engagements on and off campus

Ready, set, GO!

Future Projects

- **Alumni Homecoming Mixer** - Event held on campus during the White Cane Day celebration to connect current and former students and their families
- **Alumni Lynx** - Create an alumni network for students and families
- **"Where are They Now" Alumni project** – Former students and their parents sharing glimpses of their lives after TSBVI
- **Home Teams** - Create opportunities for families in the same area to get to know each other
- **Helping Paws projects** - Assist staff as a volunteer to help with various projects on campus, remote options may also be available
- **Campus Beautification projects** - Bring cheer to campus grounds and dorms through tactile art, swings, benches, landscaping and holiday decorations

so many possibilities ...

Who

- **Members** - All parents, other family members and guardians of all students (day, residential, exit, short-term, summer) are encouraged to join
- **Project Groups, Chairs, Co-Chairs** – members can select projects to be involved and work on
- **Leaders** - a team of organization Leaders instead of elected board members who will serve a two-year term. Founding leaders are Patty Bushland (mom of Mary Rose), Barbara Knighton (mom of Joshua), Pauline Mann (mom of Ethan), Amy Potts (mom of Rees)
- **Staff Liaisons** - Katherine Houck, Yolanda Shaw and Edgenie Bellah
- **Staff Representatives** - TSBVI staff members representing various areas on campus

+ YOU! register today!



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