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Good morning Parkwood Hill family,

State testing season has officially arrived at Parkwood Hill. Please support our students by maintaining healthy routines over the next three weeks, ensuring they get plenty of sleep every night, and being present and encouraging as they navigate the assessments ahead. ***This week, students will take the state assessment in Reading Language Arts on Tuesday (5th Grade) or Wednesday (6th Grade), and our campus will be closed to visitors on those days.***

On primary testing days, every staff member is engaged in supporting our kids, including our front office staff; therefore, please do not call or visit our campus unless it is an emergency. In addition, we ask that all students remain at school until our standard dismissal time at 3:15 p.m. If you have any immediate questions or concerns related to your plans for the week, please call our office tomorrow, and we'll be happy to help.

We are confident in the ability of our kids, and want each of them to achieve at an impressive level. Please continue to partner with our teachers to ensure your child gives his very best effort, and as always, thank you for loving and supporting our kids. Have a fantastic week ahead!

Giving you my "Charger Best, Never Less,"

Brad Tyler, Principal

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**CURRENT HOUSE POINTS LEADER**



## **Congratulations Akhandata!**

The eagles are soaring! Students in the House of Integrity will pick a reward from the Prize Cart this week!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **April**

**16 – STAAR Testing Date – 5th Grade Reading – Campus Closed to All Visitors**

**17 – STAAR Testing Date – 6th Grade Reading – Campus Closed to All Visitors**

**NEW!** 17 – Board of Trustees Candidate Forum, 7:00 p.m. at KISD Education Center

18 – STAAR Testing Date – Reading Make-up Testing

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19 – Unified Champion Schools Spring Extravaganza at Central HS

19 – Feeder Pattern Night with Charger Baseball, 7:00 p.m. at Central HS ([Details Here](#))

20 – Choir Solo Contest at Hillwood MS

20 – Bell's Music Instrument Drive, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at PHIS Cafeteria

22 – Central Stage Theatre at PHIS Presents 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Plays, 6:30 p.m. at PHIS

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**24 – Primary STAAR Testing Date ~ Campus Closed to Visitors**

**24 – STAAR Testing Date – 5th Grade Science – Campus Closed to All Visitors**

25 – STAAR Testing Date – Science Make-up Testing

26 – STAAR Testing Date – Science Make-up Testing

26 – Family Movie Night Featuring In-N-Out Burger Truck, Sponsored by PHIS PTA, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at PHIS

**30-May 1 – Primary STAAR Testing Dates ~ Campus Closed to Visitors**

**30 – STAAR Testing Date – 5th Grade Math – Campus Closed to All Visitors**

**May 1 – STAAR Testing Date – 6th Grade Math – Campus Closed to All Visitors**

## LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

### Daily

**Order a 2023-2024 Yearbook!** – Our Parkwood Hill PTA is still accepting orders for our 2023-2024 yearbook. Visit <https://www.phispta.org/yearbook> to order today!

**Join PTA!** – Basic Membership is only \$10. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up today!

### Tuesday, April 16

**5th Grade Reading STAAR** – Fifth grade students will take the Reading Language Arts portion of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and remains present until 3:15

p.m. Testing students are encouraged to bring a sack lunch; however, our cafeteria will have sack lunches available for sale. For more details, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### **Wednesday, April 17**

**6th Grade Reading STAAR** – Sixth grade students will take the Reading Language Arts portion of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and remains present until 3:15 p.m. Testing students are encouraged to bring a sack lunch; however, our cafeteria will have sack lunches available for sale. For more details, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Board of Trustees Candidate Forum, 7:00 p.m. at KISD Education Center** – The Keller ISD Council of PTAs will host a KISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum and Meet-and-Greet event this Wednesday at the KISD Education Center Boardroom (Rock Gym). The event will feature a brief, non-partisan, 45-minute forum, followed by a meet-and-greet with the candidates for Place 6 and Place 7 on the KISD Board of Trustees. More details are [available here](#).

### **Friday, April 19**

**Charger Baseball Feeder Pattern Night, 7:00 p.m. at Central HS Baseball Field** – Central Baseball invites all feeder schools to their Feeder Pattern Night at 7:00 p.m. versus Fossil Ridge HS. Parkwood Hill students wearing a house or school shirt get in free, and the first one hundred feeder students receive a gift. Adult tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at <https://brushfire.com/kellerisd/chs-baseball/571260>. We hope to see our PHIS Chargers in the stands! ([See Flyer Here](#))

### **Saturday, April 20**

**Band Instrument Drive, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at PHIS Cafeteria** – Our Charger Nation Band Program is offering parents the opportunity to meet and speak to representatives from our local instrument store. Employees from Bell's Music will be on hand to share information about the instruments they rent and sell.

## **KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE**

**IMPORTANT Severe Weather Season is Here** – With the arrival of Spring, thunderstorms are likely to affect our afternoon dismissal, and we want all families, students, and staff to be weather aware. As you know, the safety of our students is our top priority; therefore, if lightning or other adverse conditions are present, all outdoor activities will cease, including the loading of buses and the release of students.

During a “Severe Weather Dismissal,” all students are held in their homeroom class except those whose parents have signed a severe weather waiver. Throughout the duration of the weather event, non-waiver students remain in their homeroom class unless they are checked out by a parent. Once the severe weather subsides, students will once again be allowed to exit the building independently. If you are interested in more information about Keller ISD’s severe weather policy, [please click here](#).

**Complete Required Spring Immunizations (6th Graders)** – Texas state law requires students entering 7th grade have the following immunizations: TDaP booster and Meningitis vaccination. Please make sure your sixth grader is up to date on these required shots.

**After-Hours Contact** – On school days, our campus office hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you need to reach someone on our staff, and you are calling outside of business hours, please leave a voicemail message at (817) 744-4000, and we will contact you the next business day. If you have an emergency involving a missing student, and it is outside of our campus office hours above, you may call (817) 744-1206 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, or 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Friday. If you are calling outside of the business hours above, and it involves a missing student, please call 911.

## **GET INVOLVED**

**NEW! Donate to the Treat Trolley!** – Our PTA invites you to join them in showing our teachers how much they're appreciated. PTA will be facilitating a Treat Trolley with snacks and drinks to be wheeled around to each classroom for the teachers to enjoy. Please [CLICK HERE to volunteer supplies for the trolley](#), and be sure to deliver your items to the front office by this Thursday, April 18. Thank you for helping our PTA support our teachers!

**NEEDED! Donate New Boys Underwear or New & Gently Used Pants/Shirts** – Our nurse's clinic needs brand new, unopened packages of boys' underwear, as well as new or gently-used pants and shorts for boys and girls. If you have items of clothing you're willing to donate, we would love to receive them in our campus office, care of Nurse Liz. If you have questions, please email [Elizabeth.Leong@KellerISD.net](mailto:Elizabeth.Leong@KellerISD.net), or call (817) 744-4020. Thank you for giving!

**Join our 2024-2025 Parkwood Hill Intermediate PTA Board!** – Our Parkwood Hill PTA is committed to connecting our community, our school, and our families to build a greater future for the kids we serve. If you're ready to partner with us to make a positive difference in the lives of our Chargers, [CLICK HERE to share your interest](#).

**"Save the Dates" for STAAR Testing** – In Texas, each school now selects the dates their Grade 3-8 students will participate in state testing (STAAR), so dates vary from school to school. Below, please note the primary test dates that students at Parkwood Hill Intermediate will participate in state testing this spring. We want our kids to have the best opportunity to shine while demonstrating the academic growth they've made this year, so please ensure your child is especially encouraged, well rested, and has had a healthy breakfast on the following days:

**APRIL 16 – 5th Grade Reading STAAR**

**APRIL 17 – 6th Grade Reading STAAR**

**APRIL 24 – 5th Grade Science STAAR**

**APRIL 30 – 5th Grade Math STAAR**

**MAY 1 – 6th Grade Math STAAR**

**Register to Volunteer** - If you plan to volunteer on our campus this year, or to serve as a field trip chaperone, you must successfully complete a [2023-2024 KISD](#)

[Volunteer Application](#). This application and background check must be completed each year, and when successful, will cover all Keller ISD campuses. Please apply at least 2 weeks before you are scheduled to volunteer on our campus.

## **CONNECT WITH US**

**Campus Flyers** – Campus flyers are posted to “Peachjar.” Visit our website at [www.KellerISD.net/PHIS](http://www.KellerISD.net/PHIS) and click on “Peachjar eFlyers” under the Quick Links section.

**Online Resources** – Campus information is always available online!

Campus Website: [www.KellerISD.net/PHIS](http://www.KellerISD.net/PHIS)

Campus Counselor Website: <https://bit.ly/3Z84iIV>

Campus “X” (formerly Twitter) Account: [www.x.com/ParkwoodHill](http://www.x.com/ParkwoodHill)

Campus Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/ParkwoodHill](http://www.facebook.com/ParkwoodHill)

PTA Website: [www.PHISPTA.org](http://www.PHISPTA.org)

PTA Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/phispta](http://www.facebook.com/phispta)

## **“PROSPECT-IVE” SOLUTIONS**

If you have any solutions, concerns, or praise that can serve to make Parkwood Hill a better place for our kiddos, please fill out a brief, online feedback form by clicking [here](#). When using the form, you can choose to share your name, or to remain anonymous.

Thank you for staying informed, active, and involved in the education of our  
Chargers!

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