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Good morning Parkwood Hill family,

Happy new year, and welcome to the first Prospect of 2024! There are several **“NEW”** items added below, including our February calendar. If you’re a sixth-grade parent, please pay close attention to the “Get Involved” section below, as your student will soon be applying, trying out, and registering for middle school classes/programs.

The school week ahead is relatively quiet, and will begin this Tuesday, following the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. If winter weather results in the cancellation of school, Keller ISD will notify families on our district website at [www.KellerISD.net](http://www.KellerISD.net), and via district social media accounts.

I hope you remain safe and warm, and as always, have a fantastic week ahead!

Giving you my “Charger Best, Never Less,”

Brad Tyler, Principal

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### CURRENT HOUSE POINTS LEADER



**Congratulations Amistad!**

The House of Friendship is the first winner of 2024, and has taken their first lead of the school year! Students in Amistad will pick a reward from the Prize Cart this week!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **January**

**NEW** 14-28 – House Gear Online Sale! ([Shop Now](#))

**NEW** 19 – Show Choir Premier Night, 7:00 p.m. at Central HS Fine Arts Center ([Flyer Here](#) / [Buy Tickets Here](#))

23 – AVID Parent Information Meeting (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families), 7:00 p.m. at Hillwood MS Cafeteria

26 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hearing & Vision Screenings During PE Class Time

**NEW** 28 – Last Day to Buy House Gear Online ([Shop Now](#))

29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hearing & Vision Screenings During PE Class Time

30 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Spinal Health Screening During PE Class Time

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### **NEW! February**

2 – Hillwood MS Course Registration Form Sent Home with Sixth-Grade Students

6 – **Mandatory State Testing** – Campus Closed to Visitors for STAAR Reading Field Test (Fifth Grade Only)

7 – College Spirit Day ~ Wear Your College Gear!

7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Submit 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Requests During School Day

- 8 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Submit 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Requests During School Day
- 8 – HMS Cheer Mandatory Parent Meeting, 5:45 p.m. at Hillwood MS Library ([Flyer Here](#))
- 13 – Band Information Night for Fifth-Grade Families, 6:00 p.m. at PHIS Cafeteria
- 13 – 5th Grade Spring Picture Day (Individual & Class Pictures)
- 14 – 6th Grade Spring Picture Day (Individual & Class Pictures)
- 16 – No School – Professional Development Day
- 19 – No School – Presidents’ Day Holiday
- 20 – Chipotle Spirit Night, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Watauga Location
- 22 – Deadline for HMS Cheer Tryout Paperwork, By 4:00 p.m. to HMS Office ([Flyer Here](#))
- 22 – Orchestra Information Night for Fifth-Grade Families, 5:30 p.m. at PHIS Cafeteria
- 22 – Orchestra Instrument Fair, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at PHIS Cafeteria
- 24 – Band Instrument Selection Fair, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at PHIS Cafeteria

## **LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Daily**

**NEW! House Gear Online Sale!** – Brand new House Gear designs are on sale! Three new t-shirt designs, and a new hoodie design are available, starting at just \$12. Check out our [flyer here](#), or go directly to the online store by [CLICKING HERE!](#) Orders will be delivered to PHIS the week of February 5. Please note, availability is based on campus-wide order minimums being met. Your order will be canceled if campus-wide minimum order quantities are not met when the online store closes.

**HAPPENING NOW! Perfect Attendance Incentive** – This nine-weeks, we’re asking all students to maintain perfect attendance. Students who are present every day of a given week will be entered into a weekly drawing to win a gift card to Amazon, GameStop, or Target. We’ll draw two winners per week, so there’s twenty chances to win! Please encourage your child to be at school every day so their name might be drawn!

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

### **Monday, January 15**

**No School ~ District Holiday** – All Keller ISD facilities are closed this Monday in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### **Friday, January 19**

**Show Choir Premier Night!, 7:00 p.m. at Central HS Fine Art Center** – Come and see the show choirs of the Charger feeder pattern this Friday evening on the Central High School stage! Our Parkwood Hill “Applause” show choir will perform their show “Wonderland,” and you’ll enjoy shows by our talented students at Hillwood and Central as well. [Tickets are \\$10, and can be purchased online by clicking here.](#)

### **KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE**

**IMPORTANT! Prepare for Cold Weather** – Dangerous, sub-freezing temperatures are forecast through Wednesday morning (1/17). As always, ***please do not drop-off your student prior to 7:15 a.m.*** In the event of severe, below-freezing temperatures/wind chill, staff members may not be outside to supervise student arrival. Please drive slowly and carefully, remaining vigilant for students at sidewalks and crosswalks. In the event classes are cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, families will be notified on our district website at [www.KellerISD.net](http://www.KellerISD.net), and via district social media accounts.

**IMPORTANT! Cell Phone Use Prohibited** – Cell phone use at school distracts students from learning, disrupts the school environment, enables access to inappropriate material, and has the potential to endanger the health of students. At Parkwood Hill, students may not display or use cell phones inside our school building, or outside our building during school hours (e.g., at recess, PE). Students may carry a cell phone, but it must be completely powered off and out of sight (e.g., in a backpack, in a pocket). ***Any student using his cell phone at school must surrender his device to a teacher/staff member upon request, and a fine of \$15 may be charged before the device is returned to a parent/guardian. Any student who uses his/her cell phone in a restroom will be subject to immediate suspension.***

**Visiting Your Child for Lunch** – For the safety of our students, parents/guardians may **only** bring outside food for their own child(ren), and cannot provide outside food to other students. In addition, parents are only permitted to eat lunch with their own child, and **cannot** invite additional children to join them for lunch. Thank you for honoring these important safety practices.

**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! Consider Beginner Band & Orchestra** – Parkwood Hill offers outstanding fine arts programming, and our fifth-grade students will submit their preferences for a yearlong, sixth-grade elective this spring. Our Charger Band and Charger Orchestra programs are hosting fifth-grade parent information nights in February, with accompanying instrument selection/fair opportunities. See the February calendar above for details, and please join us!

**NEW! Consider AVID at Hillwood Middle School** – AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a course that supports students with their rigorous classwork by providing organization, collaboration, and study skills while including college research and visits! If your sixth grader is interested in joining AVID, [check out the Hillwood AVID website for more information](#). There will be an AVID Parent Meeting for sixth-grade families looking to join the program on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillwood Middle School cafeteria. Please contact [meredith.akers@kellerisd.net](mailto:meredith.akers@kellerisd.net) with questions.

**NEW! Consider HMS Cheer at Hillwood Middle School** – Hillwood Cheer is recruiting sixth-grade students to join their 2024-2025 program! Tryouts will be held in March; however, parents of interested students must attend a mandatory parent information meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 5:45 p.m. in the Hillwood Middle School Library. [Click here to view flyer](#) with details.

**NEW! Think About 7th Grade Course Selections** – It's time for sixth-grade families to start thinking about their child's middle school course selections, and more information will be coming soon from Hillwood Middle School. HMS Counselors will be helping our sixth graders with course selections during the week of February 5, so be on the lookout for more information soon.

**Join PTA** – Parkwood Hill PTA is a gift to our kids, families, teachers, and community. Your support makes it possible to provide key resources and numerous events throughout the school year, including meals/events, campus volunteers, Art Night, Science Night, and the Parkwood Hill Pumpkin Festival, among others. If you have yet to sign-up, please do! Membership is only \$10! [CLICK HERE](#) to join today!

**Register to Volunteer** - If you plan to volunteer on our campus this year, or to serve as a field trip chaperone, you must successfully completed 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  
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