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Good morning Parkwood Hill family,

Red Ribbon Week starts tomorrow, and we have themed dress-up days scheduled throughout the week. While there's some fun to be had, the core message of this week is drug prevention.

The roots of addiction begin in adolescence, and the statistics regarding adolescent drug use are sobering. *According to the Betty Ford Center, the earliest risk of onset of alcohol usage among our children is 10 years old. The illicit use of prescribed drugs begins as early as age 11, and the use of hallucinogens begins as early as age 12.* These facts are troubling, and they serve as a powerful reminder.

They remind us to be present in the lives of our kids, and particularly attentive at the intermediate school level. Our kids are in a challenging period of their lives, and as extraordinary as it seems, some are already considering the use of alcohol and drugs. *As much as we provide drug-free messages and activities at school, the most powerful drug prevention on the planet is an informed and engaged parent.*

I encourage you to open a dialogue with your child this week and let him or her know how important it is to live a drug free life. Like you, we love our kids, and we want them to be healthy and prosperous. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure the success of our Chargers, and as always, have a fantastic week ahead!

Giving you my "Charger Best, Never Less,"

Brad Tyler, Principal

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR**  
**PUMPKIN FEST**  
A COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT  
**SATURDAY, NOV 4**  
2:00 - 8:00 P.M.



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**CURRENT HOUSE POINTS LEADER**



**Congratulations Akhandata!**

The House of Integrity has taken the lead! Students in Akhandata will pick a reward from the Prize Cart this week.

## SAVE THE DATE

### October

23-27 – **Red Ribbon Week Theme Days** - **“Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.”**

**Monday** – “Be Kind to Yourself” – Wear Red to Show You Love Yourself

**Tuesday** – “Be Kind to Your Mind” – Wear a Hat or Crazy Hair Style

**Wednesday** – “Be Kind to Others” – Peace. Love. Wear Tie Dye!

**Thursday** – “Be Kind to Your School” – House Color Out Day!

**Friday** – “Be Kind to Your Body” – Wear School Appropriate Pajamas

24 – Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Central High School Fine Arts Center

26 – Order Pick-Up Day ~ Big Kahuna Fundraiser, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (See Details Below)

26 – Fall Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Parkwood Hill Cafeteria

### **NEW!** – November

1 – College Spirit Day ~ Wear Your College Gear!

4 – **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parkwood Hill Pumpkin Festival**, 2:00-8:00 p.m. ([Details Here](#))

7 – Constitutional Amendment Election ([Tarrant County Details Here](#))

8 – “Over the Overdoses,” 6:00 p.m. at Keller ISD Education Center ([Details Here](#))

9 – Fall Picture Make-up Day

11-12 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lightning Dancers Craft Show, 9:00/10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
([Details Here](#))

13 – Veterans Day Breakfast, Exhibition, & Student Assemblies

20-24 – No School – Thanksgiving Holiday Week

**NEW! – December**

4 – Annual Spanish Spelling Bee

6 – College Spirit Day ~ Wear Your College Gear!

6 – Pizza Party Bus Reward Trips (Eligible Fundraiser Students Only)

6 – Winter Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. at Northwood Church, 1870 Rufe Snow Dr., Keller

7 – “Peter Pan Jr.” Musical, 6:30 p.m. at Parkwood Hill Cafetorium – \$5 Admission

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12 – Winter Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Central High School Fine Arts Center

13 – Annual English Spelling Bee

14 – Winter Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Parkwood Hill Cafeteria

15 – “Block Party” Color Out Day! ~ Wear Your House T-Shirt & Colors!

15 – Early Release Day (Intermediate School Dismisses at 12:00 p.m.)

15 – End of 2nd, Nine-Week Grading Period

15 – End of First Semester

Dec 18-Jan 2 – No School – Winter Break

## LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

### Daily

**NEW! Participate in Red Ribbon Week Theme Days!** – Students are invited to dress up and participate in anti-drug themed days this week. Please see the calendar above for each day's theme.

**Battle of the Books Sign-up** – Our librarian, Ms. Carr, is currently accepting applications for Battle of the Books, and practices begin October 30. If your child is interested in participating, [please click here for information](#).

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

### Tuesday, October 24

**Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Central High School Fine Arts Center** – Join members of our Charger Orchestra program, from Parkwood Hill through Central High School, for an evening of orchestral music. Parents, friends, and neighbors across the Central feeder pattern are all welcome.

### Thursday, October 26

**Pick-Up Day for “Cookie Dough” Orders** – Big Kahuna Fundraising is scheduled to deliver items sold during our “Cookie Dough” fundraiser. Students with small orders (typically 1-3 items) will be given their orders to carry home at dismissal time. The families of students with large orders will need to pick up their orders between 1:00-5:00 p.m. If you have a large order, be on the lookout for a message from Big Kahuna Fundraising.

**Fall Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Parkwood Hill Cafeteria** – Our Charger Choir students proudly invite you to their first concert of the school year! Their fall concert will take place this Thursday, and we look forward to seeing you there!

## KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

**NEW! 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.

**NEW! Fall Severe Weather Season** – As we transition to Fall, thunderstorms are more likely to affect our afternoon dismissal, and we want all families, students, and staff to be weather aware. 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](#).

**“Here Comes the Bus” Mobile App** – If your child rides a school bus, Texas Central School Bus, in cooperation with Keller ISD, provides parents with access to real-time location information regarding his/her bus. For more information, including instructions regarding how to access the app and website, [click here](#).

**UPDATED! 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

**Donate New & Gently Used Pants** – Our nurse’s clinic needs new and gently used Boys and Girls Shorts/Pants, sizes Extra Small to Large, as well as Boys Shirts in the same range of sizes. If you have items of clothing you’re willing to donate, we would love to receive them in our campus office, care of Nurse Leong. If you have questions, please email [Elizabeth.Leong@KellerISD.net](mailto:Elizabeth.Leong@KellerISD.net), or call (817) 744-4020. Thank you for your help!

**Complete Permission Form Regarding Library Resources** – Given the variety of content within the “Young Adult (YA)” category of books, students will only be allowed to check out YA library books with parent permission. We are asking all parents to [complete the permission form here](#), either granting or denying their child the ability to check-out books in the YA category. Without a permission form returned, your child will not be permitted to check out Young Adult books from our PHIS library.

**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  
Chargers!

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