

Prospect (n) – anticipation; expectation; a looking forward

Good morning Parkwood Hill family,

Our April calendar is below, and includes important events such as our State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) dates. In addition, you'll find a handful of **NEW** items, including links to learn about the "Play It Safe" program, purchase a yearbook, and express your interest in serving on our 2024-2025 PTA Board. Please make time to carefully review all the new items below.

Tomorrow morning, our Chargers will start a four-day school week, followed by a four-day holiday weekend (March 29-April 1). Students will not attend school this Friday, or on Monday, April 1. As always, I hope you have a fantastic week ahead!

Giving you my "Charger Best, Never Less,"

Brad Tyler, Principal

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS LEADER



Congratulations Altruismo!

The givers have taken the lead! Students in the House of Altruismo will pick a reward from the Prize Cart this week!

SAVE THE DATE

March

24 – Deadline to Enter 2024 KISD Film Festival. Visit <https://www.kellerisd.net/Film>.

27 – Field Trip (Ms. Hieger & Ms. Vadnais’s Groups) ~ Dallas Holocaust & Human Rights Museum

28 – Field Trip (Ms. Brown & Ms. Hernandez’s Groups) ~ Dallas Holocaust & Human Rights Museum

29 – No School – Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)

April

1 – No School – District Holiday

3 – College Spirit Day! Wear Your Favorite College Gear!

3 – Sixth-Grade “Play it Safe” Presentations ([Details Here](#))

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4 – Gifted & Talented Showcase Night for Parents, 5:30 p.m. (By Invitation Only)

6 – The BIG Event! Keller ISD Day of Service ([Information Here](#))

8 – Total Solar Eclipse Event ([See Flyer Here](#))

10 – Fifth-Grade “Play it Safe” Presentations ([Details Here](#))

10 – Science Night! Sponsored by Parkwood Hill PTA, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at PHIS

11 – Fifth-Grade “Play it Safe” Presentations ([Details Here](#))

11 – Band Field Trip – Epic Waters Music Festival, Epic Waters Waterpark in Grand Prairie

12 – Unified Champion Schools Inclusive Prom Fashion Show at Central HS

13 – Charger Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Contest at Timber Creek HS

16-17 – Primary STAAR Testing Dates ~ Campus Closed to Visitors

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

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

18 – STAAR Testing Date – Reading Make-up Testing

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19 – Unified Champion Schools Spring Extravaganza at Central HS

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 6th Grade Class Plays, 6:30 p.m. at PHIS

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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

NEW! 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!

NEW! Review & Return “Play It Safe” Form – Schools are required to provide personal safety lessons to educate students on preventing child abuse and family violence as part of a comprehensive school counseling program. Parkwood Hill partners with The Women’s Center of Tarrant County to provide evidence-based, age-appropriate "Play it Safe" lessons. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information, and for instructions regarding how you may opt-in or opt-out your child. You may also submit your opt-in or opt-out decision electronically by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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

Wednesday, March 27

Dallas Holocaust Museum Field Trip – Sixth-grade students in Ms. Hieger and Ms. Vadnais’s social studies classes will travel to the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum. Parents of sixth-grade students who would like more information about this event are asked to contact their child’s social studies teacher. Ms. Hieger is available at Megan.Hieger@KellerISD.net, and Ms. Vadnais is available at Connie.Vadnais@KellerISD.net.

Thursday, March 28

Dallas Holocaust Museum Field Trip – Sixth-grade students in Ms. Brown and Ms. Hernandez’s social studies classes will travel to the Dallas Holocaust and Human

Rights Museum. Parents of sixth-grade students who would like more information about this event are asked to contact their child's social studies teacher. Ms. Brown is available at Victoria.Brown@KellerISD.net, and Ms. Hernandez is available at Anne.Hernandez@KellerISD.net.

Friday, March 29

No School – Student Holiday (Teacher Work Day)

Monday, April 1

No School – District Holiday

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

NEW! 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](#).

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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! 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

Final Day to Encourage Your Charger Filmmaker! – Students are invited to express their creativity by entering their film creations in any of 5 special categories: Drama, Comedy, Documentary/PSA, Animation, and Music Video. A panel of judges comprised of Keller ISD administrators, as well as industry video professionals, will watch all entries and pick winners in each category. Entries will be accepted until March 24, finalists will be announced April 22, and finalists will be showcased in a gala event on May 13 at the Keller Moviehouse and Eatery. Visit <https://www.kellerisd.net/film> for full details, and encourage your Charger to enter this year’s festival!

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 and click on “Peachjar eFlyers” under the Quick Links section.

Online Resources – Campus information is always available online!

Campus Website: www.KellerISD.net/PHIS

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

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

Campus Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ParkwoodHill

PTA Website: www.PHISPTA.org

PTA Facebook Page: 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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