



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

Good morning Parkwood Hill family,

We have a busy week ahead, including holiday concerts by our orchestra and choir programs, and lots to accomplish before the winter break. Please take a moment to review the important details below.

This Friday, December 15, is a House “Color Out Day” and an “Early Release Day.” We ask all students to please wear their house t-shirt, and if they choose, “color out” from head to toe in their house color. We’ll have a House Block Party assembly in the morning, allowing our chargers to showcase their house pride and compete for house points. In addition, some very special students will be recognized as outstanding Chargers of Character.

On Friday, all of our chargers will be dismissed from school by 12:00 p.m., and parents must ensure their child is picked up on time. If your child walks home, or rides the school bus, please be prepared to receive him at midday. Since Friday is an early release day, we encourage all students to bring a sack lunch, as they will eat lunch in their classroom before dismissal. If your child needs to buy lunch at school, our cafeteria will have sack lunches available for purchase.

Finally, please be aware the winter break begins this Friday afternoon, and students will not return to school until Wednesday, January 3. While classes are on hiatus,

the Parkwood Prospect will be as well. It will not return to your inbox until Sunday, January 14.

Until then, and on behalf of the teachers and staff at Parkwood Hill Intermediate School, thank you for partnering with us to love and educate our kids. It's a privilege to serve you and your child every day. Whether you are staying in the D/FW Metroplex for the winter break, or traveling across the globe, we wish you a safe and restful time with family and friends. Have a Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season, and a joyous start to 2024!

Giving you my "Charger Best, Never Less,"

Brad Tyler, Principal

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS LEADER



Congratulations Heshima!

The House of Respect is commanding a solid lead, and students in Heshima will pick a reward from the Prize Cart this week!

SAVE THE DATE

December

4-15 – Optional December Dress-up Days ([Details Here](#))

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

13 – Annual English Spelling Bee

14-15 – Winter Class Parties (Contact Homeroom Teacher for Details)

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 Students Dismissed by 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

January

1 – No School – New Year’s Day

2 – No School – Teacher Work Day

3 – **Students Return to School from Winter Break**

3 – Start of 2nd Semester and 3rd, Nine-week Grading Period

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

5 – Final Grades for 2nd, Nine-Week Period Published to Aeries Parent Portal

15 – No School – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

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

26 & 29 – 5th Grade Hearing & Vision Screenings

30-31 – 5th Grade Girls' Spinal Health Screening

LOOK AT THE WEEKS AHEAD

Daily

December Dress-up Days! – Students and staff are invited to participate in optional, festive December dress-up days. [CLICK HERE for details!](#)

LAST CHANCE! Lost and Found Liquidation – Our campus lost and found contains clothing, lunch boxes, reusable water bottles, and more. If your child has lost a personal item, and you think it may be at school, please encourage him/her to check our lost and found collection. Items in our lost and found that are not claimed by Wednesday, December 13 will be donated to charity or thrown away.

COMING SOON! Perfect Attendance Incentive – From January 3 to Spring Break, we're encouraging our kids to maintain perfect attendance. Students who are present every day of a given week will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card from Amazon or Target that week. That's ten 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!

Tuesday, December 12

Charger Orchestra Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Central High School – Join our talented Charger musicians from Parkwood Hill Intermediate, Hillwood Middle School, and Central High School for an evening of orchestral music. The concert will be held in the Central HS Fine Arts Center (FAC). We look forward to seeing you!

Wednesday, December 13

Annual English Spelling Bee, 8:00 a.m. at PHIS Cafeteria – Students who qualified for the school-wide English spelling contest will compete in our campus bee. Family members and friends of participating students are welcome to join our audience in the cafeteria.

Thursday, December 14

Winter Class Parties (Contact Homeroom Teacher for Details) – Most students will have the opportunity to participate in a class party this Thursday. Party times vary, and are limited to approximately 45 minutes. *If you plan to donate snacks, desserts, or other food items for our classroom parties, these items must be store-bought and sealed in their original packaging. For the safety of our students, homemade items be politely declined. In addition, please ensure donated items do not contain common allergens, such as peanuts, tree nuts, etc.* Each teacher organizes his/her class party, and determines if volunteers are invited to attend. If you have any questions regarding how you can be of assistance, please feel free to call or e-mail your child's homeroom teacher. *We ask that all food donations be delivered to Parkwood Hill no later than 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.*

Winter Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Parkwood Hill – Our Charger Choir is proud to present an evening of holiday music that's sure to make you smile and want to sing along. Get into the spirit of the season this Thursday at Parkwood Hill. We look forward to seeing you!

Friday, December 15

"Block Party" Color Out Day! – All students and staff should wear their house t-shirt this Friday, and are encouraged to "color out" from head to toe in their house color! We'll have a "Block Party" assembly, allowing our chargers to showcase their house pride and compete for house points. In addition, some very special students will be recognized as outstanding "Chargers of Character!"

Winter Class Parties (Contact Homeroom Teacher for Details) – Due to their schedule, a small number of classes will participate in their winter class parties on Friday, rather than Thursday. Party times vary, and are limited to approximately 45 minutes. *If you plan to donate snacks, desserts, or other food items for our classroom*

parties, these items must be store-bought and sealed in their original packaging. For the safety of our students, homemade items be politely declined. In addition, please ensure donated items do not contain common allergens, such as peanuts, tree nuts, etc. Each teacher organizes his/her class party, and determines if volunteers are invited to attend. If you have any questions regarding how you can be of assistance, please feel free to call or e-mail your child's homeroom teacher. *We ask that all food donations be delivered to Parkwood Hill no later than 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.*

KISD Early Release Day – *All PHIS students will be dismissed by 12:00 p.m.* Please arrange for your child to be picked up on time, or received at home after walking or riding the bus. All students must be picked up on time, as our office will be closing for a staff event.

End of Grading Period/Semester – Friday is the final day of the second, nine-week grading period. Please ensure your child submits any late or missing assignments that his teacher is willing to accept, so grades can be finalized this week.

Winter Break

Keller ISD Closed – All Keller ISD campuses and facilities will be closed Monday, December 18 through Monday, January 1. There is no school on Tuesday, January 2, while teachers and staff participate in planning and professional development. Classes will resume for students on Wednesday, January 3.

Wednesday, January 3

Students Return – School will resume for students on Wednesday, January 3.

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

IMPORTANT! Food Donations for Winter Class Parties – If you plan to donate snacks, desserts, or other food items for our classroom parties, *these items must be*

store-bought and sealed in their original packaging. For the safety of our students, homemade items will not be accepted. In addition, please ensure donated items do not contain common allergens, such as tree nuts. If you have questions regarding needed donations, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. We ask that all food donations be delivered to Parkwood Hill no later than 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.

Deliveries – The convenience of delivery options has grown tremendously; however, Parkwood Hill Intermediate does not accept food, balloon, flower, or similar meal/gift deliveries for students. Please do not schedule and/or send items to be delivered to your child at school. If a parent wishes to personally drop off a set of sealed, store-bought cupcakes/cookies for their child's birthday, they may do so; however, such items can only be served at the very end of the school day, and will only be served if there are enough for every child in the class to partake.

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

DEADLINE WEDNESDAY! Donate Items for Winter Class Parties – If you plan to donate snacks, desserts, or other food items for our classroom parties, *these items must be store-bought and sealed in their original packaging. For the safety of our students, homemade items will not be accepted. In addition, please ensure donated*

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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 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!

