

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

Good morning Parkwood Hill family,

Our fifth-grade students will be taking a mandatory STAAR Reading field-test this Tuesday, and we ask that our kids get a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and arrive prepared to give their best effort. On the day of testing, every staff member will be engaged in supporting our kids, including our front office staff; therefore, our campus will be closed to visitors, and we ask that you please refrain from calling or visiting unless it is an emergency. In addition, we ask that all students remain at school until our dismissal at 3:15 p.m.

In addition to field testing, this week is National School Counseling Week. Our team of counselors is among the very best, and every day they support the wellbeing of more than 1,100 students. As listeners, encouragers, leaders, and life changers, their work is more important than ever.

We sincerely appreciate Ms. Gray, Ms. Laye, Ms. Shelton, and Ms. McGuffin for loving our kids so well. Please join us this week in recognizing the important work of our school counselors, and their peers across the country.

Giving you my "Charger Best, Never Less,"

Brad Tyler, Principal

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS LEADER



Congratulations Altruismo!

The House of Giving has taken the top spot! Students in Altruismo will pick a reward from the Prize Cart this week!

SAVE THE DATE

February

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 – 6th Grade Students Submit 7th Grade Course Requests During School Day

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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 – [Details Here](#))

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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! National School Counselor Appreciation Week – We are blessed with an incredible team of counselors who serve and support our chargers. Please join us in recognizing the love and dedication they pour into the lives of our kids every day. We are so thankful for Ms. Gray, Ms. Laye, Ms. Shelton, and Ms. McGuffin! Please make time to share words of encouragement, a simple note of thanks, and/or a small gift of appreciation with our counselors this week.

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!

Tuesday, February 6

STAAR Reading Field-Test (5th Grade Only) – Fifth grade students will take a mandatory, standalone STAAR field-test in Reading Language Arts (RLA). We ask that all students arrive to 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 as well. For more details, please [CLICK HERE](#). [[Haga clic aquí para español](#)].

Wednesday, February 7

College Spirit Day – All students and staff are encouraged to dress in their favorite college attire!

Middle School Course Selection Days (Wed. & Thurs.) – Hillwood Middle School counselors will visit half of our sixth-grade classes on Wednesday to assist students in selecting their seventh-grade courses for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have questions regarding the course selection process, please contact your child's middle school counselor using the contact information in the "Get Involved" section below.

Thursday, February 8

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HMS Cheer Mandatory Parent Meeting, 5:45 p.m. at Hillwood MS Library

– Parents of students interested in trying out for Cheerleading at Hillwood Middle School are asked to attend this required information session to learn more about the program, as well as upcoming tryouts. [Click here to view flyer with details](#).

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

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! 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!

NEW! Consider Central Volleyball Spring Break Clinic – Central Charger Volleyball will offer a Spring Break Clinic for kindergarten through sixth-grade students, March 11-13, at Central High School. The clinic will be run by Central coaches and players, and represents an excellent opportunity for our youngest Chargers to learn the game, stay active, and have fun over Spring Break! [CLICK HERE for a flyer with details.](#)

Prepare to Make 7th Grade Course Selections – This week, sixth-grade families will determine their child's middle school course selections. All sixth-grade families are asked to read through the information on the "[HMS Class Choice Site](#)" by [clicking here](#). On the Class of 2030 page, you will find tons of information about seventh grade scheduling, including course guides for the classes offered at Hillwood Middle School (HMS). HMS Counselors will be helping our sixth graders with course selections this Wednesday and Thursday (2/7-2/8), so please look through the site and communicate with your child about classes before midweek. Once your child enters his/her course requests, you will receive an email to review his/her choices. Questions? Feel free to reach out to the Hillwood Middle School counselor that serves your child (alphabetical by last name).

Student Last Name is A-E: Ambra.Beaty@KellerISD.net

Student Last Name is F-L: Jennifer.Stinson@kellerisd.net

Student Last Name is M-R: Joseph.Nisbett@KellerISD.net

Student Last Name is S-Z: Suzanne.Gibson@KellerISD.net

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 this Thursday, February 8 at 5:45 p.m. in the Hillwood Middle School Library. [Click here to view flyer](#) with details.

Run for Keller ISD School Board – Filing for the 2024 Keller ISD Board of Trustees Election opened Wednesday, January 17, and runs through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16. Place 6 and Place 7 on the Board are up for election this spring, with Early Voting set for April 22-April 30, and Election Day on Saturday, May 4. [For more information visit the 2024 Board of Trustees Election page.](#)

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!

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!

