

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

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Good morning Parkwood Hill family,

I hope you're enjoying this beautiful weekend in North Texas. Below, you'll find the Prospect packed with "**NEW**" events and information, including our April calendar. There is important information for fifth-grade families who need to submit sixth-grade course preferences by this Friday, March 8, as well as "Save the Date" information for state testing in April. Please make time to review this edition carefully.

If you haven't already, I hope you'll [RSVP for "House" Family Game Night](#) this Tuesday, and join us at 6:00 p.m. We'll have **FREE** pizza, drinks, board games, and slide rides, along with open gyms for your family to enjoy. You will also be able to purchase \$1 house t-shirts from our existing inventory (cash or check only please). Bring your family, and dress in your favorite house colors if you wish to earn house points for your favorite house!

As we close out the upcoming week, please note our chargers do not attend school on Friday, and all KISD facilities will be closed for Spring Break March 11-15. Our kids will return for the final quarter of the school year on Monday, March 18. The Prospect will be on hiatus as well, and will not return to your inbox until March 24. As always, have a fantastic week ahead, and enjoy a safe, restful Spring Break.

Giving you my "Charger Best, Never Less,"

Brad Tyler, Principal

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**CURRENT HOUSE POINTS LEADER**



## **Congratulations Akhandata!**

The eagles have soared to new heights! Students in the House of Integrity will pick a reward from the Prize Cart this week!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **March**

**DEADLINE!** 3 – RSVP for “House” Family Game Night ([Details & RSVP Here](#))

**IMPORTANT!** 4-8 – Elective Course Request Week for Fifth Graders ([Details Here](#))

5 – "House" Family Game Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at PHIS ([Details & RSVP Here](#))

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

**NEW!** 7 – Health & Hygiene Video Presentations in PE Classes ([Details Here](#))

7 – End of 3rd, Nine-Week Grading Period

8 – No School – Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)

11-15 – No School – Keller ISD Spring Break

18 – Start of 4th, Nine-Week Grading Period

**NEW!** 19 – Field Trip (Ms. Goff & Ms. Reynolds’s Groups) ~ Dallas Holocaust & Human Rights Museum

**NEW!** 21 – Field Trip (Ms. Connor & Ms. Mercado’s Groups) ~ Dallas Holocaust & Human Rights Museum

**NEW!** 22 – Voluntary Immunization Clinic for Sixth-Grade Students (Details Below)

22 – Final Grade Reports (3rd Nine-Weeks) Published in Aeries Parent Portal

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

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

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

29 – No School – Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)

**NEW! April**

1 – No School – District Holiday

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

3 – Sixth-Grade “Play it Safe” Presentations (Details TBA)

4 – Sixth-Grade “Play it Safe” Presentations (Details TBA)

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 TBA)

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

11 – Fifth-Grade “Play it Safe” Presentations (Details TBA)

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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Plays, 6:30 p.m. at PHIS

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**24 – Primary STAAR Testing Date ~ Campus Closed to Visitors**

**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**

**IMPORTANT! Course Request Week for Fifth Graders** – All fifth-grade parents are asked to go online and complete their child’s sixth-grade course requests for the 2024-2025 school year. All students must have a math course request, and must indicate their preference of elective course in order from most preferred to least preferred. [Fifth-grade parents, please CLICK HERE for full details, and to submit your child’s course requests by Friday, March 8.](#)

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

### **Tuesday, March 5**

**“House” Family Game Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at PHIS** – [RSVP](#) to bring your family to Game Night this Tuesday and enjoy **FREE** pizza, drinks, and board games! Each person through the door will get a free slide pass (adults too!) and be able to purchase \$1 House Gear from our current inventory. This is a family event; therefore, ***students must be accompanied by an adult.*** [CLICK HERE for more details and to RSVP by this Sunday \(3/3\).](#)

### **Wednesday, March 6**

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

## **Thursday, March 7**

**Health & Hygiene Video Presentations in PE Classes** – All students at Parkwood Hill Intermediate are scheduled to participate in a Puberty Video Presentation Program this Thursday. Details regarding this program are available by [CLICKING HERE](#), including links to the exact videos that will be shown. For your child to participate, you will need to provide written permission on the form linked above. Please review and print the form attached, indicate whether your child is permitted to participate, sign the form, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Wednesday, March 6. If you have any questions regarding the Puberty Video Presentation Program, please contact our nurse at (817) 744-4020.

**End of 3rd, Nine-Week Grading Period** – Thursday is the final day of the third, 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 for the period.

## **Friday, March 8**

**No School** – Student Holiday (Teacher Work Day)

## **ONE WEEK FROM NOW**

### **Monday, March 11 – Friday, March 15**

**Spring Break Holiday** – All Keller ISD facilities are closed for the week while students, teachers, and staff are on holiday.

## **TWO WEEKS FROM NOW**

### **Monday, March 18**

**Start of 4th, Nine-Week Grading Period** – The final grading period of the school year begins when students return on Monday, March 18. It ends on the last day of school, May 23.

## **Tuesday, March 19**

**Dallas Holocaust Museum Field Trip** – Sixth-grade students in Ms. Goff and Ms. Reynolds’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. Goff is available at [Christy.Goff@KellerISD.net](mailto:Christy.Goff@KellerISD.net), and Ms. Reynolds is available at [Jennifer.Reynolds@KellerISD.net](mailto:Jennifer.Reynolds@KellerISD.net).

## **Thursday, March 21**

**Dallas Holocaust Museum Field Trip** – Sixth-grade students in Ms. Connors and Ms. Mercado’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. Connors is available at [Monica.Connors@KellerISD.net](mailto:Monica.Connors@KellerISD.net), and Ms. Mercado is available at [Rocio.Mercado@KellerISD.net](mailto:Rocio.Mercado@KellerISD.net).

## **Friday, March 22**

**Voluntary Immunization Clinic for Sixth-Grade Students, 9:00 a.m. at PHIS** – The Tarrant County Health Department will host a voluntary immunization clinic for sixth-grade students who need their required Tdap and/or Meningococcal vaccination in advance of seventh grade. The cost is \$10 per dose of vaccine for children, and Medicaid/CHIP are accepted. A signed consent is required for each dose of vaccine given, and the parent does NOT have to be present if they have already signed consent. Please email Nurse Liz at [Elizabeth.Leong@KellerISD.net](mailto:Elizabeth.Leong@KellerISD.net) if you would like your child to participate in the immunization clinic, or if you have any questions.

**KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE**

**NEW! 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.

**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**

**RSVP for “House” Family Game Night!** – Our annual “House” Family Game Night is Tuesday, March 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at PHIS! Bring your family to Game Night



and enjoy **FREE** pizza, board games, slide rides, and open gyms! We'll also have excess inventory of House Gear t-shirts on sale for \$1 (cash or check). This is a family event; therefore, students must be accompanied by an adult. [For more details, and to RSVP before all spots are filled, please CLICK HERE.](#)

**NEW! "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**

**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!

**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 complete 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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