



Parker Elementary School EARLY DISMISSAL INFORMATION

Bulletin # 4

September 18, 2018

Please review and adhere to the following procedures related to our early dismissal days:

- ◆ Parker Elementary School will dismiss **ALL STUDENTS at 11:30 a.m.** on September 21st. **Magnet classes and all afterschool care activities will be canceled.**
- ◆ All PreK and PALS Students will be dismissed at the front of the building on Stillbrook at 11:15 a.m.
- ◆ All Kinder & 1st Grade car riders will be dismissed at the front of the building on Stillbrook at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Car riders in grades 2nd – 5th will be dismissed at the Willowbend gate at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Day care & bus riders will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on the bus lane.
- ◆ **If you have more than one child and would like to have siblings report to the same dismissal gate, please communicate this to your child's teachers. It is preferable for the older sibling to go to the younger sibling's gate.**
- ◆ Wait patiently in the drop-off/pick-up area. Cutting in front of another car is dangerous. Please help us keep all of our children safe.
- ◆ Do not block residents' driveways. Please be courteous to our neighbors.
- ◆ **Your child's safety is our primary concern. Please support us in our efforts to keep your child safe. Your patience is greatly appreciated (keep in mind we are dismissing almost 900 students).**

Thank you for your assistance in keeping all of our children safe!

Mark Your Calendar

Parker Open Houses 2018

September 20th Magnet Open House 6:00pm-7:00pm.

- All Violin, Cello, Piano, Guitar, Rhythm and Pre-Band, Band sessions will begin at 6:00 with their Music Teachers.
- Parents of Kindergarten Music Enrichment and 1st – 5th gr. Elements of Music students will not need to attend this Open House.

PTO MEETING AT 7:00PM FOLLOWING OPEN HOUSE

September 27th 3-5 Academic Open House 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Beginning and Advanced Chorus 7:00pm.

October 2nd PK and K-2 Academic Open House 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Art, Library, Computer and PE teachers will be available on this evening to visit with parents.

PTO will be selling Parker gear at each Open House!

4th and 5TH GRADE PARENTS

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How to Apply to a Magnet Program

STEP ONE

- Review your student's interests and needs and look for alignment with specific Magnet programs.
- Use the information and links at www.HoustonISD.org/SchoolChoice.
- Consider how you will rank your choices. You will have a limit of **5** choices. (It is recommended that parents weigh their options carefully and consider the following: if you apply to 5 Vanguard programs, and a student has not been identified as G/T prior to the Phase I deadline and subsequently does not qualify as G/T, the student will not be considered for any of the Vanguard programs you applied to.)
- Visit selected programs on School Choice Thursdays

STEP TWO

Visit www.HISDChoice.com to apply online.

- If you have used the system before, please use your previous account.
- Paper applications are available online, at any Magnet program, or from the Office of School Choice. (Online applications provide more options for tracking and staying up-to-date.)
- Make sure to sign and submit your application.
- Qualified applications submitted between Sep. 28 and Dec. 7, 2018, will be entered into any lotteries. **Deadline to be entered in the lottery is December 7, 2018.**

STEP THREE

- For elementary programs, only Vanguard applications may require documentation.
- Please be on the lookout for emails or phone calls related to your application.

STEP FOUR

- Check your SPAM folder to ensure you are not missing any information. If at all possible, do not use a Hotmail account, as the service usually blocks emails from HISD.
- By **midnight on March 21, 2019**, notification of the application status will be viewable online and letters will be sent to all parents via USPS mail.

STEP FIVE

- If your student has been offered a seat in a program, you have two weeks to provide proof of residence and sign an entrance agreement.
- If your student was not offered a seat on March 21, 2019, but has been placed on a wait list, stay alert for changes in application status throughout the summer. You may be able to submit additional applications to programs with more room.

SCHOOL CHOICE THURSDAYS

On the following Thursdays, you are welcome to tour any HISD school. Elementary and K-8 schools will host tours at 9 a.m., secondary schools at 1 p.m.

October: 4, 11, 18, 25

November: 1, 8, 15, 29*

December: 6*

*(All Schools will offer 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. tours)

SCHOOL CHOICE FAIRS

Sept. 29: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Sterling High School

Oct. 20: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Washington High School

Nov. 10: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Westbury High School

Dec. 1: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Milby High School

Apr. 27 (Space Available Schools - Non-Lottery): 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Gregory Lincoln Education Center

PHASES

Phases separate applications into various windows of time.

Phase 1 (Sep. 28 – Dec. 7, 2018) All qualified in-district applications received during this phase will be entered into lotteries or be offered auditions.

Phase 2 (Dec. 8, 2018 – May 31, 2019) All qualified in-district applications received during this phase will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, if space is available.

Phase 3 (June 1 – July 31, 2019) Like Phase 2, but during this time out-of-district applications will be considered for a program if no in-district applicants remain.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION

1. Houston Independent School District: www.HoustonISD.org
2. HISD Find a School: www.HoustonISD.org/findaschool

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HISD Office of School Choice

Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center • 4400 West 18th Street • Houston, Texas 77092-8501
www.HoustonISD.org • 713-556-6947 • e-mail: osc@houstonisd.org



Parker Elementary School-Parent Compact 2018-19

A school compact is a written agreement between a school, his parents and students. The compact gives strategies to help support students success in school. The compact explains what families in schools can do to make a connection for the student between the two "worlds" they live in, home and school.

As a parent, I will:

- ✓ Make sure my child is at school on time, ready to learn everyday.
- ✓ Communicate with my child's teacher on a regular basis.
- ✓ Attend parent conferences and school-wide activities.
- ✓ Support the school in its efforts to maintain proper discipline.
- ✓ Provide a quiet area to work with my child daily.
- ✓ Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- ✓ Support the school Music Academy by encouraging my child to take advantage of this opportunity.

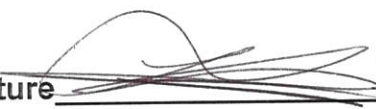
As a student, I will:

- ✓ Come to class on time everyday.
- ✓ Be an active learner.
- ✓ Complete assignments/ homework daily.
- ✓ Respect peers, teachers, and school property.
- ✓ Read every day at home.
- ✓ Have a positive attitude about learning music.

As a school, we will

- ✓ Provide a safe, caring environment for children.
- ✓ Provide a challenging academic environment to help students reach their full potential.
- ✓ Provide progress reports.
- ✓ Provide family programs and meetings.
- ✓ Provide materials which are appropriate for your child's needs.
- ✓ Provide help and/or intervention as needed.
- ✓ Provide professional music instructors that inspire students to achieve their goals.

Title 1 Coordinator 

Principal's Signature 

Reminders from your PTO

Parker Free Dress Days are back!

Purchase all FIVE Free Dress days for **\$20 (a \$5 savings)** at www.ParkerPTO.org/freedress or by returning the form below with cash or check (payable to Parker PTO).

Or

Purchase individual Free Dress days for \$5 each either online at www.ParkerPTO.org/freedress or by returning this form below with cash or check, on or before the Free Dress Day.

** Free Dress can be non-uniform clothes that adhere to the HISD dress code**

September 28 November 30 February 14 March 22 April 18

Order Your Birthday Gram Today!

A Birthday Gram costs **\$20** and can be purchased online at www.ParkerPTO.org/birthdaygrams or by returning the form below with cash or check (payable to Parker PTO). It includes your child's name announced on the morning announcements, a birthday crown and a gift bag delivered to their class with fun birthday swag! If your child has a summer birthday then we can deliver it on their half Birthday!

*** Birthday Grams must be purchased one week in advance.**

Questions? www.BirthdayGrams@ParkerPTO.org

**PTO Meeting 9/20: 6:30 to 7:00 Dinner served in Cafeteria
7:00pm to 8:00pm Meeting in Auditorium
(childcare provided)**

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Student Name(s): _____ Parent Name: _____

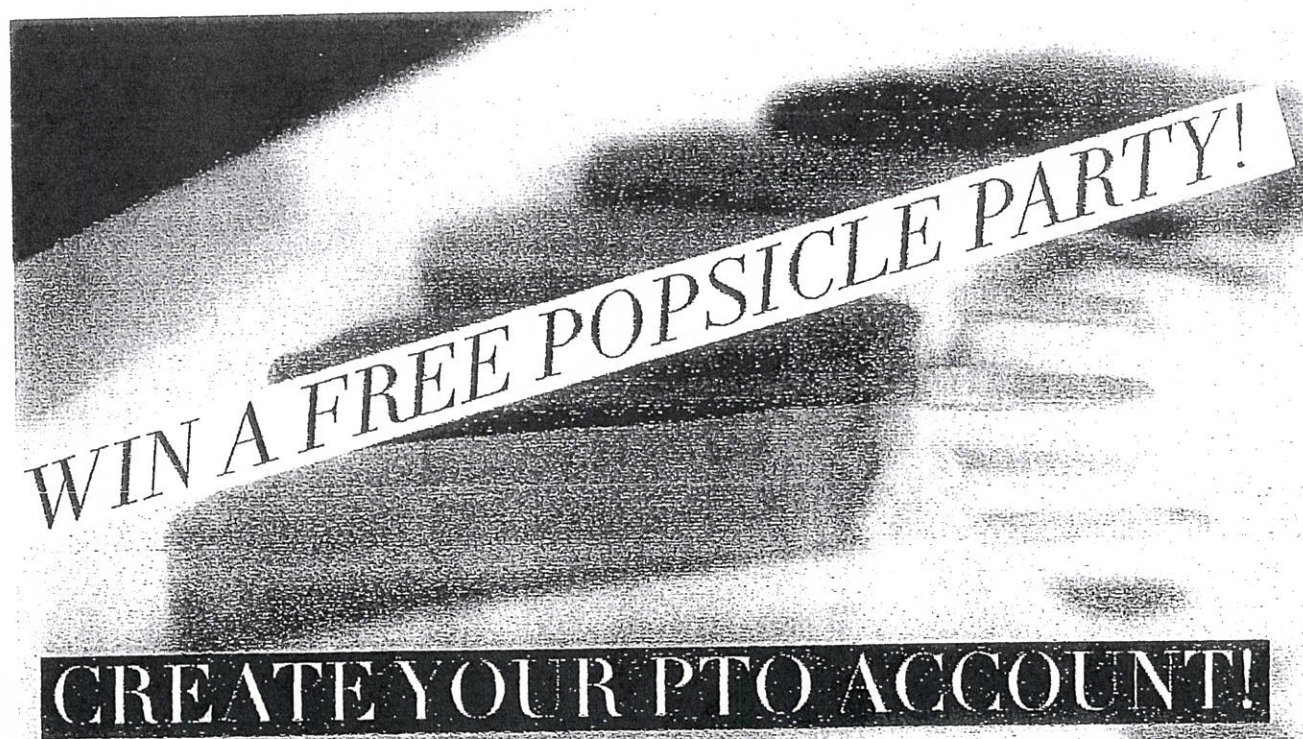
Homeroom: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Delivery Date for Birthday Gram _____

Birthday Gram \$20 _____

All 5 Free Dress Days \$20 _____

Individual Free Dress Day (Specify date(s) _____) \$5 _____



We want all families to register on the Parker PTO website. Registration is **FREE** and gives you access to volunteer opportunities, purchasing event tickets & spirit wear, and up to date PTO information.

Head on over to, www.ParkerPTO.org and create your account today!

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN REACHING OUR GOAL OF 100% PARKER FAMILY REGISTRATION!



WIN A POPSICLE PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS!
every homeroom with 100% Online Registration



WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD FOR YOUR TEACHER!!
every homeroom with 100% Online Registration

Contest Ends September 26th!

www.ParkerPTO.org

Any questions? Contact Trisha Kennedy –communicationsvp@parkerpto.org