



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear HISD Parent/Guardian:

This is the time of year when we are deep into planning for the next school year. Part of that planning includes setting the calendar for school year 2017-2018—and we'd like you to be part of the decision-making process by voting for one of two (2) calendar options:

The first option, **Draft A**, would be similar to years past, in which students, teachers, and staff would get three days off for Thanksgiving (Nov. 22-24, 2017), with school ending on May 31, 2018 for students and June 1, 2018 for teachers.

The second option, **Draft B**, is a departure from previous years and would give students, teachers, and staff the full week of Thanksgiving off (Nov. 20-24, 2017), with school ending on June 1, 2018 for students and June 4, 2018 for teachers.

Both calendar options retain other traditional HISD holidays, with the exception of the Fall Holiday on Draft B, which becomes a student-only holiday.

Please complete a survey at HoustonISD.org/CalendarSurvey to select the option you prefer. The survey will be open through Nov. 30. At the December meeting of the Board of Education, the administration will recommend for trustees approval of whichever version of the calendar receives the most votes.

Thank you for your participation.

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Lori Frodine, Principal

Bulletin #7

November 15, 2016

NEW Parker Party Guidelines Policy

Parker Elementary's Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) which is made up of teachers, staff members, parents, and community members worked to create a policy to ensure all class parties are fair and equitable for students after reviewing issues from last school year. If you have any questions regarding this new policy, please contact your SDMC representative or Ms. Frodine at 713-726-3634.

Effective for the 2016-2017 school year, the winter and end of year class parties must follow the below guidelines:

- **Class parties will be one hour in length with a 15 minute setup time.**
- **Class parties will be held inside the teacher's classroom.**
- **Dietary & nutritional needs are considered for each class:**
 - ✓ **Only pre-packaged food items allowed; store bought and/or restaurants which provide dietary information (pizza, chick-fil-a, etc.)**
 - ✓ **Quantity of food items will also be limited to: one main dish, one chip item, one healthy item, and one sweet item.**
 - ✓ **Special attention will be given to classes with students with food allergies.**
- **Class parties will have an activity or movie provided for students to participate in.**
- **Teachers and Homeroom Parent will complete the Parker Party Plans Form prior to any party.**

Thank you for your assistance!

☺ Literacy Night ☺

3rd-5th Grade

Math Games! Reading Games!
Food
and
Drinks!

When: Tuesday,
November 15th

5:00-6:30pm

Where: Parker Cafeteria

***Advanced Chorus will be selling
food and drinks***



Parker Art Department Fundraiser!



Support the Parker art department by purchasing a student made calendar. All Art students in grades 1-5 took photographs of our school. Next year we'll be in a new building, but we won't want to forget this one! Students toured the school capturing their favorite spots on Parker campus. Several photos were selected to be in an 8.5" x 11" colored wall calendar. These photos not only capture our school, but demonstrate artistic expression.

The cost is **\$15/calendar**. The profits from the sale of our calendars will go towards the Parker Art Fund. Once we're in the new building we'll need to fill our art studio with new supplies!

If you would like to order a calendar or a set of calendars please fill out the form below and turn it in to the front office with payment. **Orders will be taken until December 2nd**. Calendars will be delivered to your child the week of December 12th.



Thank you,

Julie Dickinson

Child's Name _____

Child's Teacher _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Calendars to purchase _____ at \$15 per calendar

Total Amount included _____

Kits for Kids!



Parker Student Council in Collaboration with HSPVA's Students Without Borders is asking for your help!

What: A drive to help provide personal hygiene and basic
"medicine cabinet" items to those in need

Who: Sponsored by the Parker Student Council in collaboration
with HSPVA's Students Without Borders- all donations will go to
Project C.U.R.E.'s Kits for Kids program

When: November 15th-November 29th

How: Bring donated items to your homeroom teacher

Grade	Items Requested
Pre-K and K	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Acetaminophen OR Ibuprofen- (<i>Junior or Regular strength tablets</i>)2. Box of Adhesive Bandages <p><i>*Items can be found at dollar stores! Monetary Donations also accepted!!</i></p>

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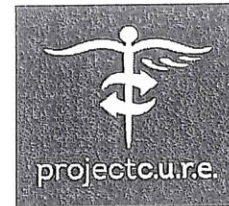
When: November 15th-November 29th

How: Bring donated items to your homeroom teacher

Grade	Items Requested
1st Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Triple Antibiotic Ointment2. 1% Hydrocortisone Cream3. Toothbrushes <p><i>*Items can be found at dollar stores! Monetary Donations also accepted!!</i></p>

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Grade	Items Requested
2nd Grade	1. Hand Sanitizer (<i>travel-size</i>) 2. Elastic Bandage <i>*Items can be found at dollar stores! Monetary Donations also accepted!!</i>

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Grade	Items Requested
3rd Grade	1. Safety Pins 2. Comb 3. Nail Clippers <i>*Items can be found at dollar stores! Monetary Donations also accepted!!</i>

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Grade	Items Requested
4th Grade	1. Facial Tissues (<i>travel-sized</i>) 2. Blunt Scissors <i>*Items can be found at dollar stores! Monetary Donations also accepted!!</i>

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When: November 15th-November 29th

How: Bring donated items to your homeroom teacher

Grade	Items Requested
5th Grade	1. Tweezers 2. Bar Soap <i>*Items can be found at dollar stores! Monetary Donations also accepted!!</i>

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Spelling Bee Information!

Dear Parents,

The Spelling Bee is quickly approaching! Each classroom (3rd-5th Grade) will hold their own classroom spelling bee sometime before the grade level bees. The winners from those bees will participate in a grade level bee. From there, we take the winner and runner up from each grade level to compete in the Parker Spelling Bee. The spelling bee is a great way to challenge your child through processing spelling in a different way and enhancing their reading skills. The spelling bee is optional, but we strongly encourage your child to participate! Attached is the list your child will need to study for the classroom spelling bee; all grade levels are included in the list. I've included all important dates below. Feel free to email me with any questions!

Ms. Grosso

hgrosso@houstonisd.org

	Date and Time	Location
Classroom Spelling Bees	Scheduled by homeroom teacher	Teacher's classrooms
Third Grade Bee	Wednesday, December 14 th 8:00 am	Cafeteria
Fourth Grade Bee	Tuesday, December 13 th 8:00 am	Cafeteria
Fifth Grade Bee	Thursday, December 15 th 8:00 am	Cafeteria
School Spelling Bee	Wednesday, January 11 th 8:00 am	Cafeteria



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Study Words for Second Graders

2016-2017

ivy	awake	beehive	untidy	pebbles
nose	bird	shopping	curved	married
tusk	snack	artwork	leaky	chamber
road	wear	chance	interact	flicker
oven	mane	lookout	sturdy	onion
news	hardly	stroller	chatter	arcade
food	shirts	anyone	bakery	London
rules	moody	thumb	darkest	pounce
braid	lawn	backdrop	feast	shrill
miles	branch	fuddy-duddy	dollars	mayor
folds	pantry	paint	might	farewell
pages	sandbox	soul	subject	young
boring	posters	banana	dishes	supplies
corner	spider	frown	partly	beginning
ferns	coast	temper	forward	vacation
elbow	bother	burst	strange	skateboard
taxi	mouse	hungry	hitched	poem
stuck	swift	riddle	rather	snoozing
grain	restless	porch	puzzles	lotion
float	parents	silver	sign	prevented

This list includes 50 challenging second grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging third grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a second grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Third Graders

2016-2017

paint	might	farewell	contract	climbed
soul	subject	young	anteater	teaspoon
banana	dishes	supplies	pouring	balance
frown	partly	beginning	lantern	knitting
temper	forward	vacation	subtracting	merely
burst	strange	skateboard	portable	furnish
hungry	hitched	poem	twine	passage
riddle	rather	snoozing	estate	complaints
porch	puzzles	lotion	umbrella	thunderbolt
silver	sign	prevented	timidly	nonsense
untidy	pebbles	smirk	observe	mansion
curved	married	destiny	trance	laundry
leaky	chamber	monkeys	elderly	available
interact	flicker	studio	liquid	lodging
sturdy	onion	nifty	deadline	portions
chatter	arcade	janitor	country	gallant
bakery	London	pottery	flexible	veins
darkest	pounce	wonderful	promote	mountain
feast	shrill	square	massive	whistling
dollars	mayor	belief	bronze	voyage

This list includes 50 challenging third grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging fourth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a third grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Fourth Graders

2016-2017

smirk	observe	mansion	biology	caterpillar
destiny	trance	laundry	hangar	wistfully
monkeys	elderly	available	quality	annual
studio	liquid	lodging	saucepan	beckon
nifty	deadline	portions	invisible	creation
janitor	country	gallant	classical	dumbwaiter
pottery	flexible	veins	blurred	unbearable
wonderful	promote	mountain	contestants	cupboard
square	massive	whistling	farfetched	dimension
belief	bronze	voyage	bemused	initials
contract	climbed	hooves	clients	daunted
anteater	teaspoon	funnel	tightrope	settee
pouring	balance	gravely	innocent	digestive
lantern	knitting	hiccups or hiccoughs	dignified	lounge
subtracting	merely	performance	priority	marooned
portable	furnish	specific	delicate	poisonous
twine	passage	dowdy	applause	vinegar
estate	complaints	indicate	bargain	moisture
umbrella	thunderbolt	clause	fortune	terrier
timidly	nonsense	failure	vocabulary	gymnastics

This list includes 50 challenging fourth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging fifth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a fourth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Fifth Graders

2016-2017

hooves	clients	daunted	thicket	tuition
funnel	tightrope	settee	naturalist	bedraggled
gravely	innocent	digestive	quashed	paisley
hiccups <i>or</i> hiccoughs	dignified	lounge	microscope	orchestra
performance	priority	marooned	cathedral	satchel
specific	delicate	poisonous	diligent	herring
dowdy	applause	vinegar	auction	coronet
indicate	bargain	moisture	sediment	precursor
clause	fortune	terrier	fervently	infuriating
failure	vocabulary	gymnastics	bushel	suet
biology	caterpillar	vertical	clodhopper	forfeit
hangar	wistfully	inlet	unappealing	partridge
quality	annual	botany	dandruff	arduous
saucepan	beckon	linen	pensive	mastiff
invisible	creation	esteem	gnarled	pauper
classical	dumbwaiter	mildew	peculiar	armadillo
blurred	unbearable	gourd	cutlery	reggae
contestants	cupboard	pitiful	equestrian	marionette
farfetched	dimension	concise	oblivious	algae
bemused	initials	perimeter	spatula	tortoise

This list includes 50 challenging fifth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging sixth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a fifth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Sixth Graders

2016-2017

vertical	clodhopper	forfeit	nonviolent	implacable
inlet	unappealing	partridge	enchantment	opinionated
botany	dandruff	arduous	perilous	javelin
linen	pensive	mastiff	servitude	lyre
esteem	gnarled	pauper	derelict	artillery
mildew	peculiar	armadillo	charismatic	stratagems
gourd	cutlery	reggae	heredity	austere
pitiful	equestrian	marionette	prosthetic	venerable
concise	oblivious	algae	treatise	Icarus
perimeter	spatula	tortoise	avian	oracle
thicket	tuition	varsity	indifference	antiquated
naturalist	bedraggled	antidote	epithets	pearlescent
quashed	paisley	emperor	compatriots	bestial
microscope	orchestra	mystic	petrifying	tenaciously
cathedral	satchel	resonate	tremendous	cavalcade
diligent	herring	zodiac	engineering	burglarious
auction	coronet	ravine	alliance	scrumptiously
sediment	precursor	hovel	discreetly	boulevards
fervently	infuriating	sentries	enumerated	laburnums
bushel	suet	rendition	feckless	thaumaturge

This list includes 50 challenging sixth grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging seventh grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a sixth grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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Study Words for Seventh Graders

2016-2017

varsity	indifference	antiquated	insulin	legitimately
antidote	epithets	pearlescent	allegiance	vagabonds
emperor	compatriots	bestial	Dantean	affectionately
mystic	petrifying	tenaciously	perpetrator	habanero
resonate	tremendous	cavalcade	avalanche	overweening
zodiac	engineering	burglarious	bedlam	vengeance
ravine	alliance	scrumptiously	Mylar	gladiatorial
hovel	discreetly	boulevards	exquisite	semaphore
sentries	enumerated	laburnums	assailant	inconceivable
rendition	feckless	thaumaturge	functionary	pilgrimages
nonviolent	implacable	marvelous or marvellous	inadvertent	Holocaust
enchantment	opinionated	vulpine	Mandarin	nuisance
perilous	javelin	catastrophic	physicists	enervating
servitude	lyre	quandary	Einstein	sanctum sanctorum
derelict	artillery	Honolulu	tremulous	undulating
charismatic	stratagems	uranium	aperture	Jacobean
heredity	austere	collision	prodigious	hypotenuse
prosthetic	venerable	alpinist	Stilton	machete
treatise	Icarus	mahogany	unscrupulous	silhouetted
avian	oracle	neutron	concussion	conflagration

This list includes 50 challenging seventh grade words and, to extend learning, 50 challenging eighth grade words. If you learn the spellings and meanings of these 100 words, you will be well prepared for a seventh grade classroom bee. If you would like to be well prepared for a school spelling bee, ask your teacher for the 450-word School Spelling Bee Study List.



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