



Parker Elementary School

HISD Music Magnet School

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Dear Parent,

Recently, you may have heard about a new system for rating schools in Texas. House Bill 2804, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2015, will change the Texas school accountability system so that every campus and district will be rated with letter grades. The new system will go into effect in the 2017-18 school year.

Much like students receive individual subject grades that are combined for a grade point average, the law requires schools and districts to be issued grades based on five different areas of performance, and those five grades are combined into a single overall rating. Using data from the upcoming 2017-2018 school year, schools and districts will be given an overall rating of A, B, C, D, or F, along with A-F ratings in five separate domains.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently released a "work-in-progress" report showing ratings HISD schools would receive in Domains I, II, III and IV if the A-F rating system had been in place during the 2015-16 school year. The A-F "work-in-progress" ratings are available at TEA.Texas.gov, but keep in mind the accountability system rates schools and districts as "met standard" or "improvement required."

The first official A-F ratings are scheduled to be released in August 2018. Please see the attached FAQ and overview provided by the TEA. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to me or visit the TEA website at TEA.Texas.gov.

Best regards,

Lori Frodine
Principal
Parker Elementary

Starting with the 2017-18 school year, the Texas Education Agency will give each public school and district a rating in the form of an A-F letter grade to comply with House Bill 2804 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature in 2015. HISD has compiled these FAQs to answer some of the questions you may have about this upcoming change.

Q: How will schools and districts be rated under the new system?

A: Much like students receive grades in individual subjects and those are combined for a grade point average, the law requires schools and districts to be issued grades based on five different areas of performance, and those five grades are combined into a single overall rating. The five areas or domains are: Student Achievement, Student Progress, Closing the Gaps, Postsecondary Readiness, and Community and Student Engagement. Based on the 2017-2018 school year, schools and districts will be given an overall rating of A, B, C, D, or F, along with A-F ratings in the five separate domains.

Q: How are schools rated currently?

A: Under the current school accountability system, which went into effect with the introduction of STAAR testing in the 2011-2012 school year, Texas schools are rated either *Met Standard* or *Improvement Required*. Prior to that, schools were rated *Exemplary*, *Recognized*, *Academically Acceptable*, or *Academically Unacceptable*, depending on their TAKS scores.

Q: What factors will be used to rate a school or district under the A-F system?

A: The new rating system will focus on how well schools are doing in three main areas: preparing students for success after graduation, reducing achievement gaps, and informing parents and the community about district and campus performance. More specifically, STAAR test results are projected to be roughly 55 percent of a school's grade. Other factors may include: high school graduation rate and diploma plans; credits for Career and Technical Education (CTE); completion rate of AP or IB courses; and postsecondary credits achieved through the HISD dual-credit program. Factors new to the system include the number of students who enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces; school attendance rates; middle school dropout rates; and the percentage of students receiving instruction in college and career preparation. An additional 10 percent may be based on community and student engagement, another new indicator.

Q: What do the "work-in-progress" ratings that were released in January 2017 mean?

A: The Texas Education Agency recently released a "work-in-progress" report showing the ratings HISD schools would have received in Domains I-IV for the 2015-2016 year **if the A-F rating system was currently in place**. These ratings are available at TEA.Texas.gov, but keep in mind the current system rates campuses as either *Met Standard* or *Improvement Required*. The "work-in-progress" ratings will be used to guide discussion for further development of the new system. In addition, HISD will analyze this data to continue our work improving all schools.



Parker Elementary School Traffic Alert!

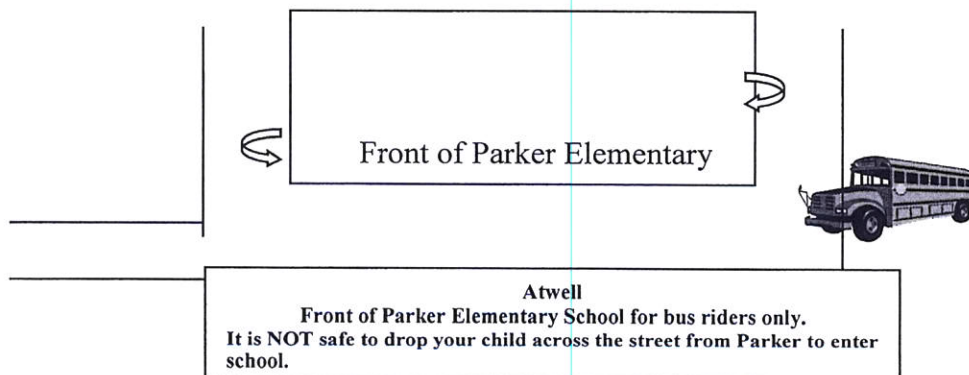
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Happy New Year! Here are a few reminders for 2017:

- ♦ **Do not drop your child off across the street from Parker.** Safe drop-off /pick-up areas have been set up along the school side of both Stillbrooke and Willowbend. Do not ask your child to compete with this traffic.
- ♦ **Do not leave your child at Parker before 7:15 a.m.** especially during winter months when temperatures are lower. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., if you want your child to eat at school, please get them to school by 7:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Do not park or leave your car in the bus zone, in the drop-off /pick-up areas, or in the Right Turn Only Lane on Atwell. These are NO-PARKING/tow away area that will be enforced by Houston Police Department.** Do not block residents' driveways. Please be courteous to our neighbors. HPD has been out issuing tickets for any one blocking drive ways.
- ♦ All parents picking up in the **carpool lanes MUST have a CAR TAG** with their child's name listed, please make sure you have one for any person who picks up your child.
- ♦ If you want your child to walk home alone (or leave campus alone) please ensure you have notified your teacher, **students without prior notification will not be allowed to leave without an adult.**


Thank you for your attention to this very serious issue!



Student made calendars are
still available for sale!



Students in grades 1-5 took photographs of Parker Elementary School to remember their favorite spots before the building is torn down and a new school is built.



It's not too late to purchase your own calendar. I have about 10 calendars that will be for sale in the front office.

\$15 each

Parker After School Care Registration Form - Spring I 2017

Student's Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Magnet Area: _____
 Mother's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mother's Email: _____
 Father's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
 Father's Email: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Registration Begins: **January 5, 2017** Registration Ends: **January 13, 2017**
Late registration will not be pro-rated.

1. One time annual registration fee of \$50 per family per year.
2. If your child is not in After School Care or Magnet he/she must go home and return for their class or register for After School Care. The rate is \$20 per month for 1 day a week from 3:00 to start of class.
3. Fill out one form per child, include the activity fee plus registration and return completed form to the front office by the deadline.
4. Write your child's first and last name, and Enrichment on the memo section of the check on the envelope.
5. Make checks payable to Parker PTO.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Class Name	Day	Time	Start	End	Notes	Cost	totals
Karate	Wedensdays	4:00 - 5:00	1/18	3/8	6 weeks no class 1/25 or 2/22	\$85.00	
Karate Uniform			* Separate check payable to Mr. Ron Williams			\$40.00	XXXXX
Mad Science	Fridays	4:00-5:00	1/13	3/10	9 weeks	\$125.00	
Abakadoodle							
Art	Mondays	4:00 - 5:00	1/23	3/6	7 weeks	\$110.00	

Annual Registration \$50 _____
 TOTAL DUE _____
 Date Rec'd _____
 Check # _____

PLEASE NOTE: Low enrollment may result in cancellation.

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Science Night

Come join the GSBS Outreach Program for a day full of fun and interesting activities showcased by the pioneering scientists from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center!

When:
Saturday
January 21,
2017
2-5pm

Where:
SCRB1/2
7435 Fannin,
Houston TX
77054

*Bring the
whole family
and
get your
science on!*

What:
Fun, hands-on
experiments
and demos!

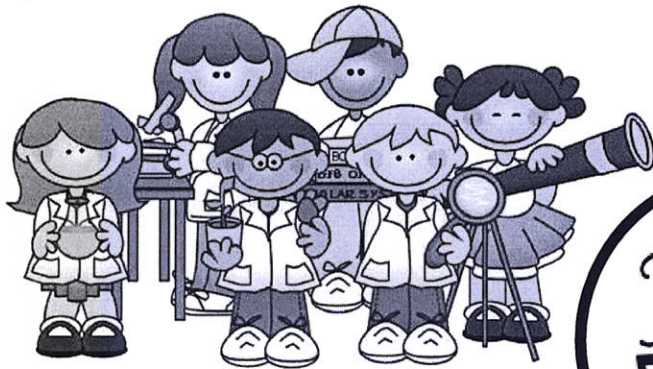
*Free parking
will be
available. Just
follow the
signs!*



You can contact the GSBS Outreach Program at:
gsbs_outreachprogram@uth.tmc.edu

Parker's Enrichment Clubs present

FALL SHOWCASE



Did you miss your chance to join the Enrichment Clubs?

Want to know more about what we are doing? Join us for a FREE fun-filled afternoon to check out what our Enrichment Clubs have to offer!

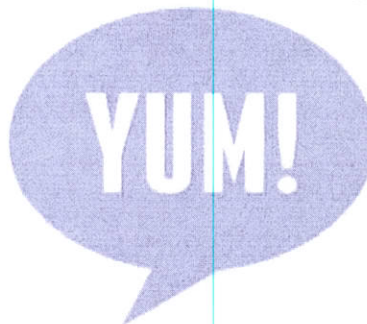


JANUARY 20TH
4:30 – 6:00PM

PARKER ELEMENTARY FRONT LAWN

CONCESSIONS

**SUPPORT THE CHOIR AND
FEED YOUR FAMILY.**



**CHESS & BRAINY
GAMES CLUB**
CHALLENGE US TO A
FRIENDLY GAME



**MATH & SCIENCE
CLUB**
!!!! GAMES!!!!!!



ART CLUB
ART EXPO AND CRAFT



PERFORMANCES
THEATER CLUB &
ODYSSEY OF THE MIND



ROBOTICS TEAMS
COMPETITION



**SPORTS & STATS
CLUB**

FANTASY FOOTBALL
Q&A

SAVE THE DATE

Parker Elementary 2017

Free Enrichment Clubs

Spring sign-up for clubs is here. Please read the information below and mark your calendars.

All Clubs are from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Registration

Please visit our PTO website for instructions on registration. Click on the Enrichment Clubs tab in the Quick Links panel.

<http://www.CynthiaAnnParkerPTO.org>

Important Dates

PTO meeting Thursday, January 12th @ 6:30 pm.

Registration begins Friday, January 13th @ 6a.m.

After School Care- clubs registration deadline, January 30th
Clubs will begin the week of February 13th
Spring Showcase, April 28th

If you have any questions, please email me. Crisa VDB@gmail.com



Art Club

Students will engage in activities that are fun, as well as educational. In Art Club, they will have the opportunity to explore different components of art while they create their own masterpieces.

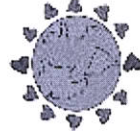
Wednesday- Coach Wilson (3rd -5th)
Coach Pittman (K-2nd)



Chess Club

This club will be for students who are interested in learning the fundamentals of chess, hone their skills and want to practice with friends. This year in chess club we would like to prepare our Chess club members for an in-house competition.

Monday - Coach Wilson (3rd -5th)



Earth Club

Come learn about different ways we can take care of our Earth through reading and fun science activities. Students will be able to use their knowledge to take action towards helping the Earth.

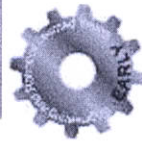
Thursday - Coach Pittman (1st – 5th)



Math Club

Parker will be partnering with Bedtime Math to bring Crazy 8 math clubs to campus. Every week Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music, and make a mess, while bonding with new friends over math.

Monday - Coach Terry (2nd -5th)
Tuesday - Coach Jordan (K-2nd)



Robotics Club

With the help from NASA and LEGOS students will work in groups to build robots, complete missions and participate in competitions.

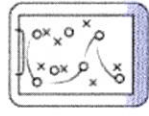
Wednesday - Coach Herce (3rd -5th)
Coach Reed (3rd -5th) &
Coach Van Den Bossche (3rd -5th)



Science Club

Students will have an opportunity to build levels of scientific and mathematical literacy through hands-on investigations.

Monday- Coach Kolb (K-2nd) & Quiocho (3rd-5th)
Tuesday - Coach Hoyt (K-2nd)
Thursday - Coach Turner (3rd-5th)



Sports and Stats

After school fantasy football and basketball club! Playing fantasy sports is a great way to learn how to read and interpret statistics and make predictions and decisions based on those interpretations. Students will also practice good sportsmanship and team building.

Thursday - Coach Kabay (4th-5th)



Theater Club

Students will take center stage as they participate in the components of producing a play all while improving their focus, confidence and social skills. Reader's theater, acting exercises, prop design and maybe even a matinee for Parker!

Monday - Coach Turner (3rd -5th)
Tuesday - Coach Britton (K-2nd)



Brainy Games Club

Children will play a variety of games while learning cooperation, sportsmanship and innovative thinking.

Thursday - Coach Ellery (K-2nd)

Strength through community



**WESTBURY
SOCCER CLUB**

Now registering for Spring 2017 Soccer!

Recreational/In House Soccer U5—8. Birth years: 2009-2012.

- Co-ed teams. 4 v 4 game format.
- Practice 1 day/week; games on Sunday.
- February through May season.
- Special requests (friend; coach, practice day) considered for early registrants.
- Fees include uniform jersey, awards and professional training opportunities throughout season.

Development (U9—U12) & Competitive Teams (U13+). Birth years 2008 and older.

- Single sex or co-ed teams. Game format per USYSA guidelines.
- Practice 2/week,. Games on Saturdays.
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www.westbursoccer.org





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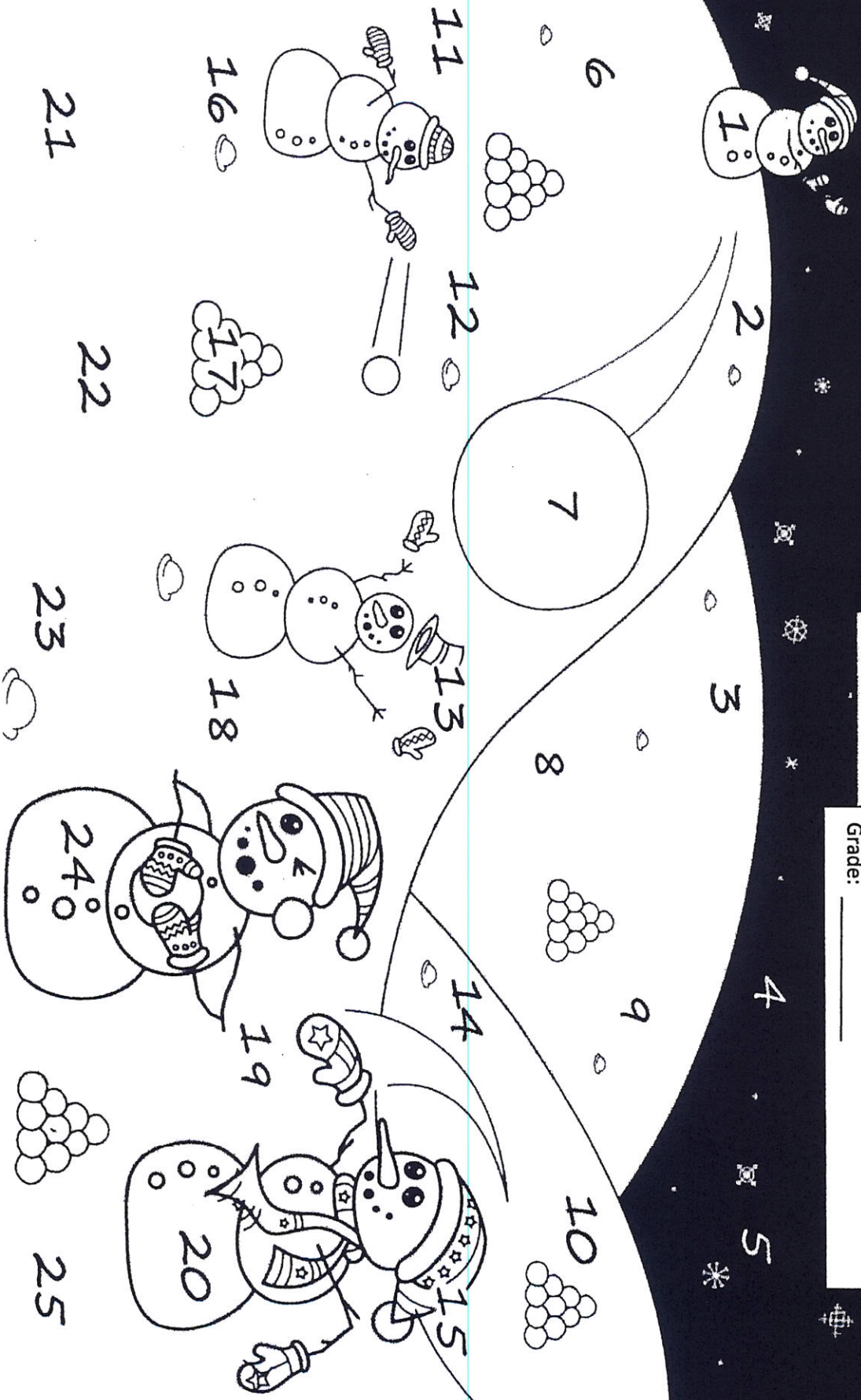
LET IT SNOW!



Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____



Bring in **40 Unexpired Box Tops by Wednesday, January 25th, 2017** and get a "Free Dress Day" in January. Here's a starter page, just affix the Box Tops by gluing or taping. Please do not staple! Thank you for helping your school!