

# HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

## Parker ES to dedicate new school and SPARK Park

**WHAT:** Parker Elementary School is hosting a dedication ceremony to celebrate their new building and SPARK Park. Built as part of the 2012 Bond Program, the new \$31 million renowned music magnet school features a 500-seat auditorium with collapsible, bleacher-style seating and band, orchestra, vocal and multipurpose rooms. The school also has collaborative and flexible outdoor learning areas and a community plaza.

**Editor's Note:** *Media will be able to tour the facility and interview students, staff, and district officials.*

**WHO:** Principal **Lori Frodine**, HISD Board of Education Trustee **Wanda Adams**, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, SPARK School Park Program Executive Director **Kathleen Ownby**, Parker students **Nevaeh Brooks** and **Eli Ellery**, the Parker Advanced Strings and Guitars, the Parker School Chorus, and the Westbury High School Color Guard, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, community members, students, parents, and staff

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 28  
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Parker Elementary School, 10626 Atwell Dr., 77096

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