

April 7, 2017

Happy Friday Eagle Parents,

I hope everyone has a great weekend. We at the Mantz house have been busy the last few weekends with Marissa activities, so I am hoping to stay home and get caught up on a few things. That way we can take the camper out NEXT weekend and enjoy the 4 day weekend.

End of the 5th Grading Period

The 5th six weeks grading period ends Thursday, April 13th, 2017. You will be able to go on HAC Friday, Friday, April 21st to see the new report card. We will be sending a hard copy home to those families who indicated they wanted a hard copy on InfoSnap. If you have any questions about what you find on HAC, our teachers are here to answer questions and be of service. Do not hesitate to ask.

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH AND MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

Freedom Elementary Field Day is Thursday, April 13th

Our field day will look a little different this year as compared to years past. Students in K-2nd will “compete” in the morning from 8:30-11:00 and 3rd-4th will compete in the afternoon from 12:15-2:45. Each class will be able to move between stations at their own pace and will collect points from one station to the next. Our cafeteria partners, Sodexo will have their grill on site this day as well. Instead of the regular cafeteria lunch, they will be grilling that day. Students will be able to use their regular lunch accounts to get a “fresh off the bbq” meal for lunch that day.

If we do have rain on the April 13th we have planned for the following Friday, April 21st as a make-up date. Let’s hope for a nice sunny day with temperatures in the upper 70s or lower 80s!

Please take time to give me your feedback. I take it seriously and our leadership team uses your feedback in planning changes for next year. The survey takes about 5 minutes and is open through April 12th. Below is a link:

<http://www.k12insight.com/KellerISD/schoolsurvey>

Lightning during arrival/dismissal and recess

When lightning is in the area campus administration will monitor lightning strikes using the app LightningCast. When lightning is within 10 miles of Freedom Elementary we will use our Remind texting app to let parents know bad weather arrival and dismissal procedures are

activated. The procedures will stay in place for 15 minutes after the last lightning strike inside of a 10 mile radius.

These procedures are put in place to keep students and adults safe. Per KISD safety procedures, during severe weather conditions such as lightning, thunderstorms, or tornado warnings, students are brought into the building from outside activities and held inside until conditions are safe. KISD regulations do not allow us to dismiss students to busses or to walk out of the building while severe weather is in the area.

During this time, KISD employees are not allowed outside to help with arrival in the morning or to dismiss students in the afternoon. In the morning during arrival that means we will have no campus staff outside to help. It is recommended that parents only drop off closest to the building since no one will be outside to help with cross walk.

For dismissal, parents who have arrived at Freedom Elementary to pick-up their children may wait in their cars until the weather subsides. Although it is not recommended, a parent may choose to leave her or his car and enter the building during severe weather and escort her or his child outside during dismissal. I know that this is an extra hassle for you in the morning or afternoon and I want to thank you for understanding and ensuring that we keep both students and adults safe.

Reminder for Dismissal Procedures (FRONT OF BUILDING)

If you are picking up for Kindergarten, drive down the right hand lane of the parking lot next to the cars parked on the outside. If you are picking up for 2nd-4th grade, drive down the left hand lane next to the cars parked on the inside portion of the parking lot. There is enough space to start two lines once you enter the parking lot.

Reminder for Arrival Procedures

The east driveway (by the cafeteria) is used for: school busses, daycare busses and select students that we have spoken with. If you are not a school bus, daycare bus or a family we have specifically talked with, then you are to use the front driveway only. Having traffic in the east driveway, slows down the busses that are on a tight schedule. Thank you for following the procedures that are set-up for our school and for not forcing Ms. Betancourt or me to be out in that parking lot to give verbal reminders that the procedures are for all of us.

Remember that when you drop-off in front, once you get to the sidewalk your child can exit the passenger side of the car. You do not have to wait until you get to the adults opening the car doors to drop-off, if your child doesn't need help with the door. Once you drop-off, you may pull into the left lane and drive straight through without waiting in line. This should keep the line moving quickly and get everyone in and out of the parking lot efficiently.

Remind/Social Media

I will be using Remind as a texting tool to keep parents and guardians up-to-date on the happenings at Freedom Elementary. If you would like short bursts of on-time information, please text what is between the quotes to 81010 “@4296g”.

We have a Twitter and Facebook account that you can follow us on for updates as well.

Important Dates:

April 10th: Talent Show 7:00 PM
April 13th: Field Day Kinder-4th grade
April 13th: End of 5th 6 Weeks
April 14th: Student Holiday NO SCHOOL
April 17th: Student Holiday NO SCHOOL
April 21st: Report Cards on HAC
April 21st: SOAR Assembly
April 21st: Central HS baseball Feeder Pattern Night @ 7:30 PM at Central HS
May 1st: Choir Spring Concert 7:00 PM in Cafeteria
May 1st-5th: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8th: STAAR Math- Closed Campus to all parents and visitors
May 9th: STAAR Reading- Closed Campus to all parents and visitors
May 16th: 4th Grade Play day at Timber Creek HS
May 18th: Parkwood Hill Parent Orientation Night 6:30 PM (same program on May 25th)
May 19th: Drama Club Performance at 7:00 PM in Cafeteria
May 22nd: PTA Meeting
May 25th: Parkwood Hill Parent Orientation Night 6:30 PM (same program on May 18th)
May 29th: Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
May 30th: 1st Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria
May 31st: 2nd Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria
June 1st: 3rd Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria
June 1st: Kindergarten End of Year Celebration 1:45 PM Cafeteria
June 2nd: 4th Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria
June 2nd: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE 12:00

Eagle Proud,
Gary Mantz