

Weekly Message from the Principal

Happy Friday!

We have had a wonderful week full of learning and showing care for others while having fun during Valentine's Day parties!

Given recent tragic events, we want to reassure parents that student and staff safety is our top priority. We are diligent with practicing our safety procedures for all emergency situations.

As a visitor or volunteer, we ask that you enter through the front door only, and check in and out through the office every time.

We encourage you to let someone know if you see or learn something that concerns you. Either make the front office aware or go through the [anonymous alert system](#).

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this important matter as we continue to keep students and families safe at Parkside.

Enjoy the 3 day weekend with your family!

Ms. Waltmon

Summer Reading for All Book Drive

Monday, February 19th is the launch of the 2018 Summer Reading for All Book Drive! #SR4A

Donate your gently used books to the Parkside library to support our efforts to keep all students reading during the summer. More information can be found at [SR4A - Leander Independent School District](#)

Father/Daughter Dance

The Father/Daughter Dance will be Thursday, February 22nd from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to support our scholar trait of giving back. The theme of the dance is "Puppy Love", and the "price" for admission is an item to donate to our local animal shelter. Some examples of items to donate include canned food, litter, cat and dog toys, leashes, Clorox wipes, and paper towels. Come help us give back to the community!

Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday, February 21st at the link below so we can be sure we have enough snacks for everyone!

<https://goo.gl/forms/i8nNyHu8oG8kbuWD3>

American Heart Association /Jump Rope for Heart Donations

Parkside has partnered with the American Heart Association, AHA, for our annual service-learning project in PE. Last week students learned about heart health and how they can help the AHA in PE class. Students have the option to help raise money for the AHA through online contributions or through the traditional envelope collection method. **All envelopes/collection forms are due by February 28th**, and can be returned to any of the PE teachers. If you have any questions please contact Coach Wilkerson at Charles.wilkerson@leanderisd.org. Thanks for your support!

Child Nutrition Services Art Contest

Child Nutrition Services are teaming up with Texas Department of Agriculture and Square Meals for a Texas Student Artwork Competition honoring school lunch and breakfast in Leander ISD schools.

Students from kindergarten through Grade 12 can showcase their talents by participating in the **You Art What You Eat** art contest for all Texas schools at no cost. The original winning artwork along with the 1st & 2nd runner up will be displayed in the State Capitol in May 2018.

Learn more at [You Art What You Eat! 2018-2019](#) Submission deadline is 5:00pm on April 20th, 2018

Child Nutrition will be placing posters in the cafeteria with website information for students to learn more about the contest.

The **You Art What You Eat** art contest was created to engage students in the celebration for National School Lunch Week and would like to encourage students to participate and submit their inspirational art talent by honoring National School Lunch Week in March 2018.

One entry per student theme is allowed for the contest.

Reminders for Lunch Deliveries

There has been a noticeable increase of lunch deliveries that are an everyday occurrence. Please keep in mind that lunch delivery should be an occasional instance for those days when the student forgot to pack their lunch with their backpack, or a grocery run was needed to have items for lunch.

If you would like to provide a hot lunch from home, there are several options for thermoses that will keep food warm for several hours. Please make every effort to have your student bring their lunch in the morning when they leave home for school. If a delivery is necessary, please bring the lunch before 9:00 a.m. so we can deliver the lunch to the student without disrupting instruction.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Dates for your Calendar

2/20 5th grade Honor Choir Concert at Leander HS Performing Arts Center 7:00 p.m.

2/22 Father/Daughter Dance 5:30