

January 29, 2021

Dear YES Prep Families,

It's hard to believe we are already a full month into 2021. Despite all the challenges of the season, we hope this message finds you safe and well. Whether students are online or in person, our teachers and staff are working hard to provide a positive learning experience. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership while we continue to navigate these strange and difficult times. Thanks also to our students for their incredible resilience and dedication. We are constantly amazed at their strength and joy; it inspires us to bring our best selves to serve them each day.

Thank you for reading this Family Update in its entirety for information, updates and reminders about Quarter 2 grades, Special Education Survey, Q3 Family Workshops available, the Family Portal, home meal deliveries for all students in the Online at Home learning program, upcoming student lottery deadline, and upcoming virtual charter school advocacy rallies.

Meal Deliveries for Remote Learners

Starting next week, February 1, all YES Prep remote student learners (students in the Online at Home learning program) will receive 7 breakfast and lunch meals weekly, by delivery, directly to their homes! Unless you opt out, through this [OPT Out Link](#), meals WILL be delivered to your home! The purpose of the Child Nutrition department is to ensure that ALL students are ready to learn by having access to school meals.

Quarter 2 Grades Now Available: How to Access Report Cards in Skyward

Student grades and report cards for Quarter 2 will be available Friday January 29 at the end of the day through Skyward Family Access. Student grades can be viewed by logging in to [Skyward Family Access](#) and selecting the Grading tile. To see the printed report card, go to the Portfolio tile and select the Q2 Report Card file. [Helpful video instructions are also available!](#)

As a reminder YES Prep Northbrook campuses ended Quarter 2 on December 18. Quarter 2 grades can be found in Skyward.

Special Education Survey for Stakeholders

YES Prep is currently participating in the Special Education Differentiated Monitoring and Support Process with the Texas Education Agency. The monitoring process is intended to help YES Prep continuously improve our services to students and to help us reach our vision for students in Special Education. As a stakeholder involved in Special Education, your feedback is critical to our improvement.

You can read [this letter from TEA](#) describing more about the process. The survey linked takes 10-20 minutes and is available in a variety of languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Filipino, Simplified Chinese, Burmese, and Urdu.

The first question on the survey asks for our ESC Region Number and the name of our district. You can find that information here:

- ESC Region Number: 4
- Name of LEA: YES Prep Public Schools



Thank you in advance for your time & attention!

YES Prep Family Portal

The YES Prep Family Portal is now live! The portal will allow you to access your child's grades, attendance, assignments, behavior, etc. in one place and communicate with your child's teachers and campus leaders in your preferred language as the Family Portal has simultaneous translation in 60+ languages. There is also a mobile app for Apple and Android to make it even easier to use the Family Portal to support your child's learning.

You must use your email address on file in Skyward to access the Family Portal. This ensures that your student's data remains safe and secure. Please visit [Family Portal Help](#) TODAY to set up your account. If you experience any issues, simply email the Family Portal Team at TechStrategy@yesprep.org. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to your campus registrar to be sure you have an email on file in Skyward.

Please note that the Family Portal is not available for YES Prep Northbrook families, as these partnership campuses operate through the Spring Branch ISD student information system. In addition, the Family Portal will not be used at the elementary campuses until the 21-22 school year

Family Workshop in Quarter 3

Step Up programming for Black and Brown high school girls provides access to mentoring relationships which enable them to use their voices and skills to address inequities, reject racism and build coalitions that strengthen their abilities to be future leaders in post-secondary pursuits and careers. On Thursday January 28th we hosted a virtual information session for high school girls and their parents to learn more about [Step Up](#). If you missed it, you can view the recording [HERE](#) and sign up for some incredible upcoming events using the QR codes in the presentation.

Our next family workshops will be designed to help you use various technology tools to support your child's learning. We will cover Skyward, Microsoft Teams, and host a tour of the resources on the district website.

- The Technology Workshop will be held in English, February 4, 2021 from 5:00-6:00. Simply click on this link to join the meeting at 5:00 on February 4th. [Microsoft Teams Live 2.4](#).
- The Technology workshop will be held in Spanish, February 11, 2021 from 5:00-6:00. Simply click on this link to join the meeting at 5:00 on February 11th. [Microsoft Teams Live 2.11](#)

If those dates and times are not convenient for you, a recording will be shared out in the weekly Family Communication email the following week.

Save the Date: Charter Advocacy Rallies

The Legislative Session has started in Austin, and that means lawmakers will make decisions that impact our charter schools. We need to speak out! Join the Texas Public Charter Schools Association at virtual advocacy rallies to learn what the charter community is fighting for, hear from fellow advocates, and learn how easy it is to make a difference for our students.

Parent Advocacy Rally: Wednesday, February 10 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.: [Click here to register.](#)

Student Lottery deadline approaching

The YES Prep lottery application deadline is fast approaching. We invite all families with siblings of current students in grades PK-3rd and 6th -9th to apply for our YES Prep lottery. As a result of the trust you have in YES Prep, all siblings are granted a priority status within our lottery process. While this does not guarantee

a seat, it gives your child(ren) the best chance to join one of our YES Prep campuses. Don't miss out on your opportunity to apply! The application closes on Friday, February 12. To apply please visit www.yesprep.org/enroll

Did you know?

There are 133 Texas charter schools that *flipped* the achievement gap in math -- students of color outperformed white students statewide. Public charter schools like YES Prep work hard to make sure students of every demographic succeed. [Learn more about the results of public charters here.](#)

As always, thank you families for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children and for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person. Our next Family Update will be until Friday, February 5.

Thank you