



“Parmer Lane Pawprints”



Welcome to Parmer Lane Elementary School! There are many things to know about our wonderful, unique school. Enclosed in this document are descriptions for some of the special events, activities, and recognitions available to our Parmer Lane Leopards. Think of it like a blueprint for a house, but instead it's pawprints for building a great school experience for the whole family! We hope that reading through these pages will help address questions about some particulars and enhance your experience at our school. Additional information about other topics can be found on the school's website at <https://www.pfisd.net/domain/751>.

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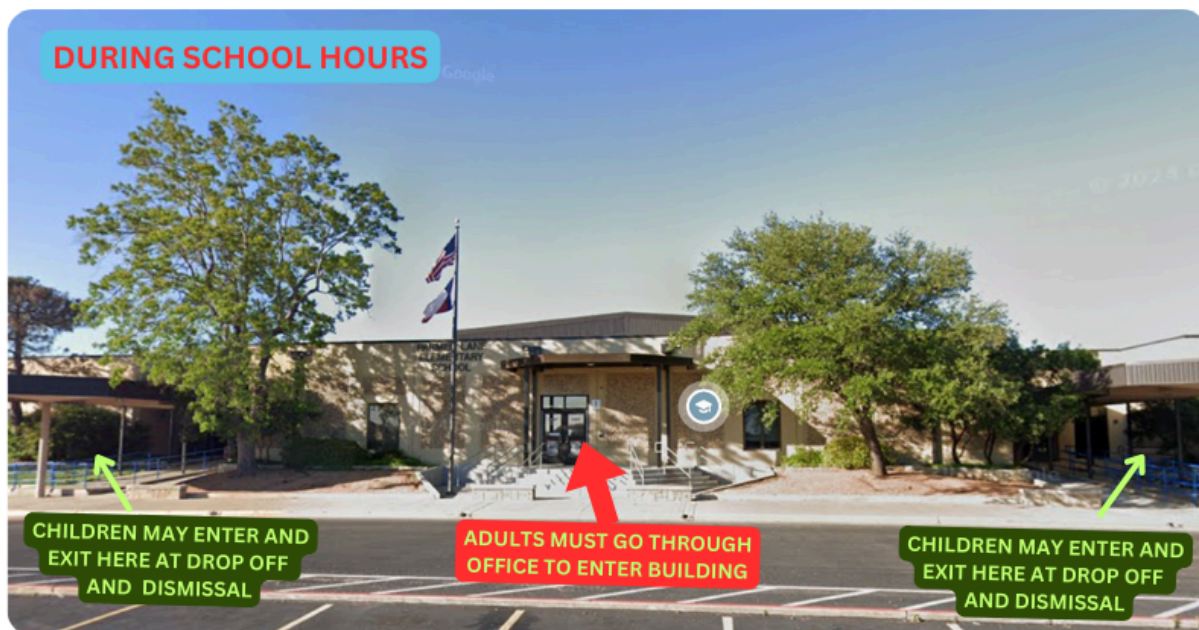
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Building Overview



Parmer Lane Elementary School is contained within one building. The administrator offices sit in the middle front of the building, with the nurse, breakroom, and workroom nearby. Grade level classrooms are along the side hallways. The library, art, and music rooms are in the very middle of the building. The cafeteria and gymnasium at the very back of the building, with the outdoor playground at the back of the campus.



During morning drop off and afternoon dismissal, students may enter and exit the building from the side doors of the building. All building doors are kept locked during school hours. All visitors must enter the building through the main office at the front. Office staff will buzz visitors into the check-in area, they then must use their driver's license for a scan on the Raptor system. Afterwards, visitors will be buzzed through into the office.

Drop off and Pick up



School doors open: 7:05 am
School begins/Tardy bell rings: 7:35 am
School ends: 2:45-2:50 pm

The parking lot at the front of the school flows in a counter-clockwise motion.

If you take the first lane into the parking lot, you will enter the stay-in-your-car lane that goes along the sidewalk (pictured in yellow arrows). **Do not leave your car if you are in this line.** Students may get out or enter a car when it is stopped. Please follow traffic directors and move up whenever possible to allow for more cars to fit in the line.

If you wish to get out of your car to walk your child to the door in the morning or to pick them up from their teacher in the afternoon, enter the second lane of the parking lot and find a parking spot (pictured in green arrows). You may also park in the designated parking lane along Parmer Lane, and walk up the hill to the school. **Always use designated crosswalks to cross the parking lot.**

Checking children in late or out early from campus

If your student arrives after 7:35 a.m. on a school day, they must enter the school through the front office. They will receive a tardy slip and then be released to their classroom.

If you need to pick up your child before dismissal time at 2:45 p.m. you must enter through the main office and fill out the early dismissal binder in the front office.

Please note, there are no early dismissals after 2:30 p.m. Please arrange to pick up before 2:30 p.m. or wait until after 2:45 p.m.

I think this was changed to 2pm? Need to verify with Monica. - Shawna

Lunch on campus

Family members may bring and enjoy lunch with their student(s) during their designated 30-minute time period. You must come through the front office and go through a driver's license scan before entering the cafeteria. There are designated tables for you to sit at with your child. When you are finished eating, you must checkout through the front office to sign-out with the Raptor system (see additional info below). Please do not exit the building out of any other doors, except for back through the front office.

Need to add lunch schedules by grade...

Flush out...

** Add special note about no visitors during STAAR weeks**

Driver's License check using the Raptor System

Raptor is a visitor management system that uses a visitor's driver's license information to check for matches against a database of registered sex offenders and private alerts. The system scans the visitor's name, date of birth, and photo from their driver's license or other approved government-issued ID. If a match is found, the system alerts school administrators and law enforcement so they can take action to keep the campus safe.

The 3 Be's

A long-standing tenant of student behavior and citizenship at Parmer Lane, and other Pflugerville ISD schools, is called "The 3 Be's".

These stand for

1. **Be** Safe
2. **Be** Respectful
3. **Be** Responsible

These tenants of behavior and good citizenship are instilled in and expected from our students at every level. Parmer Lane is also a Fight Free Campus.

Citizen of the Month

Once a month, a student from each class is chosen as Citizen of the Month by their teachers and/or peers. This student has been exemplary in displaying the 3 Be's and is honored with a special breakfast and certificate from the school. Families will receive a letter stating that their student was chosen as the Citizen of the Month and when the 7:30 p.m. breakfast will be held. Families are invited to attend the certificate ceremony, but *breakfast is only for the students. (Yes?)* If a grown-up is unable to attend, the student will be able to bring a friend from class instead.

Red Ticket Winner

Throughout the school days, teachers and administrators who observe adherence to the 3 Be's from students may award them a small red ticket in recognition of their good behavior. Students may write their name on the ticket and place it in their grade-level cup outside of the library. Administrators will draw a name from the cup at random, and those red-ticket winners will be recognized with a special breakfast and certificate from the school. Families will receive a letter stating that their student was picked as a Red Ticket Winner and when the 7:30 a.m. breakfast will be held. Families are invited to attend the certificate ceremony, but *breakfast is only for the students.* If a grown-up is unable to attend, the student will be able to bring a friend from class instead.

"Specials"

"Specials" at Parmer Lane Elementary refer to the extra-curricular activities that students engage in at the school but outside of their homeroom.

The "Specials" are: Physical Education (PE), Art, and Music

Teachers for this year are:

PE: Jamie Herman "Coach Herman"

Art: Maurin Chronister "Ms. C"

Music: Logan Funderburk "Mr. Fun"

Check in with your student(s) or your students' teacher to determine their color for the year. Here is the schedule for this year:

PLES 2024-25 Specials Schedule											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday*			
								Friday is a flex day. Follow the chart below.			
Art		Art		Art		Art		8/16	M*	10/18	M*
								1/17	M	3/14	Th
PE		PE		PE		PE		8/23	M	10/25	W
								1/24	M*	3/28	M
Music		Music		Music		Music		8/30	T	11/8	Th
								1/31	T	4/4	T
PE		PE		PE		PE		9/6	M*	11/15	M
								2/7	W	4/11	W
Art		Art		Art		Art		9/13	W	11/22	T
								2/14	Th	4/25	Th
PE		PE		PE		PE		9/20	Th	12/6	W
								2/21	M	5/2	M
Music		Music		Music		Music		9/27	M	12/13	Th
								2/28	T	5/9	T
PE		PE		PE		PE		10/4	T	1/10	M*
								3/7	W	5/16	W

Online Resources: Skyward and Barracuda

- **Skyward** is the web platform used for students and guardians to maintain up to date contact information and paperwork for the school. This is also where you can check on your student's attendance record and report cards for 3rd-5th Grade. Families create a log-in at enrollment. Be sure you keep your password recorded so that you can come back each year to update information.

Instructions for Skyward can be found at <https://www.pfisd.net/skyward>.

It can be accessed at <https://skyward.pfisd.net/StudentSTS>.

Need your **Skyward Family Access User Name**?

Send an Email to: parentportal@pfisd.net

Subject Line = Skyward Family Access Account

- **Barracuda** is the web platform used for report cards for Kinder-2nd Grade. Families can create a log-in when they receive their child's first report card notification. Be sure you keep your password recorded so that you can access it again. An email will be sent out when a fresh report card is ready in Barracuda.

Enrichment Activities provided by the School District

Parmer Lane Elementary School participates in a number of enrichment activities that are offered after the school day ends. Practices are held at the school.

- **Math Pentathlon:** Math Pentathlon is a set of games that kids learn to employ math skills and think strategically. Students learn five games and then compete against other kids in their age bracket at a tournament in the Spring. The age brackets are: Division I: Kinder and 1st ; Division II: 2nd and 3rd ; Division III: 4th and 5th. A teacher at Parmer Lane leads each age bracket team. The availability of a Math Pentathlon division at Parmer Lane depends on the student sign-ups in that particular age bracket. Sign up sheets for Math Pentathlon are sent home in student folders at the beginning of the school year.
- **Destination Imagination:** In Destination Imagination, or DI, teams of students solve open-ended, STEAM-focused challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. The tournament is typically held in early/mid February. Students are divided into teams based on age: Kinder and 1st ; 2nd and 3rd ; 4th and 5th. DI is possible at Parmer Lane only through parent volunteers. A parent with an approved district volunteer application serves as the Team Manager and helps guide the team to their solution. The guiding principle to Destination Imagination is that the ideas and execution of the projects be **kid-driven**. Adults can teach the students new skills or ask open-ended questions to guide them, but the end result needs to be theirs! Sign up sheets for Destination Imagination are sent home in student folders at the beginning of the school year.
- **UIL:** UIL stands for University Interscholastic League, and it is a state-wide organization that creates rules for and administers almost all athletic, musical, and academic contests for public primary and secondary schools in the state of Texas. Participation in UIL events is available starting in 2nd grade and teachers lead the teams. Parmer Lane competes in a number of academic contexts, including, but not limited to: creative writing, chess puzzles,..... Teachers will send out invitations to participate to students who show potential in a particular subject.
- **Crazy 8's**
- **Music Memory**
- **Girls Who Code**

In-school Recognitions and Parades

In addition to recognizing the behavior achievements of students with Citizen of the Month and Red Ticket Winner celebrations, Parmer Lane recognizes the many academic achievements of our students.

Star of the 9 Weeks

The school year is divided into four 9-week grading periods. At the end of the 9 weeks, Specials teachers recognize a student who excelled in their program for that time.

Red-Carpet Readers in the Accelerated Reading Program

Beginning in *1st grade*, the reading abilities of the students are leveled in a program called Accelerated Reading or “AR”. The library books are labeled with the AR level and students know to pick a book at/or above their current AR level while also given goals to increase their reading ability. Twice a year, the library recognizes the students who have achieved their reading goals with an AR Red-Carpet Reader Parade! Students receive a certificate and walk through the school parade-style to the cheers of their fellow students. Families are invited to come watch, as well, and will receive invitations from the school. On the day of the parade, families may enter the office at 7:45 a.m. to go through the Raptor driver’s license check and may then stand in the front hallway just outside of the office to watch their student in the parade.

Following the completion of an extra-curricular event, such as Destination Imagination, Math Pentathlon, and UIL, school-day parades may also be held. Families will be notified of these parade dates.

Please note: The school needs volunteers for these parades! Teachers must remain in their classrooms with any students who are not in the parade, so the school depends on extra helping hands. Parade volunteers help organize students in the gym or cafeteria, find their place in the parade, keep the parade flowing, and take pictures if necessary. These volunteers go beyond the front hallway and must have an approved [district volunteer application](#).

Field Trips

Almost every grade level takes one field trip per year, with Kindergarten taking two field trips and *PreK taking none. (Is that correct?)* There is no associated cost for the students and they will ride a PfISD school bus to and from their destination. Grade levels ask for parents to help chaperone field trips. Parents who have an [approved district volunteer application](#) on file may assist in additional ways, including riding on the bus if needed.

Detailed information and permission slips for the field trips will go out in advance of the trip.

List known dates and locations here?

Scholastic Book Fair

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is such a fun time at the school when the kids (and teachers!) love to come to the Library and pick up special books and other goodies on sale from Scholastic. Scholastic Corporation is an American multinational publishing, education, and media company that publishes and distributes books, comics, and educational materials for schools, teachers, parents, children, and other educational institutions. Part of the sales come back to the school, so your purchases support both children's literacy and other Parmer Lane activities.

Each year, Mrs. McCoy, our Librarian, holds an Art Contest along the theme that has been selected for the book fair. Students may submit their artwork and win a giftcard to apply to a book purchase!

The book fair is not possible without many volunteers. Our librarian is amazing but she can't do the book fair alone! **Volunteers** are needed to set out books, work shifts selling books during the school day, and help box any leftover books back up. Please consider volunteering your time to make this great event as successful as possible. Volunteers must have an approved [district volunteer application](#).

The PTO often sells concessions on the one evening that the Book Fair stays open late. This school year those evenings will be Sept. 26 and April 4. Families can enjoy dinner, activities, and shop at the Book Fair together.

Family Learning Nights and Arts Nights

The school enjoys hosting evening activities for families to come to campus together.

Family Learning Night involves many hands-on learning activities hosted in classrooms throughout the campus. Activities are divided up age-appropriately for the various learners. Parents are asked to go around the classrooms with their students. During this year's Family Learning Night (Thursday, September 26 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.), the library will also be open for the Scholastic Book Fair and the PTO will sell concessions in the cafeteria.

Arts Nights are an opportunity for students to show their families the amazing artwork that they have created in art all year.

Science Fair

_____ grade goes to a Science Fair at _____

Choir / Honor Choir

Starts at 3rd grade Available to 3rd - 5th graders

Led by _____

Will rehearse _____

Will perform _____

Kindness Squad

Last but certainly not least is the Kindness Squad! This is a special tradition for the 5th graders of Parmer Lane. The Kindness Squad focuses on performing random acts of kindness, including cheering student arrivals to school on random Fridays!

What else do they do?

Do all 5th graders automatically qualify or is it a select group?

Are the tshirt free?

Who leads it?