

The Longhorn Way

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Warning about Netflix series “13 Reasons Why”: Mental health and education professionals across the country have expressed concern after viewing the **Netflix series “13 Reasons Why”**, adapted from the 2007 novel of the same title. Although the novel has been a popular read among Parkway students the past couple of years and was on the New York Times bestseller list in 2011, the Netflix series is significantly different in its portrayal of death by suicide. We encourage you to talk with your child. If your child has watched the show and needs support or someone to talk to, please contact us. Our school counselor's primary role is to assist with your student's social, emotional, and personal well being. Below are resources to guide you when talking with your child about death by suicide:

- [13 Reasons Why Talking Points](#)
- The JED Foundation Preventing Youth Suicide
- National Association of School Psychologists: [Tips for Parents and Educators](#)
- [7 Essential Steps Parents Can Take to Prevent Teen Suicide](#)
- American Psychological Association:
- Life Crisis Services 24/7 Hotline: 314-647-HELP (4357) / 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Longhorn Day is May 19th: Permission slips will be sent home in the next couple of days and also via an email for Grade Level Field Trips. Each grade level will be participating in a culminating activity. Sixth grade will go to Tropicana Bowling, Seventh grade is at Sports Fusion, and Eighth grade will be at Six Flags. If you are paying by check, the school store will only accept checks until Friday, May 5th.

May 1st-5th Teacher Appreciation Week: To celebrate the week, we ask that you take time to write a handwritten note to our educators. I would also encourage your child to take time to thank, recognize, and celebrate their educators. We would like to distribute the notes during the week of May 1st to the recipients. Please put the educator's name on the front of the envelope and have your child turn it in at the front office. Thanks for your help with celebrating our wonderful educators.

Solar Eclipse Expo: Are you and your family ready for the August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse? This is going to be a once in a lifetime event! The "Solar Eclipse Expo" will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Queeny Park. The June 17th expo will feature presentations by NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, the Saint Louis Science Center, the American Astronomical Society and a variety of educators and eclipse experts. More than 60 exhibits by cities, parks, schools and vendors will outline some of the area's plans for the weekend of the eclipse. A dozen "activity stations" will provide a fun way for students of ALL ages to learn about the science of the eclipse. Get your FREE tickets and learn more at www.eclipseexpo.org.

May 5th is the last day the school store will be accepting checks and last day to charge lunch.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, April 22	10:00 am - 4:00 pm District Art Show at Queeny Park
Sunday, April 23	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm District Art Show at Queeny Park
Friday, April 28	School Store Only Open During Lunch
	1:00 pm Volunteer Tea in Library
	7:00 pm Future Longhorn Fun Night for 5th graders

“To win without risk is to triumph without glory”