



ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent of APHS Students,

Many student leaders at Allen Park High School have planned the specifics that will relate to the planned, school-wide “National School Walk-Out Day” that is being recognized nationwide on March 14, 2018.

The walk-out event itself will take place from 10:00 am- 10:17 am and is designed to honor in memory, the 17 victims who lost their lives at Marjorie Douglas High School in Florida.

The students leading the way with the proposed plan, have done a really nice job of involving the full student body in informing them of the specifics at the walk-out as conveyed at the Jag Time Homeroom’s held on Thursday, March 8, 2018. They have also taken into consideration a forum allowing some APHS students desiring to offer a message of comfort in memory of those lost lives, to offer their personal written messages over the Public Announcement System.

Other specific details about the school-wide walk-out event at APHS include:

- An “Assembly Day” schedule will be followed with students exiting 3rd hour by class with teachers proceeding through the cafeteria out to the football field.
- The participation in the walk-out is voluntary with students wishing not to participate being supervised by personnel in the cafeteria.
- All participants will take a place on the track forming a circle with each member given a strip of paper which will be made into a huge paper chain symbolizing the theme of “Unity”.
- During the 17-minute window designated nationwide as the timeline to honor those deceased in the Florida tragedy (10:00 am- 10:17 am), each victim’s name will be announced and messages created by APHS students will be read.
- The individual names announced, the Unity Message offered, and the human chain formed on the track, are all reflections offered by students to bring the entire student body and staff together as one unified community.

We are so proud of our students who organized the specifics of this day’s event.

We will make certain that while our students express their support for the students in Parkland, Florida, we will properly supervise them throughout the event.

Sincerely,

High School Administrative Team,

Mr. John Kelley

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