

August 19, 2024 / Robert S. Hyer Elementary School



### Text

Dearest Hyer Families,

It was a joyous few days last week welcoming all of our huskies to the 2024-2025 school year for Homerun Hyer! The teachers and I were so impressed by the positivity and enthusiasm of each child as they came into school and adapted to their schedules and school routines with ease.



**Beginning today**, Monday, Kindergarten - 4th grade students arriving between 7:30 and 7:45, will go to the gym; students will be dismissed from the gym to go to their classrooms at 7:45. Preschool students will enter through their door on Colgate beginning at 7:45. We encourage you to let your students walk into the building and go to the gym or their classrooms independently. This often helps with separation anxiety and fosters confidence in our younger students.

Each day, dismissal runs a little more smoothly. We are grateful for your assistance in following the established procedures found on the [Hyer website](#).

We know many of our families have to pick up students at two campuses so if that applies to you, you will want to arrive early to the carpool line on Caruth.

To our families who park on a side street and walk to school to pick up/meet your child, we kindly ask that you wait for your student on the side of the front lawn where your child's grade level is dismissed, and the direction of where you have parked your car. The classroom teacher will dismiss your child to where you are standing. Please do not walk over to the teacher to get your

student as she is also managing students who are being called for carpool. Our goal is to ensure each student safely connects with their parent or guardian.

We ask that you not walk across the front sidewalk on Caruth during dismissal as this is reserved for students getting into cars in the carpool lane. Please do not park on either side of Colgate. Dismissal on Colgate is reserved for preschool pick-up, handicap accessible pick up, and 2nd-4th grade students who may have younger siblings, and are walking or riding bikes with or without an adult.

Please, please, please for your safety, the safety of our students and to be a positive role model, **do not cross in the middle of the street** on either Caruth or Colgate. We kindly request that you use the crosswalks and cross the street with one of our incredible crossing guards.

Remember that school starts at 7:55 AM. When students arrive on time, it sets a positive tone for the day.

We are all adjusting to the routines and procedures of being in school. Each parent/guardian and Hyer staff member plays an important role in our drop off and pick up procedures. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about arrival or dismissal.

The Hyer staff and I are truly blessed to be part of this amazing community and are delighted to work with you and your children this year.

Respectfully,  
Debbie

Debbie Burt  
Principal Hyer Elementary

## WELCOME TO A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

### YOUR HUSKY CALENDAR

#### This Week:

- **August 23:** Family Underwriting Campaign ends
- **August 23:** New Families Parents Coffee (1st – 4th grade) from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM at Hyer; (Please sign in at the front office to get your visitor badge before heading to the coffee.)



#### Next Week:

- **August 27:** Curriculum Night K-4th (Parents Only) from 5:00 – 6:00 PM; Preschool curriculum night is from 4:30 to 5:00 PM
- **August 29:** Dad's Club Social Kickoff at Meat Shop

#### Coming up....

- **September 2:** NO SCHOOL - Student Holiday/ Labor Day
- **September 4:** Speaker Series "All Things Hyer + HPISD" - Q & A with Principal Burt, Miss Thompson, Officer Fortner and Dr. Rockwood at 9:00 AM at Hyer

## IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Reminder: **NEW** school hours for the 2024-25 school year



Parents, friendly reminder that we have new school hours for the 2024- 25 school year:

#### **Preschool**

- doors open at 7:45 a.m.

#### **Kindergarten through Fourth Grade**

- Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

#### **Preschool through Fourth Grade School hours**

- 7:55 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

## A NOTE FROM NURSE RATHER



Hello Husky parents!

I am delighted to be back for another great school year. Please be aware of our new district procedure requiring a PHYSICIAN signature as well as a parent signature for ALL medications – prescription and over-the-counter medications including Tylenol, Motrin, eye drops, etc. The new medication form

can be found on the district website under “Health Services” or I have one that you can pick up in the clinic. I truly appreciate your cooperation with our new procedures!

Best,  
Nurse Kelley Rather

New Medication Form

## WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

# NEWCOMERS COFFEE

**1ST-4TH GRADE PARENTS**

Meet other families new to Hyer, foster connections, and learn more about the Hyer community.



**AUGUST 23**  
9:00 - 10:00 AM



**CONTACT JENE ROCKWOOD FOR QUESTIONS**

Questions? Contact Newcomers Chair Jene Rockwood

## ROOM PARENT ORIENTATION NEXT WEEK

Parents who are serving as this year's Communication and Photography Room Parents for each classroom will be notified by the end of this week. There will be an orientation meeting on Monday, August 26 at 8:15 AM in the Hyer cafetorium. Please contact Room Parent Chair [Elizabeth Cooksey](#) with any questions.



## WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?



Interested in volunteering at Hyer? We would be honored to have your help!! Here's where you can make a difference in your kid's school!

- Library
- Art room and
- Teacher workroom

Each is a small time commitment providing much-needed assistance.

**Library:** Contact [Bren Underwood](#)

**Art Room:** Contact [Katy Cecere](#)

**Teacher Workroom:** Contact [Brittany Miller](#)

## LATE BACK TO SCHOOL SIGN UP ENDS AUGUST 31

Back-to-school sign up is now closed. If you did not complete BSSU for your student(s), you may register during Late Back-to-School Sign Up, which is available through August 31, by completing Hyer's Late BSSU Form and submitting payment online. Click [HERE](#) to access the Hyer late BSSU Form and payment method under the Parents tab on the Hyer PTA website.



## SUPPORT HYER'S 2024-2025 FAMILY UNDERWRITING CAMPAIGN!

**Join the Team! July 22-August 23**



A new season is upon us! We are so excited about the year ahead and look forward to collaborating with your family in a meaningful way. As a Hyer community, we have the opportunity to give back to our school through the generosity of our families. Together, we can bridge the funding gap of \$650,000 created by the Texas "recapture" laws. The private dollars that we raise as a PTA help cover truly essential items such as teacher salaries, classroom support and student programming.

Drum-roll for our Family Underwriting Campaign! This is the PERFECT way for you to engage with the needs of our students and teachers. We have a full calendar of activities planned for the year! This campaign offers unique and one-time only benefits that celebrate our Hyer community. We are so excited to welcome you to HOMERUN Hyer this year!

Join our campaign TODAY!

Family Underwriting Campaign

**The deadline for family recognition is this Friday, August 23rd.**

## PARTNER WITH THE HYER TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Do you want to become a school sponsor? Sponsorships are a perfect way to support Hyer and have your family or business name recognized at events throughout the school year. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the sponsorship options and benefits.

Contact [Kelly Morgan](#) if you would like to become a sponsor!



## THURSDAY IS PIZZA NIGHT!



Let Mimi's Pizzeria do the dinner prep and order everyone's favorites this Thursday, August 22. The kids will thank you and so will our school! Mimi's will generously donate 20% of all sales back to Hyer. Dine in, or order pick-up or delivery, but be sure to mention HYER when you do! You can **ORDER ONLINE** and still benefit Hyer by writing "Hyer Restaurant Night" in the notes section.

*Mimi's Pizzeria - Park Cities Location*  
6807 West NW Highway  
Dallas, TX 75225

<https://www.mimispizzeriadallas.com>  
(972) 215-7290

## PARTNER WITH THE HYER AUCTION TEAM TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

**No Matter the Decade, It's our Hyer Era!**

**October 18, 2024**  
**Dallas Country Club**

Would you or your company like to be a sponsor for the Hyer Era Auction? There's still time to see your family or business name on all things Decades themed while getting all the perks of being a sponsor at the biggest parent party of the year!



We can't wait to reveal the art, dining and family experiences up for grabs at this year's auction! Do you have airline miles you would be willing to part with? We have some fun trips in store and need miles to pair with them!

Be sure to follow **@hyer\_auction** on Instagram for all things Auction.



Click [HERE](#) for Sponsorship opportunities.

Contact [Katey Plummer](#) or [Jayna Dubose](#) if you would like to become a sponsor, donate items, or have any questions.

## HYER CAFETERIA NEWS



### Visitor and Birthday Policy

Hyer has tables inside as well as outside, in Balto's Courtyard, if you would like to have lunch with your student during their lunch period. **We ask that you wait until September 3rd to join your child for lunch so our students have an opportunity to learn the procedures in our cafeteria and connect with their classmates and new friends.** If your child has a birthday before September 3rd, we are happy to make an exception so you can join him/her for lunch on his/her birthday.

All students in grades K-4th can invite ONE student friend to have lunch with them and their parent guest. This is a change from prior years. If you join your child for lunch, please only provide lunch for your child, not the friend who is joining them. Please adhere to these guidelines so as not to cause hurt feelings.

While dining with your child, please remember to follow school cafeteria rules, even in the courtyard. It can be dangerous to have children running around, jumping off of benches, etc.

We celebrate every child's birthday with special recognition on the morning announcements and in the classroom. Because of food allergies and nutritional guidelines, parents are asked not to bring birthday treats to distribute to other students in the class, either in the classroom or in the cafeteria.

### Lunch Selection and Menu Options

Students in grades Kindergarten and 1st will have the option to buy either a hot or cold lunch each day. Students in grades 2nd - 4th will have the option to purchase items à la carte. Meat, vegetables, salads, sandwiches, fruits, milk, and juices are available each day.

Ice cream/popsicles are served on certain days in the cafeteria. This service will begin on **SEPTEMBER 23rd** to give all students time to adjust to cafeteria. Below are the days/grades for when ice cream/popsicles will be offered:

- K: Fridays only
- 1st: Fridays only
- 2nd: Tuesdays and Thursdays

- 3rd: Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays
- 4th: Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays

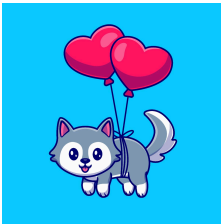
Menus are available [HERE](#).

\*Students are not required to purchase lunch from the cafeteria and may bring a lunch from home.\*

### Questions

Questions may be directed to [Lauren Palmer](#), Cafeteria Finance Chair, [Jen Lavelle](#), Cafeteria Volunteer Chair, or [Lorena Escobedo](#), Cafeteria Manager.

♥ WE CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER IN HYER! ♥



Living in this community, which we lovingly call “Hyerville,” we hope you feel seen, known, and supported. Hyer Cares is a new resource available to all Hyer families who need extra support. Whether the need is financial aid, a “sunshine box” for a family experiencing a hard time, a support system for new families or kids feeling disconnected, or a meal delivered to your doorstep... Hyer Cares is here for you and your family. Please email [Mary Chaney Spencer](#) if any of these resources might be a blessing to your family or a family you know at Hyer. Our promise to you is confidentiality, unless you prefer otherwise. We are a neighborhood school with a big heart... and we hope everyone feels our love and support.

## NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Highland Belles Spaghetti Supper is Friday, September 6th!  
Pre-order your shirts by Monday, August 19th for a porch pickup before the Supper! We will notify you when your shirts are ready! [Order here](#)  
Thank you for supporting The Highland Belles!



## YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

Join Pack 84 now!  
August 27th 7:00 p.m. Hyer Elementary cafeteria

For more information please read the flyer [HERE](#)!



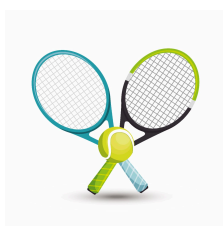
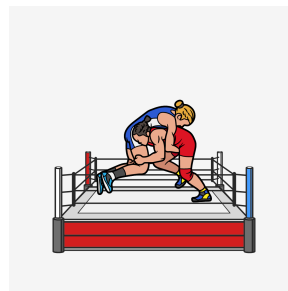


## The Scots Wrestling Club is registering athletes for the 2024-2025 season!

Sign up & secure your spot. Limited Spots Available.

*"This program has profoundly enhanced my son Elan's confidence, mental resilience, discipline, accountability, athleticism, and self-esteem over the last two years, equipping him with invaluable skills that will last a lifetime."* - Ben Winski, 4th Grade Dad.

[Sign Up HERE](#)



## HIGHLAND PARK TENNIS ACADEMY/SEAY TENNIS CENTER SIGN UP NOW

Participating in the Highland Park Tennis Academy at Seay Tennis Center is a great way to learn tennis or improve tennis skills. Please see the attached flyer and registration form for details. Classes begin August 26 and continue through December 7.

The HP Tennis Academy is a district program with all profits going directly to HPISD. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Special thanks to Whitney Cameron, Brynn Tremper, Patty Georgeadis, Misty Wall for helping run our Meet the Teacher Pop-Up Shop and helping our Huskies get all their back-to-school Hyer swag.

To Cafeteria Manager **Lorena Escobedo** and PTA officers **Lauren Palmer** and **Jen Lavelle** for their diligence in preparing the cafeteria and staffing our volunteers for the year. We had a wonderful and smooth transition this week.

To our Dads Club President, **Thomas Laughlin** -- we appreciate your time over the summer forming the 2024-2025 Dads Club Board, recruiting volunteers, and planning events for the year! Thank you for partnering with our school and our PTA!

To our HPA President, **Lauren Diebel**, and the Kinder Chairs of HPA, **Lauren Feccia**, **Kelli Park**, **Kelly Morgan**, and **Whitney Cameron** for all they have done to steward our new lil' recruits! We love our little Huskies-to-be!

To our wonderful Treasurers, **Patty Georgeadis** and **Misty Wall** -- we value your expertise and trusted guidance always and appreciate your continual attention to details over the summer months.

To our Faculty Support & Outreach officer, **Brooke Messer**, and our Newcomers Chair, **Jene Rockwood**, for all they have done to welcome our new Husky families to Hyer.

To our BSSU Chair, **Gina Grove**, for being up to the task of figuring out all of our BSSU reports and helping ensure that our PTA officers and chairs always have the most up-to-date information needed to do their jobs. And to our BSSU-Elect Chair, **Olivia Howe**, for seamlessly handling our late BSSU process.

To **Delbarr Moradi** for doing our Instagram and sharing all of the great information and darling photos of our Huskies!

To **Amanda Robertson**, our Family Underwriting Chair, and **Jen Melson**, our Ways & Means Officer, for passing out Homerun Hyer signs to all of our Family Underwriting donors at Meet the Teacher!

To **Kyle Yohe** for your incredible GIFT of art to our school. The new Husky "H" that proudly stood in our front lawn is spectacular and was a highlight of first day!

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & QUICK LINKS

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Check the [School Calendar](#) for upcoming Hyer events!

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