



*Thank  
you!*



*2023-2024  
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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and staying bundled up. It looks like cooler weather is in the forecast for the next couple weeks.

It is unbelievable how close we are to the end of the first semester. As we close out the first half of the school year in the few weeks ahead, I wanted to take a minute to remind you of some helpful resources on our district website.



The family curriculum guides for both ELA and Math are a great tool to reference at home to talk about academic school experiences with your kids and to stay informed of what students are learning during each grading period. The curriculum guides are available by grade level for both elementary and upper grades on the district website or by clicking the links below.

[ELA GUIDE](#)

[MATH GUIDE](#)

Safe travels to all of you who are leaving town during Thanksgiving break. I am so very grateful for the amazing community in Hyerville! Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

With appreciation,

Debbie

## WELCOME TO A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

**November 14:** Author Tammi Sauer Visits Hyer

**November 16:** 2nd Grade Performance at 9 AM

**November 20-24:** Thanksgiving Holiday

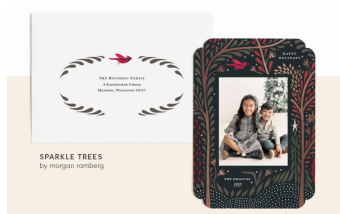
**December 4-8:** Inclusive Schools Week

**December 6:** Hyer Spirit Day



## ORDER FROM MINTED AND GIVE BACK TO HYER!

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Shop anytime at [Minted](#) and save 20% using the promo code: **FUNDRAISEHYER**. Minted will generously donate 15% of each order made with the code to our school. Click below to visit Minted and start shopping for your season's greetings and stocking stuffers now!

**VISIT MINTED NOW!**

## TWO PNOS COMING DECEMBER 1ST & 2ND!



Huskies are invited to start the holiday season off right with PNOs from 6-10 PM on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2. Both PNOs will have plenty of pizza, games and fun with friends, but only enough spots for 50 lucky Huskies. Click below to complete the registration form and sign up now!

**DEC 1ST - MRS.  
ANDERSON & MRS.  
FOSSIER**

**DEC 2ND - MS.  
CASSELMAN & MS.  
SANDERS**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR HP CULTUREFEST ON DEC 9!

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual HP CultureFest hosted by Park Cities International Friends! Join us on



Saturday, December 9, from 12-3 PM in the Highland Park High School cafeteria! Taste, see, smell, and hear THE WORLD like never before.

You can expect over 40 incredible table displays showcasing diverse countries, food trucks, arts and crafts, and student performances!

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## KC CLUB'S TOY DRIVE STARTS TODAY!

It is the season to give thanks and joy. The 4th Grade KC Club (Kindness and Compassion Club) is ready to spread some holiday cheer to our neighbors in West Dallas. The KC Club is collecting **NEW TOYS from today through December 5th** to benefit Brother Bill's

Helping Hands. Brother Bill's goal this year is to serve 3,500 children with 14,000 gifts for kids ages 0-12 years old that will be distributed during its Christmas Event. Brother Bill's Helping Hands is a non-profit organization that provides numerous resources to the West Dallas community, including a grocery store, a health clinic, job training and weekly programs for kids.



Any **NEW, UNWRAPPED** gifts should be under \$25. The kids love toys, games, arts, crafts, accessories, puzzles, board games and more! Donation boxes will be located in the hallways on both the Caruth and Colgate sides of Hyer. The KC Club thanks you in advance for your generous donations. Please contact the Community Service Chair, [Erika Kohl](#) with any questions.

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## RSVP NOW FOR THE SECOND GRADE SHOW!



Be sure to RSVP by noon tomorrow for our second grade Thanksgiving performance at 9 AM on Thursday in the Hyer Cafetorium! Our Huskies have been working hard and are so excited to share the music they've learned with you. Please send your second grader to school in picture-day attire on Thursday. Click below to RSVP yourself and any family members or friends who will be attending the show!

[RSVP NOW!](#)

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## FEAST ON BOOKS THIS THANKSGIVING WITH SORA!

<h2>How to access eBooks and audiobooks on the Sora App</h2> 	<h2>Get Started</h2> <p>Sora is Overdrive's student reading app. It has a selection of eBooks and audiobooks for students to enjoy! You can access SORA on a phone, tablet, computer, Kindle, or other device connected to the Internet. Go to <a href="http://soraapp.com">soraapp.com</a> or download the free Sora App in the app store to start reading!</p>  <p>You can also access Sora through the HPISD student portal.</p>
<h2>Find Your School</h2> <p>Once you're on Sora, you can select your school, "Highland Park ISD," or click "My school isn't listed" and type in your school name, city, or zip code to find HPISD.</p>  	<h2>Log In</h2> <p>Click "Sign in using Highland Park Ind School District 911" and sign in to the portal.</p> 
<h2>Read</h2> <p>Explore categories or search for titles. Click or tap on the book and then click "Borrow" to add a book to your shelf! Read or listen...enjoy!</p> <p>To access your books in Sora click "Shelf" near the bottom of the page. From there you can open the books and keep reading. You can download the book to your device or stream it while online.</p> <p>Track achievements and reading time under "Me."</p>	<h2>Questions</h2> <p>If you have book requests, questions, or trouble logging in to the Sora App, contact your Hyer librarian: Shannon Lane <a href="mailto:LaneS@hpsd.org">LaneS@hpsd.org</a></p> 

## PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF HYER DURING CARPOOL!

Unless your name is on a VIP parking space, please do not park in front of Hyer between 2:30 and 3:30 PM. Families bid generously on the 2 spaces in front of our school to support our Huskies. Multiple cars parked in front of the carpool line at dismissal slow down the process for everyone and prevent traffic from moving through the intersection. Thank you for helping carpool run smoothly and efficiently.



## MAD FOR PLAID IS HERE!

**Huskies today...Scots tomorrow!**



The Highland Park Education Foundation is kicking off its Mad for Plaid campaign! You should have already received a letter in the mail detailing opportunities to support our incredible school district. HPEF provides invaluable assistance to our teachers, and this year it has committed to



a historic gift of \$1.7 million for teacher and staff salaries. That means that every donation of every size matters! Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Click below to make your gift today!

**SUPPORT OUR DISTRICT NOW!**

Check out the HPEF video below to see how your Mad for Plaid dollars make a difference.



## **ATTN 4TH GRADE PARENTS: SERVE ON THE 2024-25 MIS/HPMS PTO BOARD**

**Submit interest forms by Friday, November 17, 2023!**

### **Why You Should Get Involved with the PTO:**

- Parent involvement and leadership are critical to the success of our school
- You'll meet other parents who are committed to serving our students, teachers and staff
- You'll have unique opportunities to interact with school staff and teachers
- IT'S FUN!



### **Want to serve on the MIS/HPMS PTO Board?**

We have **more than 75 roles**, so there's something for everyone! Learn about the available opportunities by viewing the [job descriptions](#).

### **Want to help select the next PTO Board?**

Serve on our Nominating Committee to help slate the 2024-2025 PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs. Required meetings are planned for Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, and Friday, Jan. 5, 2024.

### **How do you participate?**

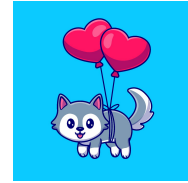
Get involved by completing our [Nominating Committee & Board Interest Form](#) by this Friday, November 17!

Questions? Click [HERE](#) to send us an email.

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## ♥ WE CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER IN HYERVILLE! ♥

Hyer Cares is a new resource available to all Hyer families who need extra support. Whether the need is a “sunshine box” for a family experiencing a hard time, a support system for new families or kids feeling disconnected, a meal delivered to your doorstep, or other assistance ... Hyer Cares is here for you and your family. Please email [Ellen Kershaw](#) or [Brooke Messer](#) if any of these resources might be a blessing to your family or a family you know at Hyer.



## HELP US CELEBRATE THESE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



**Hyer will be closed Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your Huskies!**

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**NEWS FROM AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

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**GET YOUR ANNIE JR TICKETS NOW!**



Cheer on MIS 5th and 6th graders in their production of Annie Jr.! This will be the first middle school performance for many Hyer alums. Tickets are \$5 each and are available online until midnight on Sunday, November 26. Click below to order your tickets now!

[ORDER ANNIE JR TICKETS](#)

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**PCLDA FALL COFFEE TOMORROW!**

## PCLDA Fall Coffee



**November 14, 9:30 - 11:00 am**  
**Chance's Café in the Tolleson Center**  
**5817 Hillcrest Avenue**

All are welcome to join  
**Park Cities Learning Difference Association**  
at Chance's Café. Enjoy coffee and pastries while learning  
more about PCLDA's mission, programs and 2023-24 events.

*Free parking will be available in the underground garage, in addition  
to the parking building across Hillcrest on the SMU campus.*

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY MATH NIGHT ON NOV 30!**



## Family Math Night

Highland Park ISD has been working diligently to align mathematics instruction across grade levels and campuses. A new mathematics framework, along with unit maps for every grade level are being implemented.

Family Math Night is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about what is happening in your child's math classroom and how you can support the learning at home.

Join Dr. Tasia Brafford, Amy Wood, and Michelle Stewart for a night of mathematics fun and learning.

**Thursday, November 30, 2023**  
**5:30pm - 6:30pm**  
*Legacy Ballroom*  
*Clements Leadership Building*

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# Husky high fives!



To Library Chair **Bren Underwood** and **Kristin Evans** for adding some holiday cheer to our library display case!

To **Lisa Leet** and **Michelle Hunt** for hosting an informative 4th grade parents meeting. 4th grade parents are going to be READY for all of the activities now!

To **Brynn Tremper**, **Nicole Cardwell** and **Jill Harvey** for your work on the 4th Grade Parent Party. We hear it was a fun night enjoyed by all. And to **Portia** and **Alex Hicks** for your generosity in hosting the party at your beautiful home.

To **Chad Cooksey** and the entire Dads' Club for hosting another fun donut breakfast. There is no better way to start a Friday than with donuts and Dad jokes!! AND thanks for bringing the Hyer staff breakfast on Wednesday. Everyone at Hyer was fed well this week by our dads!

To **Cheryl Crosby** and **Jill Morrison** for taking 4th grade "What I Want to be when I Grow Up" pictures for the yearbook. We can't wait to see what this year's ambitious group of grads chose as their future careers.

To **Amanda Hamilton** and **Kate Bryant**, Skit Chairs, for planning such a fun 4th grade skit experience.

To **Julie Radford** for helping immortalize our fourth graders' signatures on the annual fourth grade t-shirt.

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**HYER**



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

[Send an email](#) to be added to the *Husky Herald* distribution list.



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