

# A NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART



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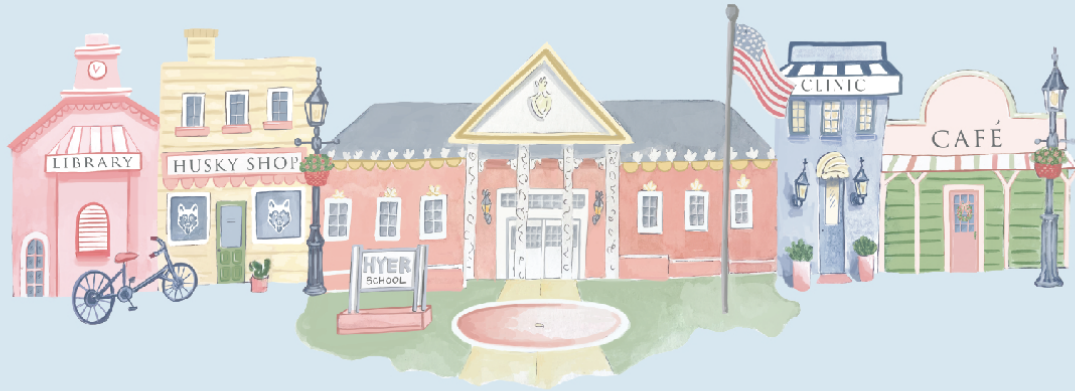
## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

BALTO, THE HUSKY, IS THE PROUD MASCOT OF HYER ELEMENTARY. *A NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART* IS HIS NEWEST BOOK, DEDICATED TO ALL THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF HYERVILLE.

BALTO IS THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF OTHER BOOKS, INCLUDING *ADVENTURES OF BALTO IN TEXAS*, *BALTO GOES TO ALASKA*, AND *HYERVILLE THROUGH THE AGES*.



# ONCE UPON A TIME IN HYERVILLE...



THERE WAS A PRECIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL. THE FRIENDLY LITTLE BUILDING WAS NESTLED IN BETWEEN HOMES AND STOP SIGNS AND COMMUNITY PARKS. THE SCHOOL WAS A PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD... AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS PART OF THE SCHOOL.

THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF HYERVILLE FELT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PRIDE AND RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE LITTLE SCHOOL. IT WAS MORE THAN JUST FOUR WALLS WITH CLASSROOMS, A CAFETERIA AND GYM. IT WAS A HOME AWAY FROM HOME – A PLACE TO GROW AS CHILDREN WITH BRILLIANT MINDS AND KIND HEARTS.

LUCY AND CHARLIE, A BROTHER AND SISTER PAIR, LOVED THEIR LITTLE SCHOOL. THE END OF A SCHOOL YEAR MEANT TWO THINGS: THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER AND ALSO THE BEGINNING OF A LONG WAIT UNTIL A BRAND-NEW SCHOOL YEAR.



THEY PONDERED – I WONDER IF WE COULD DO SOMETHING THIS SUMMER THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WHEN CLASSES RETURN IN THE FALL? TOGETHER, LUCY AND CHARILE GATHERED THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS – WHO ALSO LOVED THE LITTLE SCHOOL, AND THEY MADE PLANS FOR A LEMONADE STAND TO RUN THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER BREAK. MAYBE THEY WOULD RAISE \$5. PERHAPS THEY WOULD RAISE \$25! BUT WHAT IF...WHAT IF THEY COULD RAISE EVEN MORE THAN THEY COULD IMAGINE? WOULDN'T THEIR BELOVED LITTLE SCHOOL BE BLESSED BY SUCH ATTENTION?

THE PLANS WERE MADE. THE MOMS AND DADS CHIPPED IN BY STIRRING LEMONADE AND COLORING POSTERS AND EVEN HELPING TO MAKE CHANGE. AND WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT? THE SUMMER-LONG LEMONADE STAND WAS A HIT! NOT ONLY THAT, BUT LUCY AND CHARLIE (AND ALL THEIR FRIENDS) WERE DELIGHTED TO GIVE BACK TO THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE THAT HAD ALREADY GIVEN THEM SO MUCH.

NOW THE PEOPLE OF HYERVILLE WERE INSPIRED TO THINK – I WONDER IF WE COULD FOLLOW THEIR LEAD? I WONDER IF THE PRECIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL MIGHT BENEFIT FROM MORE KINDNESS? AND GUESS WHAT, DEAR READER...YOU CAN PROBABLY PREDICT THE END OF OUR TALE. THE PRECIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL STOOD A LITTLE TALLER AND A LITTLE PROUDER WHEN CLASSES RETURNED IN THE FALL. THANKS TO THE BIG HEARTS OF LUCY, CHARLIE AND THE LOVING NEIGHBORS OF HYERVILLE.



# DEAR NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILIES,

FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, THE HYER PTA HAS SET  
A FUNDRAISING GOAL OF AT LEAST \$650,000.

THIS IS THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO FUND OUR OBLIGATIONS  
FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. HYER HAS BEEN THE  
BENEFICIARY OF SUCH VAST GENEROSITY OVER THE YEARS  
AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THAT TRADITION BY  
PARTNERING WITH YOU, OUR BELOVED HYER FAMILIES!  
PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY AMOUNT SO TOGETHER,  
WE CAN GIVE BACK TO OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL THAT  
GIVES SO MUCH TO OUR CHILDREN.

WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND CAN'T  
WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL WHEN WE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN  
AUGUST! FOR NOW, ENJOY MAKING MEMORIES THIS  
SUMMER...SEE YOU SOON IN HYERVILLE!

BROOKE MESSER  
PTA PRESIDENT

JENNIFER MELSON  
FAMILY UNDERWRITING CHAIR



# YOU MAY WONDER...



## WHY DOES HYER NEED SO MUCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

AS A WHOLE, OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT FACES A FUNDING GAP OF ALMOST \$8 MILLION DUE TO THE STATE OF TEXAS “RECAPTURE” SCHOOL FINANCE FUNDING FORMULA.

SO, AS A COMMUNITY OF HYER FAMILIES, WE ARE FACED WITH THE TASK OF MAKING UP THAT FINANCIAL SHORTFALL.

THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR HYER FAMILIES IN THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, THE HYER PTA GIFTED (BEYOND BUDGETED ITEMS) OVER \$775,000 TO HYER AND HPISD.

THESE FUNDS WERE USED TO PAY FOR ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, TEACHER AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT, TECHNOLOGY AND SO MUCH MORE! WHAT A WINDFALL OF BLESSING TO OUR SCHOOL!

# HERE IS A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THE FUNDS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN 2022-2023:

## CLASSROOM AND TEACHER SUPPORT

 \$270,000 

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND BOOKS, CURRICULUM MATERIALS, STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, STAFF APPRECIATION

## TECHNOLOGY

 \$200,000 

SCHEDULED EQUIPMENT UPGRADES/ REPLACEMENTS AND SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS

## COMMITMENTS TO HPISD

 \$260,000 

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE SALARIES, HPISD TEACHER SALARY PLEDGE, SPANISH PROGRAM AND TECHNOLOGY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

 \$45,000 

COPIER LEASES, PRINTER/TONER, TEACHER WORK-ROOM SUPPLIES AND CLEANING SUPPLIES

## *NEIGHBORS OF HYERVILLE,*

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR MISSION THIS YEAR! WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF CARING FOR OUR BELOVED SCHOOL, AND IT IS A JOY TO DO IT TOGETHER. A NEW SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE HERE SOON – LET'S LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR!



# 2023-2024 HYERVILLE FAMILY UNDERWRITING BENEFITS

LET'S FILL THE TOWN OF HYERVILLE WITH LOVE BY SPONSORING THE FOLLOWING ATTRACTIONS....

## \$10,000 – HYERVILLE BANK

EACH OF YOUR HYER STUDENTS NAME(S) INDIVIDUALLY INCLUDED ON A BRICK IN THE HYER COURTYARD  
FAMILY PHOTO SESSION IN FRONT OF HYER WITH ACRYLIC FRAMED PRINT  
EXCLUSIVE MAYOR'S MERCH (HYER PICNIC BLANKET, HIS/HERS HYER HATS, HYER EARRINGS, HYER TOTE BAG & HYER CAR MAGNET)  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BREAKFAST WITH PRINCIPAL BURT  
FALL BOOK FAIR ADVANCED SHOPPING EVENT  
RESERVED SEATS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY AT EACH CHILD'S PERFORMANCE  
3 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO) PASSES (RESERVATION REQUIRED)  
8 AUCTION TICKETS AND 1 RESERVED TABLE  
10 AUCTION RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EACH STUDENT IN YOUR FAMILY  
1 TICKET TO MOMS' NIGHT OUT  
SPONSORSHIP OF 1 ATTRACTION AT CARNIVAL  
4 CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS  
HYERVILLE 2023-2024 YARD SIGN  
DONOR RECOGNITION ON BANNER IN HYER OFFICE



*Make out like a bandit with all of these perks when you sponsor the Hyerville Bank!*

## \$5,000 – HYERVILLE CITY HALL

YOUR FAMILY NAME INCLUDED ON A BRICK IN THE HYER COURTYARD  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BREAKFAST WITH PRINCIPAL BURT  
FALL BOOK FAIR ADVANCED SHOPPING EVENT  
2 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO) PASSES (RESERVATION REQUIRED)  
4 AUCTION TICKETS AND 1 RESERVED TABLE  
5 AUCTION RAFFLE TICKETS  
1 TICKET TO MOMS' NIGHT OUT  
3 CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS  
HYERVILLE 2023-2024 YARD SIGN  
HYER CAR MAGNET  
DONOR RECOGNITION ON BANNER IN HYER OFFICE



*Don't get caught with a parking ticket!  
Sponsor Hyerville City Hall to get a warning this time!*

## \$2,500 – HYERVILLE POLICE STATION

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BREAKFAST WITH PRINCIPAL BURT  
FALL BOOK FAIR ADVANCED SHOPPING EVENT  
2 AUCTION TICKETS  
1 TICKET TO MOMS' NIGHT OUT  
2 CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS  
HYERVILLE 2023-2024 YARD SIGN  
HYER CAR MAGNET  
DONOR RECOGNITION ON BANNER IN HYER OFFICE



*We'll keep the coffee and donuts coming when you sponsor the Hyerville Police Station!*

## \$1,250 - HYERVILLE FIRE STATION

2 AUCTION TICKETS  
1 TICKET TO MOMS' NIGHT OUT  
2 CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS  
HYERVILLE 2023-2024 YARD SIGN  
HYER CAR MAGNET

DONOR RECOGNITION ON BANNER IN HYER OFFICE

*Keep the lights flashing by sponsoring the Hyerville Fire Station!*

## \$500 - HYERVILLE LIBRARY

1 TICKET TO MOMS' NIGHT OUT  
1 CARNIVAL WRISTBAND  
HYERVILLE 2023-2024 YARD SIGN  
HYER CAR MAGNET

DONOR RECOGNITION ON BANNER IN HYER OFFICE

*Sponsor the Hyerville Library and don't get caught with late fees!*

## \$300 - HYERVILLE GROCERY STORE

1 CARNIVAL WRISTBAND  
HYERVILLE 2023-2024 YARD SIGN  
HYER CAR MAGNET

DONOR RECOGNITION ON BANNER IN HYER OFFICE

*Paper or plastic? Sponsor the Hyerville Grocery Store to get the best deals!*



# FAMILY UNDERWRITING

2023-2024



- HYERVILLE BANK - \$10,000
- HYERVILLE CITY HALL - \$5,000
- HYERVILLE POLICE STATION- \$2,500
- HYERVILLE FIRE STATION - \$1,250
- HYERVILLE LIBRARY - \$500
- HYERVILLE GROCERY STORE - \$300
- OTHER AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON PRINTED MATERIALS):

\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

- CHECK (PAYABLE TO HYER PTA)
- CREDIT CARD (HYER WILL EMAIL YOU AN INVOICE VIA PAYPAL THAT CAN BE PAID ONLINE)

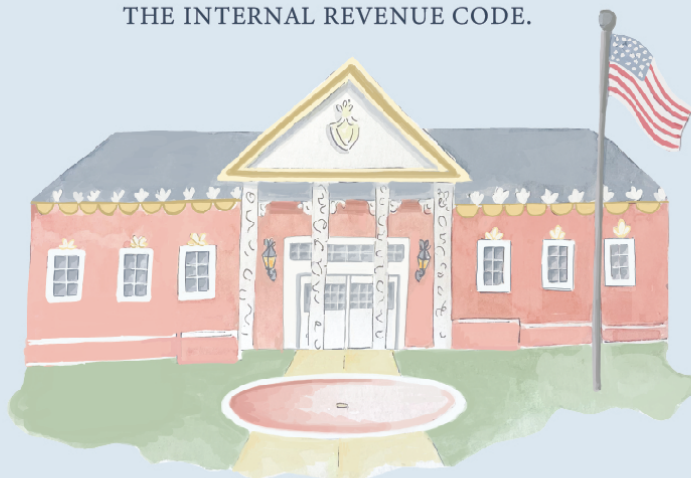
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- I HAVE REQUESTED A DONATION MATCH FROM MY COMPANY  
(COMPANY MATCH MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO RECEIVING APPLICABLE BENEFITS)
- I DECLINE BENEFITS

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE LESS THE BENEFITS RECEIVED. THE ROBERT S. HYER PTA (FED ID# 75-0808796) IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.



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