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*2023-2024
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Hello Hyer Parents,

I hope you and your families stayed dry and warm this weekend. What a chilly couple of days we have had. Maybe the fall weather is finally here to stay.



I wanted to take a minute to remind you of the current special session of the Texas Legislature. Our incredible school board is strongly advocating for Highland Park ISD. Earlier this month, the following information went out to the community from our Board.

In the regular legislative session last spring, our lawmakers had access to a record \$32 billion in excess revenue, but did not provide any meaningful increase in per-student funding for public schools. The priority is to ensure that public schools like HPISD receive the necessary resources to meet the needs of our students and competitively compensate our valued teachers and staff.

HPISD has limited local control over how much of our tax revenue can be spent on our students. The basic allotment per student is set by the Legislature, and any additional tax revenue is recaptured for other districts in what's commonly known as "Robin Hood." **The state has not increased the basic allotment per student since 2019 despite inflation of around 17%.** Simply adjusting for inflation would require a minimum of as much as \$1,000 in increased funding per student. Texas already ranks in the bottom 10 nationally for per-student funding. We will only fall further behind if our state government does not take significant action to put more dollars into public

schools, and an increasing burden will fall on the shoulders of our friends and neighbors who already go above and beyond to support our schools through private donations.

Governor Abbott has stated that one of the priorities for this special session is to expand school choice through education savings accounts funded by public tax dollars, which is commonly referred to as a voucher system. **The Highland Park ISD School Board is imploring the Legislature to first properly fund public schools** before giving any consideration to allocating public tax dollars to the funding of private schools. There is a limited amount of money available to the state government and much of it comes from local property tax recapture from districts like ours. To send some of it to private schools before fully funding public schools would be a great disservice to all those who will continue to rely on public schools in our state.

If you have any questions about this information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration in supporting the important work of our school board.

Respectfully,

Debbie



November 1: PTA Coffee Talk "*State of the District*" with Dr. Rockwood at 8:15 AM; Hyer Spirit Day

November 2: Online Auction Ends; Student Picture Retakes

November 3: Friday Night Lights Auction; Pizza Night with Mimi's Pizzeria

November 7: Student Holiday for Election Day

November 9: 4th Grade Parents Meeting at 9 AM *Corrected Date*

November 10: Dads Club Dads and Sons Donuts at Hyer

November 10: 4th Grade Parents Party at 7 PM

November 14: Author Tammi Sauer Visits Hyer

November 16: 2nd Grade Performance at 9 AM

November 17: Dad's Club - Dads Give Back Event!

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Holiday





AUCTION WEEK IS FINALLY HERE!

It's time to huddle up.... it's AUCTION WEEK!!! The best and most fun week of the year!!!

If you have not already...get your tickets TODAY! Tickets will NOT be available at the door the night of the event. We are nearly at capacity, and there are only a few tickets left.



BUY AUCTION TICKETS NOW!

You won't want to miss the tailgate for food, drinks, live music, and games. Arrive at 6:00pm to enjoy all the tailgate and FLIP CUP fun! **Representative Dads from each grade will be battling it out in a Flip Cup tournament that starts at 7:15pm SHARP!** Dinner and dancing is at 8:00pm and live auction bidding kicks off at 9:00pm.

Raffle ticket sales close at 3:00



PM **TODAY**. Three \$2500 NorthPark Gift Certificate Winners will be drawn on the Husky News on October 31st. The single student who sells the most tickets will win lunch with Principal Burt & two friends from his or her class in Balto's Courtyard, two free homework passes, and recognition on the morning announcements and in the Husky Herald! If you have any remaining tickets, get them to school **TODAY!!**

The Silent Online Auction is currently open. Text **hyerfnl** to **243725** to register, then get bidding and SCORE some amazing items! Online silent auction items will close on Thursday, November 2nd, at 10:00 PM. Don't forget to set your maximum bids, because it will get exciting those last few minutes!



We have a FULL and amazing roster for the LIVE auction this year!

- Remember that **Principal for the Day** is a LIVE Auction item.
- The trips this year are truly so special and unique. Please review **these opportunities** ahead of time and come ready to bid for these memorable experiences!



Our **Big Board items** this year can't be BEAT! These items will stay open until 10:00pm Auction night. If you have your heart set on one of these, set your reminder now!!!

Have you had a chance to meet our very own **Balto the Goldendoodle**? He is a real live teddy bear and wants to go home with the sweetest and best family. Balto will close at 6:00pm on November 3rd. PLAN ACCORDINGLY!!

Please check out our amazing program field guides that came home with your kiddos last week and this **virtual program** for all the deals, and be sure you are following **@hyer-auction** on Instagram for all things Auction.

Mark your calendars - ALL auction purchases must be picked up on Monday, November 6th, from 10 AM -3 PM at the Lloyd Residence, 4429 Hanover Street

AUCTION NIGHT IS PIZZA NIGHT AT MIMI'S!

Make auction night pizza night when you order everyone's favorite from Mimi's Pizzeria! Mimi's will generously give a portion of sales made on November 3 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" in the notes section.



Mimi's Pizzeria - Park Cities Location

STATE OF THE DISTRICT COFFEE TALK WEDNESDAY!



We hope you will join us for the second PTA Coffee Talk of the year! Our HPISD Superintendent (and Hyer Dad), Dr. Mike Rockwood, will give us an update on the state of our district. Plan to grab your coffee and join us at 8:15 on Wednesday in the Hyer Cafetorium to hear the latest and greatest about HPISD. Please remember to sign in at the front office before entering the building, and be sure to wear your Visitor Badge.



State of the District with Dr. Mike Rockwood, HPISD Superintendent
Wednesday, November 1st
8:15 am

Questions for Dr. Rockwood?
Please submit prior to our PTA Meetings Chair [Andrea Jones](#).

Thank you to our generous PTA Coffee Talk Sponsor!

Park Place
MOTORCARS DALLAS



September 6 @ 8:15am

“All Things Hyer” Q&A
with Ms. Burt, Ms. Thompson and Officer Fortner

November 1 @ 8:15am

“State of the District” with Dr. Rockwood

February 7 @ 8:15am

“Keeping Relationships While Raising a Family”
with Melinda Dickerson

April 3 @ 8:15 am (Virtual)

Get to Know HP Mother/Entrepreneur Behind LTK
with Amber Box

Thank You to Our Sponsor!



HUSKIES WILL HAVE AN EARLY THANKSGIVING FEAST!

Students will enjoy a special Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 8. The menu options are:

Kindergarten-1st Grade

- **2 ½ oz. Turkey**
- **Mashed Potatoes**
- **Turkey Gravy**
- **Corn**
- **Roll**

2nd Grade-4th Grade

- **3 ½ oz. Turkey**
- **Choice of any other menu items**



Kindergarten and 1st grade lunches are \$6. Pumpkin pie is available for an

additional \$2. Charges for 2nd-4th grade are a la carte. **There will be no cold lunch option for kindergarteners and 1st graders. PB&J and chips will be the only cold choices available to 2nd-4th graders.** Pumpkin pie will be on the salad bar and will be available on the ice cream line to those who bring lunch from home. Sorry, no seconds on rolls or pies!

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 **Friday, November 17!**

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

4TH-GRADE-ONLY PNO IS THIS FRIDAY!

PIZZA! PJS! FUN WITH 4TH GRADE FRIENDS!



This year's Hyer grads will have the school to themselves from 6-10 PM this Friday, November 3rd, at a fourth-grade-only PNO! Tickets are \$50 for the first child and \$40 each for siblings. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to download the registration

form. Spots are limited to 50 Huskies and are going fast!

THANK YOU THE MAHJONG LINE!

Thank you to **The Mahjong Line** for treating our Hyer teachers, staff and crossing guards to a delicious tailgate themed lunch from The Hamburger Man on Friday. It was a perfect way to end the week and kick off our much anticipated Friday Night Lights Auction!



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER HYER SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE!



ONLINE HUSKY SHOP CLOSING TOMORROW!

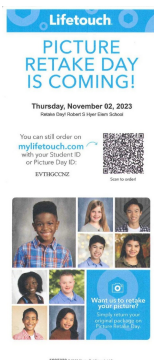
Last call for online spirit wear! The online shop closes tomorrow. The Husky Shop will remain open MWF 7:30-8:00 AM, but if you aren't a morning person, you have one more day to buy online. Click below to place your orders now!

ORDER SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE!

Be sure to show off all your favorite Husky Gear on Spirit Day, this Wednesday, November 1st!



PICTURE RETAKES ARE ON THURSDAY!



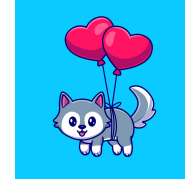
If your Husky missed picture day - or you did a double-take when you saw the proofs – then send your child to school camera ready this Thursday, November 2. Lifetouch/Shutterfly will be on campus from 8-10 AM that morning. If you are unhappy with your child's photo, simply return your original package for a photo retake.

Having problems ordering photos online? Parents can contact the Lifetouch customer care team at 1-800-736-4753 or on Live Chat at [mylifetouch.com](https://www.mylifetouch.com), or can place orders by sending in their paper form during retakes.

♥ 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.



NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7!



Tuesday, November 7, is a student holiday for Election Day. Your Husky can learn about the democratic process and decision-making when they watch you vote!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

TAKE ON THE HPHS TENNIS TEAM AT ITS COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT!



Pickleball players of all ages and levels are invited to compete against players from Highland Park High School's champion tennis team on Saturday, November 11, at Williams Park from 1 PM (sharp) - 5:00 PM. Please [click here](#) to register and for more information.

Music, food trucks, prizes, Stretch Zone Representatives, and North Texas Pickleball Company will add to the fun, so don't miss out! Spots are limited and the registration deadline is November 6.

All proceeds go to the HP Tennis Team Legacy Foundation. Hope to see you there!

Husky high fives!



A sincere thank you to 2023-2024 Hyer PTA Gift Committee Members **Brooke Messer (President)**, **Ann Higginbottom (President-Elect)**, **Nellie Dunn (Treasurer)**, **Julie Gonzalez (Secretary)**, **Allyn Waid (Ways & Means)**, **Patti Georgeadis (Treasurer-Elect)**, **Kristin Evans (Faculty Support)**, **Lauren Phillips (Special Events)**, **Stephanie Johns**, **Kelly Morgan**, **Ellen Kershaw**, **Olivia Howe**, and our teacher representatives **Catherine Brant** and **Dani Taplin** for reviewing the fall gift requests from our teachers and staff last week. Your wisdom and patience were critical to a productive Gift Committee meeting! A special thank you also to **Debbie Burt** and **Kim Shelton** for helping us plan and prepare for fall gifting. We look forward to sharing the approved gift amount in a special announcement!

To President-Elect **Ann Higginbottom** for facilitating a successful Fall Gift Committee meeting! So much work goes into the preparation for the meeting, and Ann did a wonderful job getting all of the requests prepared!

To **Leigh Johnson**, PEC Chair, and **Linde Thompson** for coordinating the Red Ribbon program last week and helping our Hyer Huskies learn how to make healthy choices!

To our amazing Auction Chairs, **Lizzie Duplantis**, **Annie O'Grady** and **Jenny Harris**, for working tirelessly for months to execute the Friday Night Lights auction! These ladies have HUGE hearts for Hyerville and Friday night is going to be amazing! If you haven't bought your tickets, please do so and BID BID BID online until Thursday!

To **Casey Hanna**, **Kristin Evans** and **Ann Higginbottom** for hosting ANOTHER staff appreciation lunch last Friday. Burgers on a rainy day are always great! Special thanks to our sponsor, The Mahjong Line!

To **Kristi Owens** and **Mary Chaney Spencer**, Buildings and Ground Chair, for continually working to improve our grounds.

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

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



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