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Good Morning Hyer Families,

As we get ready for Winter Break at the end of this week, I'd like to ask that you encourage your students to continue to take time to read every day. Reading offers benefits such as language and cognitive development, imagination, creativity, empathy and social skills for students; it plays a crucial role in their overall development. Reading can be a calming and stress-reducing activity, providing an escape from daily pressures.



- Reading exposes children to a variety of words and helps them build a rich vocabulary. Exposure to well-structured sentences in books contributes to the development of proper grammar and syntax which can carry over to writing.
- Reading encourages children to think critically, analyze situations, and make decisions. Many stories present challenges that characters must overcome, fostering problem-solving skills in young readers.
- Children who read regularly tend to perform better academically across various subjects. Reading enhances a child's ability to understand and interpret information, which is essential for success in all subjects.
- Through books, children are exposed to different worlds, characters, and scenarios which stimulate a child's imagination and creativity. Reading diverse stories exposes children to new ideas and perspectives, fostering

innovative thinking.

- Books often explore different characters and their emotions, helping children develop empathy and understand others. Reading stories aloud or discussing books with peers and adults enhances communication skills.

Encouraging a habit of reading from an early age sets the foundation for a child's academic success, personal growth, and a lifelong appreciation for learning.

Have a wonderful break and enjoy this magical time with your precious kids. See you next year.

Respectfully,

Debbie

WELCOME TO A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

December 14: 3rd Grade Performance at Hyer at 5:30 PM

December 15: Classroom Holiday Parties; Early Release at 1 PM

December 18-January 2: Winter Holidays

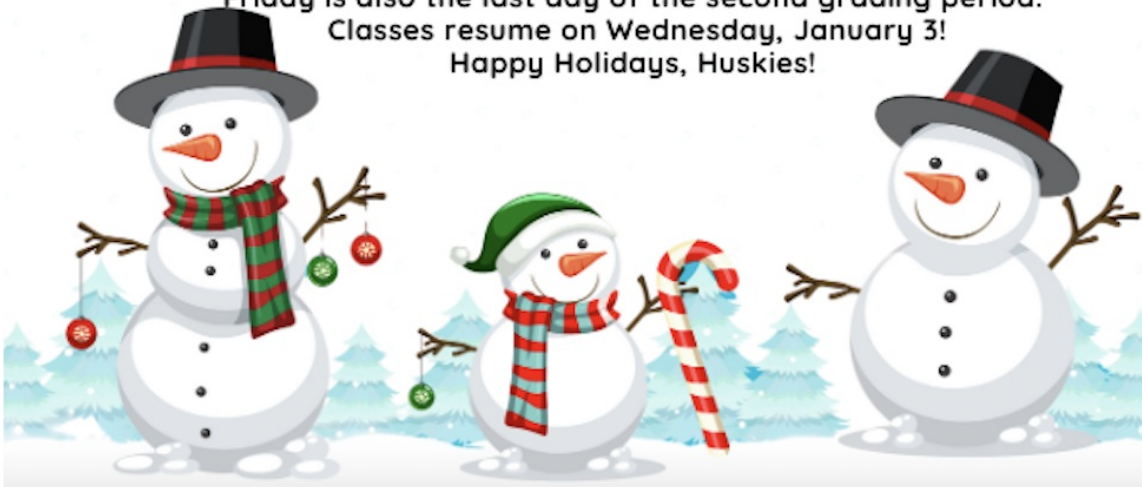
January 3: Classes Resume; Hyer Spirit Day

January 8: "One School One Book" Begins



Early Dismissal Friday for Winter Break!

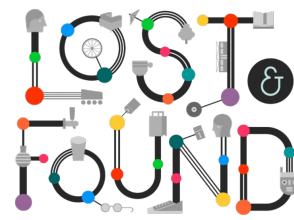
All grades will be released at 1 p.m. this Friday.
Friday is also the last day of the second grading period.
Classes resume on Wednesday, January 3!
Happy Holidays, Huskies!



MISSING SOMETHING? IT'S HERE!

Is your Husky missing a jacket? Sweatshirt? Water bottle? Dozens of items have been piling up in Hyer's

Lost and Found and will be on the front porch on Thursday and Friday. You can check the porch for your missing items anytime on those days ...EXCEPT DURING ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES. **All unclaimed items will be donated on Friday!**



CALLING ALL HUSKY READERS IN JANUARY!

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK IS COMING FROM JANUARY 8-25!



Get ready for a month of celebrating reading at Hyer! When it is cold outside in January, Hyer Huskies will be cuddling up inside with good books in hand to read, read and read!

Hyer is excited to welcome back students from the holiday break with our One School, One Book program. Every family will receive a copy of the same book to read together each night. The title of the book will be announced on Monday, January 8, 2024.

The generous support of the Hyer Dads Club makes this program possible!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE KC CLUB'S TOY DRIVE!

The Toy Drive benefiting Brother Bill's Helping Hand was a huge success! The KC Club has delivered 5 SUVs full of toys and lots of joy to Brother Bill's. Thanks to your generosity, Brother Bill's will be able to serve over **3,500 children** this week during its Christmas event. During the event, families will take pictures with Santa before dropping off their kids in the Kids Tent and choosing 3 toys for each child in the family.



The KC Club especially appreciates the contribution of 1st Grade Daisy Troop #44177, which volunteered to bring extra toys to the school.

YOUR GENEROSITY will bring so much happiness to so many families this holiday season!

SAVE THE DATE FOR HYER SPIRIT DAY ON JANUARY 3

Help welcome our Huskies back to school with Spirit Day on Wednesday, January 3! Encourage your Huskies to sport their Hyer gear and show their Husky pride. Visit the [Husky Shop](#) to pick up a new Hyer sweatshirt, headbands and tees!



THERE'S STILL TIME TO SUPPORT MAD FOR PLAID!



It's not too late to support Mad for Plaid and our district's wonderful educators! Mad for Plaid raises public support for HPISD's critical budget needs. Currently, the most critical need is raising the bar for teacher and staff salaries districtwide.

Every gift, no matter the size, will help us reach our goal of gifting \$1.7 million to HPISD for compensation increases. Your donation allows us to do more for our educators now, and we hope you will consider clicking [HERE](#) to make a donation.

Stay tuned for more details from the district on Wednesday, December 12, about how you can DOUBLE your Mad for Plaid impact!

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!

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 January 8 and will continue through May 11.



The HP Tennis Academy is a district program with all profits going directly to HPISD.

THIRD GRADE PERFORMANCE THURSDAY NIGHT!



Our wonderful 3rd graders will perform in the Hyer Cafetorium Thursday evening. **Students should be dropped off at the front doors of Hyer at 5:00 p.m. to rehearse.** The doors of the auditorium will open at 5:00 p.m. for families to find their seats. The show starts at 5:30 p.m. and will last

approximately 25-30 minutes. Attire should be something the students would wear for picture day. Please contact Adrienne Conklin at 214-780-4311 or conklia@hpsid.org if you have any questions.

HOLIDAY DROP AND SHOP EVENTS!



Do you need some extra time for holiday shopping? Are you headed to any holiday gatherings? Ms. Brosseau and Mrs. Rather have you covered. They'll be hosting **4 DROP AND SHOP** events for your children to enjoy!

Drop and Shop Monday, December 18, 1-4 p.m.

Drop and Shop Tuesday, December 19, 1-4 p.m.

Drop and Shop Wednesday, December 20, 1-4 p.m.

Drop and Shop Thursday, December 21, 1-4 p.m.

**All Drop and Shop sessions will include fun, games and a snack.
Click on the button below to register.**

DROP & SHOP NOW!

STAY COZY IN HUSKY SHOP WINTER WEAR!



SALE ALERT!!! Get Your Cold Weather Hyer Gear TODAY!

Hyer sweatshirts and sweatpants are on sale online and available for local porch pick-up. Order these cozy items now to have for the holiday break or as gifts under the tree!

GET COZY WITH HYER GEAR NOW!

HAS YOUR FAMILY MOVED SINCE SCHOOL STARTED?

If your family has moved, please remember to notify the school so staff can update your records in Skyward. This can be done by submitting the following required residency documents to the office:

- A new deed or fully executed lease
- A current water or electric bill at the same address
- A driver's license or Texas identification card at the same address



THE HYER PTA BOARD WANTS YOU!

Hyer PTA Interest & Nomination Forms Due Today!

Our time in Hyerville has been incredible and this is just the beginning! We have many more adventures to look forward to later this year! It's also time to start planning for the road ahead, which means thinking about the 2024-2025 school year. It's going to be a great year to be involved in the PTA!

Please consider serving as a 2024-2025 PTA Officer or Chairperson, or nominate another to serve. We would love to have YOU on our team. There are positions to fit all schedules and areas of interest. Hyer could not be the wonderful school it is without the efforts of our PTA!

Click [HERE](#) to complete the Hyer Parent Interest & Nomination Form. Questions? Please contact Hyer PTA Nominating Committee Chair: Ann Higginbottom (Hyer PTA President-Elect): annhigginbottom@gmail.com or 214-693-3525.



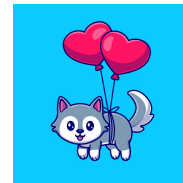
TAG REGISTRATION WINDOW OPEN NOW!

A poster for Highland Park ISD TAG Testing Registration. The top half features a photo of three smiling children in a classroom. Below the photo, the text reads 'Highland Park ISD TAG TESTING REGISTRATION'. Underneath that, it says 'Registration Window December 4 - January 8 (12 PM)' and 'No late registrations accepted'. There are three checkmarks with corresponding text: 'Registration is open to students in grades 1-11', 'Helpful article found at https://bit.ly/TAGARTICLE', and 'Parents begin registration at: https://bit.ly/TAGREFERRAL'. To the right of the text are two circular inset photos: one of a child wearing orange safety goggles and another of two children working together. At the bottom, there is a black box with white text: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION WATCH THE PARENT WEBINAR AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE'. To the right of this box are two links: 'https://bit.ly/tagparentinfo' and 'https://bit.ly/HPISDTAG', each preceded by a globe icon.

Heads up, Hyer families! If you're interested in registering your child for TAG testing, the window is available until January 8th at noon! For detailed information about TAG testing and to sign up your child, click on the links below.

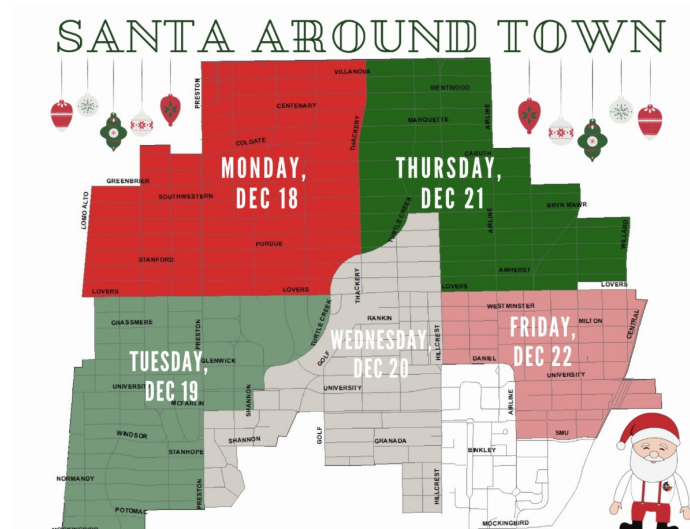
♥ WE CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER IN HYERVILLE! ♥

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.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



Before he makes his annual trip around the world on December 25, Santa will be in UP touring the city's neighborhoods on a UPFD fire engine. The fun begins Monday, December 18, and continues through Friday, December 22, starting at 6 p.m. each night and ending around 8 p.m.

If you want to wave at Santa as he rides by, consult the color-coded city map above. Better yet, during his five-day visit, go to the City's [website](#). There you will find a link to track Santa's nightly progress through the neighborhoods.

Husky high fives!



Thank you to **Patty Georgeadis** for meticulously counting, editing and updating the Class Kitty gifts and distributing them to our teachers and staff on behalf of the Hyer Family. Thank you also to **Nellie Dunn** for coordinating the teacher and staff holiday checks that allowed us to spread some extra cheer!

Thank you to **Kristi Owens** for all of her hard work refreshing our landscaping around Hyer. Be sure to take a look next time you are at school!

High Five to **Brittany Miller** for ensuring our Room Parents are prepared each month with all of the information they need. We are so thankful for you!

A huge thank you to the **2023-2024 PTA Board** for a wonderful fall semester. We know you all have worked tirelessly to plan, coordinate and carryout so many amazing activities and events for our students and staff. We are excited for everything to come in 2024!

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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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