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*2023-2024  
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Good Morning Hyer Families,

I hope you had a fantastic weekend and were able to take advantage of the extra hour we had on Sunday due to Daylight Savings.

I wanted to take a minute to remind everyone about the importance of school attendance and arriving to school on time. School starts at 8:00 each day. Please support you students in being punctual to school every day. Students who arrive late tend to feel rushed, and it often causes a disruption to the classroom routines that begin at 8:00.



To ensure our students are successful, we encourage consistent attendance. We recognize that illnesses are often unavoidable and want students to stay home if they are truly sick. If a student is/will be absent, please notify your child's teacher and the attendance office by calling 214-780-3304, or sending an email to [hyattendance@hpsid.org](mailto:hyattendance@hpsid.org). In addition, on the morning following the absence(s), the student is required to bring a note signed by a parent explaining the reason for the absence. Student attendance is tied to school funding and is monitored by the state. If audited, it is beneficial to have attendance notes on file for student absences. We appreciate your assistance in reinforcing the importance of daily attendance at school with your children.

Late arrivals and leaving school prior to 3:10 for appointments and other activities can add up to many missed instructional minutes creating gaps in learning. It is impossible for students to make up time missed during class discussions, which are crucial to understanding content. This often places

undue stress on students as they are missing instruction and/or not prepared for classroom learning the next day. Whenever possible, please schedule appointments after school hours and on non-school days and weekends to avoid interfering with the instructional day.

As always, I am very grateful for your support and partnership in your child's education. We all want our Huskies to have the best learning experience possible every day.

Respectfully,

Debbie

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## WELCOME TO A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

**November 7:** Student Holiday for Election Day  
**November 9:** 4th Grade Parents Meeting at 9 AM  
**November 10:** Dads Club Dads and Sons Donuts at 7:10 AM 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



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## NO SCHOOL TOMORROW!



**Tomorrow, 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!**

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## 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.



## **Dad/Sons and Donuts Breakfast**

**This Friday 11/10 from 7:10-7:45**



Dads bring your son(s) and grab a donut and coffee while enjoying these 4 dads battle it out tournament-style in our first ever **Dad Joke Battle Royale**. The winner gets a pizza party for their kiddo's entire class. We all win because we get to enjoy some laughter along with our sugary donut treats.

**Dan Harris**

WEST

**Spencer Diebel**

**West Winner**



**East Winner**

**Peter Kruger**

EAST

**Preston Phillips**

## 4TH GRADE PARENTS MEETING & PARTY THIS WEEK!



Join your fellow 4th grade parents at 9 AM this Thursday in the Hyer Cafetorium for an important meeting to learn about key 4th grade activities that will take place over the next few months, including the 4th grade parent skit, baby photos, pool party and family picnic! Questions? Please contact 4th Grade Activities Chairs [Lisa Leet](#) and [Michelle Hunt](#). Information will also be e-mailed to parents after the meeting.

Be sure not to miss the 4th grade parent party at 7 PM this Friday at Portia and Alex Hicks' home! It is sure to be a fun night of mingling with fellow fourth grade parents.

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE HYER AUCTION AND OUR SCHOOL!

We had an absolute blast with all of you under the Hyer Night Lights! It was an unforgettable evening, filled with fun, laughter and a sense of camaraderie, and we feel like it reflected the spirit of Hyer in every way. With your support, we were able to raise over \$600,000 - just incredible! A huge thank you to all who came and all who supported our wonderful school and its amazing staff!



We want to especially thank our Auction Committee, who has worked tirelessly for months to coordinate the event, raise money, confirm donations, engage our community, and so much more. You all have been so giving of your time and talent, and your dedication to our school and students is the reason that Hyer is the exceptional, special place that it is! THANK YOU!

We are also reminded of what a wonderful community we have, and how grateful we are for the fervent support of the local businesses and families who understand the importance of Hyer's role in the lives of our children. To our sponsors and underwriting families, a huge thank you for your generosity! An extra special thank you to our presenting sponsor, the Crum Family!

**Don't forget that today, Monday, November 6, is the day to collect your auction items and student art purchased during Mom's Night Out! Items will be available between 10am-3pm at Bailey Lloyd's house, 4429 Hanover Street.**

Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose! We're grateful for each of you!

XO,  
**Annie, Jenny & Lizzie**





# RAFFLE



\$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100 | Three \$2,500 raffle drawings

**WIN \$2,500 Gift Certificate to NorthPark!**

Thank you to all our hard-working Huskies for doing a phenomenal job selling raffle tickets! **Jones Robertson** sold 92 raffle tickets to claim the School Winner prize. She wins lunch with Principal Burt!

Class winners will receive a pizza and popsicle party. They are:

- Kindergarten: Ms. Brandt's class with 238 tickets
- 1st Grade: Ms Isham's class with 150 tickets
- 2nd Grade: Ms. Meltabarger's class with 125 tickets
- 3rd Grade: Ms. Casselman's class with 124 tickets
- 4th Grade: Ms. Choe's class with 87 tickets



Congratulations to our raffle winners, Natalie Cryer, Lara Whitfield and Jessie vonBargen, who each won a \$2,500 NorthPark Gift Certificate. Way to go team Hyer!

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## HUSKIES WILL HAVE AN EARLY THANKSGIVING FEAST!

Students will enjoy a special Thanksgiving lunch this 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!

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**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?

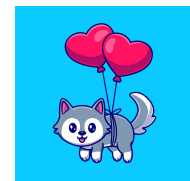
Get involved by completing our [Nominating Committee & Board Interest Form](#) by **Friday, November 17!**

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

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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.



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## 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 this 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!



To **Jill Morrison**, Yearbook Chair, for coordinating and executing student picture retakes.

To **Andres Jones**, PTA Meetings Chair, for hosting Dr. Rockwood so warmly for our PTA Coffee Talk.

To **Kristen Bengtson**, Garden Chair, for helping spruce up our garden each week.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AUCTION

It takes a village to pull off our largest fundraiser. We are especially grateful for, and proud of, our Hyer Friday Night Lights village!

The Live Team, **Codi Carroll**, **Jessica Freeman** and **Stephanie Lauck**, brought the best to our Live Auction offerings! We are incredibly grateful for your connections, time, generosity and dedication.

The Big Board Team, **Lauren Laughry**, **Portia Hicks**, **Juliana Leblanc**, and **Julie Fetter** for pulling together some incredible items for big board bidding.

The Solicitations Team, under the leadership of **Simone Anderson** and **Bailey Lloyd**, put together some truly coveted packages. Many thanks to committee members **Brooke Noffsinger**, **Leigh Johnson**, **Julie Radford**, **Jessica Slaven**, **Mandy Blount**, **Megan Conlon**, **Nina Tollett**, **Kate Adams**, **Lauren Pond** and **Bren Underwood**. You ALL worked so hard to secure so many amazing packages and items to support our wonderful Hyer community.

To **Kelly Morgan** and **Lindsay Bauer**, our Corporate Solicitation team, thank you for securing SO many corporate partners.

The new auction brochures were AMAZING! Thank you to **Tayler Lee** and **Rachel Dougherty** for re-thinking this and producing such beautiful and informative brochures.

Thank you to our amazing Online Auction Technology Chairs, **Danielle Barner**, **Lisa Leet** and **Whitney Cameron**, for getting all items uploaded and ready for the Online Auction. You are the linchpins of the auction, and we are FOREVER grateful to each of you. Thanks also goes to Reservations Chair **Katrina Bolin**, who led the charge with reservations and answered every question.

High fives to **Abby Goyme** and **Brittany Miller** for managing the Teacher Gifts of Time that are so popular with all of our Huskies! To **Brittany Graft** for doing the Hyer momentos.

To our parent party and kid party committee, **Whitney Ward, Kristin Mitchell, Erin Davis, Katie Allen, Jennifer Cardwell, Sarah Sparling, Jayna DuBose, Michelle Hunt, Kari Prine, Stephanie Johns, Annie Butler and Kristi Harvey**, for making sure our parents and kids have amazing parties to attend throughout the year.

High Fives also go out to our incredible Decor Committee, **Emily Hill, Kristin Evans, Brittany Smalley, Janey Steward and Jordan Hunt**. It was no easy task to take a blank room and a parking lot and create an event. They TOTALLY exceeded expectations and took the party to the next level with their creativity.

To **Lauren Sears** for helping us promote and keep the Auction front and center in people's minds on social media!

Thank you to our Art Chairs **Laura Petka, Katey Plummer, Katie Winston, Misty Wall and Kyle Yohe**, for all of the time spent working on our student art! They hand assembled your child's Boot Art themselves!

To **Brittany Hunt, Lauren Schultis, Kristen Sturdevant, Brittany Sizemore, Rachel Brown, and Holly Ramundt** for coordinating, counting all of the tickets, and being the amazing women behind this year's raffle. It was a smashing success!

To **Nellie Dunn and Patty Georgeadis** for your wisdom, patience and incredible support, and for handling our check requests and all things financial.

To **Sarah Hodges and Laura Davis** for all of your assistance, coordination, and patience with us to promote and help get out Auction messages in the Husky Herald.

And to **Brooke Messer, Ann Higginbottom and Allyn Waid** - we really appreciate your leadership, counsel, encouragement and support as we brought our collective Friday Night Lights vision to life.

Thank you to Auction Chairs **Lizzie Duplantis, Annie O'Grady and Jenny Harris** for an incredible, memorable Friday Night Lights. The venue, bands, theme and tailgate were all a HUGE success for this amazing fundraising event. There are no adequate words to express our loving appreciation!

**Lizzie, Annie, Jenny and the Auction Committee**, our families, teachers and staff cannot thank you enough for the love you have poured into Hyer's largest fundraiser. You have worked so selflessly and with such dedication over the last year to make Friday special. Thank you so very much! **Don't forget, item pickup is TODAY! All auction items purchased MUST be picked up today, Monday, November 6, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Lloyd Residence, 4429 Hanover.**

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

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