



# *the husky* HERALD

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YOUR SOURCE FOR EVERYTHING HYER!

## A LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL BURT



Dear Wonderful Hyer Families,

I hope this email finds you relaxed, healthy, and staying cool! We are in high gear preparing for a very unusual start to the school year. I am so delighted with the progress at Hyer – we are going to have the most beautiful new building, and I cannot wait for us to all be there together soon.

I know that you have many questions and few answers as to what lies ahead for this school year. Rest assured that we are working furiously at the district and campus level to iron out every detail for what the start of the school year and beyond will look like during the pandemic. We continue to receive guidance from various entities at many levels and will provide you additional details as soon as possible. We understand that not knowing can bring about some angst and appreciate your patience as we continue to finalize details and communicate them to you in the days ahead.

What I can tell you with certainty is that we all miss you and your kids! The Hyer staff wants desperately to be in our new building teaching our students in person. We hope that we will be together very, very soon.

We recognize that our emergency learning plan in the spring was not ideal for everyone. Using your feedback, as well as direction from the state, we have enhanced our virtual learning experience to be more rigorous and more aligned with a typical school day. You can expect more real-time with teachers and a

stronger focus on content learning. When students are able to return to school in-person, we also will be implementing new routines and procedures to promote the safest environment possible.

Neither learning remotely nor learning in-person with various restrictions will ever be ideal though, and I ask that you join me in helping our students and our amazing staff by portraying positivity, modeling grace, and working in collaboration with your child's teacher throughout the year to meet the needs of your child whichever platform you choose. Our teachers need your support and partnership more than ever as they embark on a challenging, new adventure, both virtually and in-person.

I want to thank our current PTA Board, under the leadership of Maryjane Bonfield, PTA President, for their continued support and generosity to our Hyer community, including both staff and families. They too have worked tirelessly this summer planning events and activities for the coming school year, and then often have had to adjust and even begin considering possible alternative solutions for how to best preserve our favorite Hyer traditions and essential fundraising efforts given the pandemic.

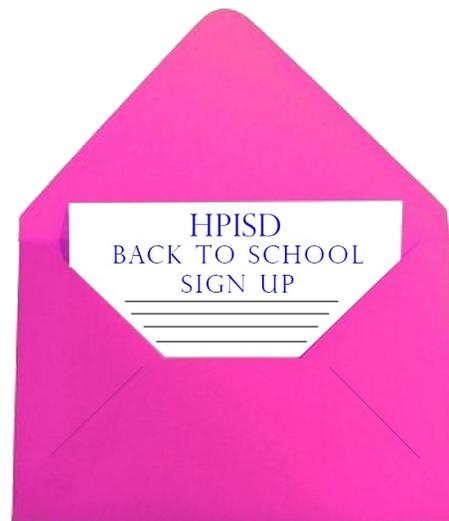
We are resilient, and we will make the best out of a disappointing situation as we work through the unknowns of this school year. 2020-2021 is definitely the year to be "Firmly Planted" at Hyer, as we all ban together and work diligently to maintain our traditions and grow in excellence. We are part of an amazing community that values the education of our students. On behalf of the Hyer staff, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your positive energy and continued support even in the most challenging times.

With admiration and gratitude,  
Debbie Burt  
Hyer Principal

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SIGN UP: JULY 30 – AUGUST 7

HPISD families should have received your Back-to-School Sign Up (BSSU) information in a bright pink envelope earlier this month. BSSU starts this Thursday, July 30, and runs through Friday, August 7. BSSU allows parents a convenient one-stop opportunity to provide important information to HPISD, the Hyer PTA and other district organizations. Your Skyward login and password are used to complete BSSU. Click **HERE** to view BSSU FAQs. If you have questions while registering, please contact the BSSU Help Desk at 214-780-4040 or [myhponline@hpsid.org](mailto:myhponline@hpsid.org).



On BSSU:

- Join the PTA and Hyer Dads Club
- Support Family Underwriting

- Order Hyer Spirit Wear! Spirit Wear items, including the official 2020-2021 "Firmly Planted" t-shirt, are ONLY available for purchase during BSSU! Click [HERE](#) for a preview of Spirit Wear items available in BSSU. Contact [Courtney Laczkowski](#) for samples of t-shirts and shorts.
- Order a yearbook or library gift book
- Pay your student's class supply fee, which covers costs for software and tangible supplies to be used by and made available to your student **whether in-person or remote**
- Pay your class "kitty" fee for teachers' gifts
- Purchase your Spring Carnival wristbands
- Donate to the library and the teacher appreciation funds
- Sign up to volunteer! When in-person school starts back, parent volunteers in the school will be more limited but still greatly needed.

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! 2020-2021 HYER FAMILY UNDERWRITING CAMPAIGN JULY 22 - AUGUST 28



Hyer is "Firmly Planted" (...but flexible!) back home on Caruth this year and could not be the outstanding school it is without generous families like yours to help bridge Hyer's **\$600,000 funding gap** that exists as a result of Texas school finance "recapture" laws. Private dollars are necessary to help cover costs like teacher salaries and technology, which will be incurred **whether school is in-person or remote**. Click [HERE](#) to understand more about why Hyer needs private funding and how your dollars are spent.

Thank you for considering how you may be able to support Hyer this year through Family Underwriting. With fewer families returning to Hyer but many of the same costs, your dollars are more important than ever! We have several special, this-year-only benefits for families to commemorate this historical year and celebrate being the first families to open new doors at Hyer since 1949!

Please be watching for Hyer's 2020-2021 Family Underwriting Campaign brochure in the mail, as well as BSSU for more information! Click [HERE](#) to view the brochure and participate online. Please contact [Leslie Carroll](#) with questions.

**The deadline for family recognition is August 28.**

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*As the district provides more guidance, Hyer is working diligently on specific back-to-school details for our campus. Please know that more details will be coming soon. Thank you for your patience!*



## Class Assignments

Student class assignments will be made available during the week of August 17 prior to the first day of school. Details coming.

## Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher originally scheduled for Aug. 18 at 5:00 PM is being reconfigured by principals and administrators to address current restrictions and health concerns. An adapted version of Meet the Teacher will take place the week of August 17. Details coming.

## Supply Pick Up

Campus and district staff are working on the logistics and coordination of a school supply/technology/materials pick-up for students. Details will be communicated with families once specific plans are finalized.

## Remote School Daily Schedules

Remote school daily schedules will be provided during the week of August 17 prior to the first day of school. Please know that remote schedules will mimic in-person schedules and be specific to each classroom. While some grade-level classrooms will be covering the same scope and sequence, they will not have identical daily schedules.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE DISTRICT'S WORKING DOCUMENT FOR OPENING SCHOOLS THIS FALL.

## DRUM ROLL PLEASE... NEW PTA WEBSITE LAUNCH!

The Hyer PTA is thrilled to announce the launch of its own dedicated website for communicating about PTA sponsored events and activities. By launching a dedicated PTA website, we can make real time updates (in a year requiring great flexibility!) and offer the ability to make payments online. As we take one day at a time and remain flexible in the days ahead, the PTA website will be a great resource for our Hyer families! You can access the PTA from the Hyer website as you normally would or you can go to [www.hyerpta.org](http://www.hyerpta.org). Click [HERE](#) to view!



Special thank you to our 2020-2021 Hyer PTA Website Sponsor!



## HYER CAMPUS UPDATE AND HOURS!

New Hyer construction continues to be right on track. We look forward to completion and getting to move to our new, beautiful home on Caruth (3920 Caruth Blvd) before the start of the school year!



Until such time, Hyer's administrative office is temporarily located at Boone Elementary (8385 Durham Street) and will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm until August 6. Beginning August 10, office hours will change to Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & QUICK LINKS

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