

September 14, 2020 / Robert S. Hyer Elementary School



HYER IS FIRMLY PLANTED FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

CURRICULUM NIGHT TOMORROW!

Curriculum Night for parents will be this Tuesday, September 15 and will take place virtually by grade level. Your teacher will send you specific instructions for how to join your student's class virtually for Curriculum Night at the specified grade-level times below. Please know that each session will be recorded and viewable for anyone who is unable to join at the specified time.



tuesday, september 15
virtual

(links to be sent by teachers)

- PreK: 5:00-5:30
- 3rd & 4th: 5:30-6:00
- Kinder, 1st & 2nd: 6:00-6:30

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

For the foreseeable future, Hyer remains closed to visitors except those deemed "essential volunteers". If you need to come to the Hyer front office for any reason, you first must scan the QR code found on the front door to complete an online visitor screening survey and then call the front office telephone number (which also can be found on the front door) for admission into the front office. Staff will check your temperature before allowing you to enter the building. To help protect our staff and students as much as possible, we would appreciate you coming to the front office only for vital business; please refrain from bringing non-essential items or food to the front office for your students during the school day. Remember that all guests or visitors should enter and exit the building through the front doors on Caruth!



THE DIRECTORY IS LIVE!



If you've not done so already, please review your information in DirectorySpot. Please send any edits to [Directory Chair Jacque Marvin](#).

Do you want a printed version of our directory? If so, don't worry! Families with PTA memberships have the option to download a PDF version of the directory from the [DirectorySpot website](#). You can log in to the website using the same password as the app.

Do you need instructions for how to access DirectorySpot? For instructions, go to www.hyerpta.org/communications.

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2020-2021 ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES & MAPS

Please make sure you have reviewed the 2020-2021 Hyer Arrival/Dismissal Procedures & Maps. COVID protocols require procedures to look different than you might remember in the past. Click [HERE](#) to view a printable PDF, or you can find them at www.hyerpta.org under the Parents tab.



We appreciate your help following all procedures when dropping off students to help ensure student, staff and parent safety. Please model safe behavior for our kids and cross all streets **ONLY** at crosswalks!

ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER



When a student will be absent from school, parents should e-mail the classroom teacher and send a courtesy copy to Zoe Reyes at hyattendance@hpsd.org. **Students who arrive after 9:15 a.m. will be marked absent for the day** unless they provide documentation of a medical appointment that morning.

Excused Absences

An excused absence is defined as any absence:

- Resulting from personal illness, illness or death in the family
- In observance of a religious holiday
- For a cause which may be determined to be uncommon or unavoidable by the principal or her designee

Unexcused Absences

An unexcused absence is defined as any absence:

- Which is not excused in accordance with the definition cited above
- Those involving trips, college visitations, participation in non-school activities and other similar absences will be classified as unexcused in accordance with Education Code 21.035

2020-2021 PTA COFFEE TALK PARENT SERIES



The PTA is excited to launch an all new meeting format for 2020-2021. This year, the PTA will host several informative PTA Coffee Talks, featuring speakers and conversations on the latest school and parenting topics. Grab your coffee and join us virtually for our inaugural first PTA Coffee Talk of the year!

“All Things Hyer: Q&A with Ms. Burt & Miss Thompson”
Tuesday, September 22
8:15 am



Debbie Burt, Hyer Principal



Linde Thompson, Hyer
Counselor

Click [HERE](#) for a meeting link.

Questions for Ms. Burt & Miss Thompson?
Please submit prior to our PTA Meetings Chair [Amy Sherman](#).

Thank you to our generous PTA Coffee Talk Sponsor!



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PTA COFFEE TALK PARENT SPEAKER SERIES 2020-2021 CALENDAR	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 8:15 AM, VIRTUAL	"ALL THINGS HYER" Q&A WITH MS. BURT AND MISS THOMPSON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 8:15 AM, VIRTUAL	"STATE OF THE DISTRICT" WITH DR. TRIGG
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 8:15 AM	"HONEY FOR A CHILD'S HEART: BOOKS THAT INSPIRE" WITH ELLEN PORTER
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 8:15 AM	"PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE: EQUIPPING YOUNG CHILDREN REGARDING ONLINE DANGER" WITH ASHLEY JANUZEWSKI
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 8:15 AM, RESCHEDULED	"BIRDS & BEES: CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD" WITH MEGAN MICHELSON
THANK YOU TO OUR 2020-2021 PTA COFFEE TALK SPONSOR	
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Please plan for our fall PTA Coffee Talks to be virtual.

In the spring, we hope that we will be able to enjoy our morning coffee and learn new information with other Hyer parents in the Cafetorium after drop-off! If we are able to do this, coffee will be served starting at 8:00 am; speakers will begin at 8:15 am. If not, our spring PTA Coffee Talks will also be virtual.

Any changes to the calendar and format of the meeting due to COVID restrictions will be communicated through the Husky Herald.

We hope you will join us!

PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!

Save the date for picture days at Hyer from September 22-24! Photos will be taken September 22 & 23 for students on campus and September 24 for remote students. No forms will be sent home this year. Parents will receive an e-mail from photographer David Rubin with instructions for ordering and



package options. Please contact [Kim Shelton](#) for more information.

MIMI'S PIZZERIA RESTAURANT NIGHT - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

There's no need to worry about dinner next Thursday. Let Mimi's do the cooking for you! Mimi's will generously donate a portion of their Thursday proceeds back to Hyer. Eat in or take out, but be sure to mention Hyer when your order!



Click [HERE](#) to view the menu or to order online!

WELCOME OFFICER JOEL HOLLEY (PICTURED LEFT) TO HYER ELEMENTARY

The UPPD is partnering with HPISD to provide a dedicated School Resource Officer for Hyer Elementary starting this fall. Please help us welcome Officer Holley to Hyer! He will be on campus for several hours each morning and afternoon as well as at many of our events throughout the year!



Officer Holley has worked in law enforcement for three decades, and has been with UPPD for the past 16 years. Officer Holley became a police officer because he felt that it was his true calling, and he believes that it is an honorable profession. His favorite part about working for the police department is the opportunity to help others, whether it involves helping someone get out of a bind or settling disputes and solving problems.

As the SRO for Hyer Elementary, Officer Holley is looking forward to positive interaction with the public and is excited about bonding with the students. Officer Holley is a great-uncle, and spending time with his little nephew builds his days up in an optimistic way. He is hoping for a similar experience with the students at Hyer.

A message that Officer Holley would like to share with the students is to look out for one another and to stand up for each other. He cannot wait to meet the Hyer Huskies!

HYER LIBRARY OFFERS CURBSIDE SERVICE, EBOOKS

The Hyer Library is excited to offer curbside service for library book checkout for our students learning from home and classroom delivery for our students learning on campus. Ebooks are also available for all students. For more information, please visit the [library's website](#), or contact Hyer librarian [Shannon Lane](#).



HPISD INTRODUCES NEW CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Hyer is excited to announce the adoption of a new character building and SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) curriculum in HPISD! This program is called Purposeful People and was written by the team from Character Strong. Each elementary campus will focus on 9 different character traits throughout the year with lessons and activities tailored to individual grade levels. Your child's teacher and Hyer Counselor Linde Thompson will begin conversations about traits that we know help make students more successful in their academics and in their lives outside of school. The program also provides family conversation starters and home based activities that can continue the exploration of these topics at home. Please click on the link for a [Welcome Letter](#) regarding the program. Please contact [Linde Thompson](#), Hyer Counselor, with any questions.

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 began September 8 and will continue through December 12.

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

EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY!

Early release this Friday for all students is at 1:00 p.m.





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Husky Helpers are working doggedly to start the year right!

Thank you to **Kristin Evans** for serving as Hyer's Mad for Plaid Representative. The upcoming Mad for Plaid campaign will provide needed funding and support for every teacher and staff member in the district.

Many thanks to **Jacque Marvin**, Directory Chair, on a successful roll-out of our online directory for 2020-2021.

Student registration might seem like a long time ago for most, but our PTA Chairs **Lane Clark, Ashley Cox and Kristi Owens**, along with **Kim Shelton** in the Hyer office, continue to manage the many details surrounding BSSU and new student registration. Thank you for managing this important process and massive behind-the-scenes job.

Many thanks to **Melissa Holland**, Corporate Solicitations Chair, who continues to pound the pavement finding corporate sponsors to partner with Hyer this year!

Thank you so much to our **Donna Stacey and her staff, our Hyer PTA Cafeteria Chairs Deanna Carrell, Stacey Beck, Ann Higginbottom, and Margaret Kelley, as well as so many Parent Volunteers** who helped make our first week in the cafeteria with new protocols in place a great success. Our Huskies loved getting their favorite Hyer dining options once again!

Thank you to **Jenifer Longhofer**, Room Parent Chair, and **Jill Morrision**, Yearbook Chair, for all their hard work preparing for Room Parent Orientation. What an informative meeting! We appreciate all of our **Communications and Photography Room Parents** for keeping our parents in the know this year!

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Club**

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

View past *Husky Herald* editions in the online [archives](#).

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