



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Raider Families,

I hope you all enjoyed your weekend! First, I am thrilled to say that we had zero leaks at school last week! What a victory! I would like to thank the 6th Grade parents who attended our Coffee Talk last week, and I am looking forward to meeting with the rest of you this week!

A few safety reminders:

As we all know, we have had a suspicious person in the area the past few weeks. We are committed to work alongside you to keep our students safe. Last week, it was reported that a group of students approached a man, a parent, and began questioning him as to who he was and why he was there. First, our goal is to keep our kids safe from strangers, and second, in this particular situation, the actions of these students was very disrespectful. Please discuss the boundaries kids need to have when approaching anyone they do not know.

Regarding drop-off and pick-up, please remember to enter the queue lanes and pull all the way up to allow as many cars as possible to drop off students. This will help the efficiency of the lines tremendously.

I really enjoy working at the crosswalk and seeing the kids every morning and afternoon! On the east side of the school, I am working very hard to have the kids stay on the sidewalk all the way to the crosswalk so I can cross them safely to either side of the street. We still have several students who walk between the cars in the queue line, and across the parking lot. What I see are many kids looking down at phones, distracted as they walk through the parking lot, while cars are entering and exiting. I just want to prevent an accident from happening, and I could use your support in helping your kids understand my motives.

I am grateful for each of your students and the support you provide to our staff and school! Thank you for partnering with us to provide your kids with the best school experience we can! I hope you all have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Amanda Reyes

Amanda Reyes
Principal
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- **Tuesday, September 24:** 7th and 8th Grade Coffee Talk
- **Wednesday, September 25:** 5th Grade Coffee Talk
- **Thursday, September 26:** 6th Grade Parent Party
- **October 14-15:** Student Holiday (No School)



- Review the Traffic Guidelines [HERE](#).
- Review the Student Handbook & Dress code (page 9) [HERE](#).
- Sign up for a volunteer shift [HERE](#).
- Add money to your student's lunch account [HERE](#).

Parents, we need your help getting photos for the yearbook! We are hunting for these types of photos: sports teams outside of school (including YMCA teams), back to school, activities around town outside of school (for example State Fair, Six Flags, etc.), and Halloween or other holiday activities.

Please submit photos [HERE](#).

For questions, please contact the Yearbook teacher, Amanda Wall, at walla@hpsid.org.



Raider Rewards Programs

Put your dollars to work for MIS/HPMS!

Rewards opportunities are retail loyalty programs that generate donations to fund MIS/HPMS needs. It's free and easy to enroll in these programs, and you will generate money for MIS/HPMS every time you shop with one of our partners.

This is a great time of year to update your enrollment to benefits.

Please enroll in at least ONE program!



Tom Thumb: Tom Thumb will donate 1% of all sales linked to our Good Neighbor number, 7400.

To participate:

1. Set up a Tom Thumb for U account through the app or [website](#).
2. Email Good.Neighbor@TomThumb.com. Ask them to link your account to our number 7400. Be sure to include your phone number and Good Neighbor number in your email.



Kroger: Electronically link your Kroger Card to MIS/HPMS PTO.

To participate:

1. Register at <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>.
2. Create or sign into your Digital Account; Select 'My Account'.
3. Scroll down to the 'Community Rewards' section of your account page. Select 'Enroll Now' or 'Change Organization'.
4. Enter LX606 or search for MIS/HPMS PTO.
5. Select it and click on 'Enroll'.

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Minted program operates year-round and will provide 20% off all Minted items, excluding Fine Art Prints and items from our Third-Party Marketplace collections. Minted will give back 15% of the net sales from each purchase at

the end of the year. Go to www.minted.com and use the code FUNDRAISEHPMS.



Last Coffee Talks This Week + New Date for 8th Grade!

Join us for coffee and to hear from our new principal, **Amanda Reyes!** Please note updated start time!

Attention 8th Grade Parents: Due to our late schedule change last week, please join the 7th Grade Coffee Talk on Tuesday!

5th Grade Coffee Talk

Wednesday, September 25, 8:30-10:00am

5/6 Assembly Room

7th Grade Coffee Talk

Tuesday, September 24, 8:30-10:00am

7/8 Assembly Room

**Thank you to Geneva M. Williams and Mendrygal Law PLLC
for sponsoring our 2024-2025 Coffee Talks.**





**Last Call for Family Giving and
Corporate Sponsorships!**

**All donations must be received by
October 1 to be included in donor
recognition signage.**



**Please visit
www.raiderchallenge.org
to make your donation today!**

Raider Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers still needed for reoccurring shifts and substitutes welcome! Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

**Volunteer in the
Raider Shop!**



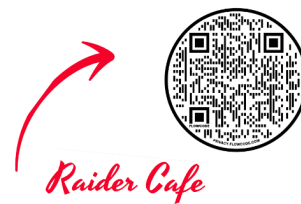
Questions? Raider Shop Volunteer Chairs [Laura Price](#) or [Brooke Garner](#).

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed

Please join us in volunteering in the cafeteria! Due to their hard work and commitment, we only have 3 volunteer openings left to fill.

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

Questions? Contact Cafeteria Co-Chairs [Katherine Issel](#) or [Tracy Port Melech](#).



MIS/HPMS Dad's Club



Events:

- **Talladega Nights** - Dad's Club is hosting a special event on October 5. Join us for drinks, Kart racing, and a night at Lone Star Park. Please RSVP [HERE](#).

Get Involved:

- **Cafeteria** - We are looking for some dads to volunteer for cafeteria duty on the 2nd Thursday of the month. This is not a year-long commitment, you can sign up for one or more. To sign up click [HERE](#).
- **Spirit Shop** - Volunteers are needed in the morning or at lunch. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

5th and 6th Grade News



Please RSVP to the 6th Grade Party [HERE](#).

A special thank you to Meredith Ferrell Group, Compass for sponsoring the 2024 5th and 6th Grade Parent Parties



7th and 8th Grade News

Calling All 8th Grade Parents!

Do you want an 8th grade ad in the yearbook?
You can purchase an ad to celebrate your 8th grader. Deadline to submit is Friday, November 15. Visit jostensadservice.com/student for details.

Also, we would love to have a baby and teen photo of your 8th grader to see how much they have grown! The baby pictures will go in the hallway, and then

both pictures will go in the 8th grade Raider Ink magazine at the end of the year (which is free for 8th graders). Click [HERE](#) to submit the baby photo. Please try to have them in by Friday, November 15, but we will accept them through March 6, 2025.

For questions, please contact the Yearbook teacher, Amanda Wall, at walla@hpsid.org.



Sports

RAIDER VOLLEYBALL



7th Grade Girls

Congratulate your 7th grade volleyball teams on their games against Prosper Reynolds. They fought hard and made some improvements along the way. The girls are growing as they continue to learn the game of volleyball and seek after that excellence on and off the court. Looking forward to being back home next Thursday!

HPMS A

HPMS Loses

15-25

17-25

MVP: Annabelle
Strohbehn

HPMS B

HPMS Loses

5-25

16-25

MVP: Reed Neblett

HPMS C

HPMS WINS!

25-22

14-25

15-12

MVP: Eva Fishman

8th Grade Girls

Congratulate your 8th grade volleyball teams on a fun night playing Prosper Reynolds! The girls continue to battle through adversity but are getting better every week. We only have 2 home games remaining, so please come out, cheer loud and support the girls!

HPMS A

HPMS WINS!

HPMS B

HPMS Loses

HPMS C

HPMS Loses

Hayden Casen - 19th
Charlie Bradbury - 20th
Matthew Choi - 29th

Stephen Bratton - 6th
Drake Soukup - 7th
Truitt Young - 13th

7th Grade Runner of the week:
Charlie Bradbury

8th Grade Runner of the week:
Stephen Bratton



Final meet results [HERE](#).

Girls

Congratulate the 7th and 8th grade cross country teams on a great performance in tough conditions and on a challenging course at the Evans cross country meet in McKinney. The 7th grade girls had a very well-rounded performance and came away with 1st place as a team! The 8th graders showed a lot of determination and took 3rd place as a team with Adelaide Wortman winning the overall individual race!

7th Grade Results (7 Total Teams)

1st HPMS 37 points
2nd Dowell 65
3rd Ereckson 95
4th Reynolds 105
5th Johnson 128

8th Grade Results (7 Total Teams)

1st Dowell 45 points
2nd Curtis 61
3rd HPMS 64
4th Reynolds 80
5th Evans 195

Top 7th Grade Runners

Louise Litton - 4th
Hadleigh Raynor - 5th
Ella Marie Hooks - 7th
Allison O'Connor - 9th
Sloan Odom - 12th
Jing Wang - 13th
Hailey Baldwin - 14th

Top 8th Grade Runners

Adelaide Wortman - 1st
Stella Pruitt - 4th
Juliet Facini - 16th
Ruthie Swope - 17th
Natalia Garcia Villalon - 26th
Maren Colangelo - 28th
Zoe Peck - 31st

RAIDER FOOTBALL

7th Grade Boys

The 7th grade Raiders traveled to Prosper last to take on Reynolds and won two of the three games. Next Tuesday, your Raiders will be back at Highlander Stadium to host Prosper Rogers at 5pm. Please come out and continue to support our guys!

White Team Wins 13-6

Offensive MVP
Barron Kovics and Burno
Gill

Defensive MVP
Eli Helbing and CJ
Knippa

Special Teams MVP
John Mearns

Red Team Wins 19-6

Offensive MVP
Michael Beecherl

Defensive MVP
Camron Clear

Special Teams MVP
Holden Eppler

Gold Team Loses 16-20

Offensive MVP
Henry Hightower

Defensive MVP
Graeme Berry

Special Teams MVP
Fulton Jefferies



8th Grade Boys

Congratulate the 8th grade football team for their 3 wins over Prosper Reynolds. Each team displayed great effort and enthusiasm. We are so proud

of the work they put in every day! We'll be on the road next week against Prosper Rogers but return to Highlander Stadium the week after on October 1st.

White Team Wins 14-7

Offensive MVP
Hunter Myer and Jack Koryl

Defensive MVP
Ryder Faires

Special Teams MVP
Laird Greenfield

Red Team Wins 26-0

Offensive MVP
Mac Mason

Defensive MVP
Andrew Clark

Special Teams MVP
Garner Godfrey

Gold Team Wins 60-7

Offensive MVP
Bear Anderson and Warner Binns

Defensive MVP
Brock Marsh and Beckett Lawrence

Special Teams MVP
William Adamson



Cheers to Raider Volunteers

We are beyond grateful for our **Cafeteria Day Captains: Cathy Amos & Regan Pace** (Mondays), **Brook Armstrong & Danielle Mullen** (Tuesdays), **Jill Morrison & Lyndal Greth** (Wednesdays), **Barbie Kohl & Alexa Snelleman** (Thursdays), and **Whitney Donaldson & Kelli Mueller** (Fridays). Congratulations on a smooth and successful start to school! And many thanks to **Katherine Issel** and **Tracy Port-Melech**, **Cafeteria Volunteer Chairs**, for doing such an outstanding job filling the volunteer roster this year. Our cafeteria volunteers have been showing up and keeping our kids fed thanks to your dedication and leadership. You all are such an amazing team!

Huge thanks to our **Cafeteria Finance Team: Julie Melihercik, Rochelle Mayfield, Margaret Kelley, Alexa Snelleman, Kelley Curtin, Nicole Vanderstorm, Katherine Issel, Tracy Port Melech, Kara Smith, Amanda Reyes**, and our wonderful Cafeteria Director, **Brenda Vardell**. We appreciate all of the work this team has put in to make such a fantastic contribution to the PTO!

Much appreciation to our **5th Grade Parent Party Chairs: Jessica Rugg, Sarita Francis, Meredith Baird and Nicole Somerville**. Thank you for coordinating and planning the parent parties for our 5th grade houses. We are grateful to the host families, **Stacey & Mack Hicks and Laura & Jonathan Price**, for opening their homes and welcoming our Raider parents. Everyone had a great time together!

A big thank you to our **6th Grade Coffee Talk Chairs: Meg Boyd and Emily Klein** for hosting the first Coffee Talk of the year. Our 6th grade parents got to know **Amanda Reyes** and learn about all the exciting things happening this year at MIS and HPMS.

Thanks all around to our **7th Grade Party Chairs: Catherine Baldwin, Kristin Evans and Leigh Munding**. Your planning and hard work is so appreciated. Our 7th graders had a fun evening and made great memories together. Thanks also to our many volunteers for helping chaperone the party. We couldn't have done it without you!

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

YOUTH NIGHT FRIDAY OCT. 04



HIGHLAND PARK VOLLEYBALL



RAFFLE PRIZES FOR GIRLS 1ST - 7TH GRADE

Complimentary Pre-Tryout clinic for girls entering 7th & 8th grade - August 2025

Chance to win a 1 hour lesson with HPVB captains (only 4 available)



SCAN HERE

Raffle tickets available now through October 4th. Game times: 5:30 PM Varsity and JV2 6:30 PM JV1 and 9th At HPHS Main Gym. *6th Grade & Under Free Admission!

"CAPTAIN FOR A DAY"

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR GIRLS K-6TH GRADE

Fun-filled game experience for you and a friend!

Honorary Captains will:

Run onto the court with team

Get introduced as part of the varsity lineup

Participate in coin flip and cheer with the team from the bench and in team huddles.



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GO SCOTS!

For sponsorship information on the 100 Years of Cheer, please follow this link.



Highland Park Cheer is celebrating 100 Years with a Community Pep Rally. We want to see our Raiders there!

The poster features a dark blue background with a red silhouette of a Pegasus in the top left corner. The text is arranged in a central column, with images of water polo action and a team photo on the right side. A red box at the bottom left contains contact information and a QR code. The overall design is dynamic and uses a color palette of red, white, and blue.

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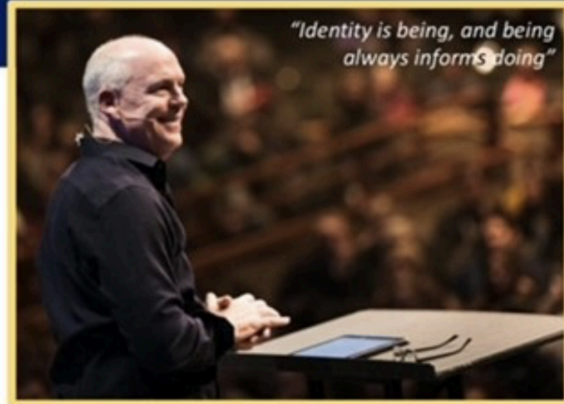
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6:00-7:30
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Monday, Sept
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High School
Auditorium

Jamie Winship - Bestselling Author & Speaker -

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Raiders Reaching Out

Raiders Reaching Out is ready to serve our Raider students, families, and staff in need of support and to honor those who go above and beyond to serve our school and children. Please let us know if you know someone in our Raider community who needs some sunshine sent their way! Email confidentially raidersreachingout@mishpmspto.org.



Thank you so much!
RRO Chairs, 2024-25



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Didn't see a school-related shout-out this week?
We want to hear about it! Please send details
and any available pictures!

[Email Raider Weekly](#)



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