



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

This past week at school was incredibly busy with a series of events and unexpected situations. It kicked off with 7th and 8th Grade Curriculum Night, where parents had the chance to meet teachers and get an overview of the academic year. Our 5th Graders traveled to Allaso Ranch for their annual overnight, outdoor learning experience. Our 6th Graders visited the Tolleson Center and experienced their amazing program for inclusivity, To Be Like Me, aimed at promoting empathy and understanding through the stories of people with disabilities. Just as we thought the week was winding down, a valve burst on the Middle School side, leading to a significant leak, which forced us to relocate the 7th and 8th graders to the auditorium and cafeteria for the last 30 minutes of the school day. I can honestly say there is never a dull moment in Raider Nation!

On Thursday, I sent a message out to everyone regarding the City of UP's enforcement of ordinances pertaining to electric scooters and electric bikes. I

wanted to include the information in that message here, as well.

- Electric bicycles may not be ridden on any sidewalk anywhere in the City of University Park or Town of Highland Park
- Anyone on an electric bicycle under the age of 16 must wear a helmet
- Only 1 person may ride an electric bicycle unless it is equipped with an extra seat for a passenger
- Electric bicycle operators must obey all the same rules of the road as a motor vehicle. This applies to stopping at stop signs and red lights, one way streets, and all other rules
- No one under the age of 18 may ride a motor assisted scooter anywhere in the City of University Park
 - This includes electric scooters

The City of University Park will be posting more information regarding the ordinances along with a Q&A section which will likely address any questions you may have. Thank you again for your support as we strive to keep your children safe!

Sincerely,

Amanda Reyes

Amanda Reyes
Principal
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- **Wednesday, September 18:** 6th Grade Coffee Talk
- **Thursday, September 19:** Make Up Picture Day, 5th Grade Parent Party, Dad's Club Happy Hour
- **Friday, September 20:** 8th Grade Coffee Talk, 7th Grade Student Party
- **Tuesday, September 24:** 7th Grade Coffee Talk
- **Wednesday, September 25:** 5th Grade Coffee Talk
- **Thursday, September 26:** 6th Grade Parent Party



- 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.



Teachers Treated on Curriculum Nights

The Teacher and Staff Appreciation team treated our teachers to pizza and salad prior to MIS Curriculum Night and HPMS Curriculum Night. We love our amazing teachers!



Custodial Staff Appreciation

This week our amazing custodial staff was treated to a Survival Kit for all of their hard work. The Kit included a Target gift card and essential treats.

Thank you to Guillermina, Ol, Seema, Milika, Navy, Pok, Eva, Maria, Erica, Chris, Nancy and San Juana! We appreciate all that you do!



Coffee Talks Start This Week!

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

5th Grade Coffee Talk
Wednesday, September 25, 8:30-10:00am
5/6 Assembly Room

6th Grade Coffee Talk
Wednesday, September 18, 8:30-10:00am
5/6 Assembly Room

7th Grade Coffee Talk
Tuesday, September 24, 8:30-10:00am
7/8 Assembly Room

8th Grade Coffee Talk
Friday, September 20, 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.**



School Picture Make-up Day: September 19

Did you miss picture day or need a retake? Make-up photo day will be Thursday, September 19!

Raider Shop and Cafeteria Volunteers Needed



We're off to a great start this year!

A big THANK YOU to all the wonderful parents who have committed to shifts and who have come in to help fill the gaps.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- See your kids in school
- Catch up with old friends & meet new ones
- Help gift a significant amount of money back to the school

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

Questions? Contact Cafeteria Co-Chairs [Katherine Issel](#) or [Tracy Port Melech](#) and Raider Shop Volunteer Chairs [Laura Price](#) or [Brooke Garner](#).



MIS/HPMS Dad's Club

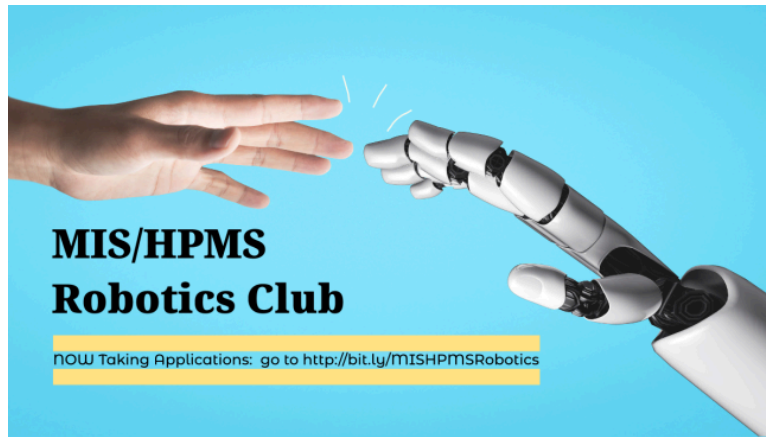


Events:

- **General Dad's Club Happy Hour** - All Dads are invited to Birdie's Eastside on September 19 from 5:30-8:30pm. RSVP [HERE](#).
- **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.



MIS/HPMS Robotics Team starts this Friday, September 19!

We are now taking applications from 5th-8th graders to join the team which meets every Friday from 3:45-4:45pm. Seats are limited so register as soon as possible. For more information click [HERE](http://bit.ly/MISHPMSRobotics).

5th and 6th Grade News

MIS 5th Grade Begins School Success Sessions

As part of our efforts to educate the whole child, McCulloch Intermediate School offers a series of School Success sessions to supplement the core curriculum. Thanks to a generous grant from La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas and through a partnership with the Center for Integrative Counseling, lessons on managing stress, resolving conflict, respecting differences, setting goals, and teamwork will be delivered monthly throughout the school year in 5th grade classes. These skills support students inside and outside the classroom in becoming better students and better friends. Sessions begin the week of September 16.



The Center also provides staff development to HPISD teachers on supporting our students' wellness and mental health. Contact counselor Samantha Mooty at mootyS@hpsid.org with questions and ask your 5th grader about his or her monthly school success lessons!



MIS 6th Grade Begins DARE Sessions

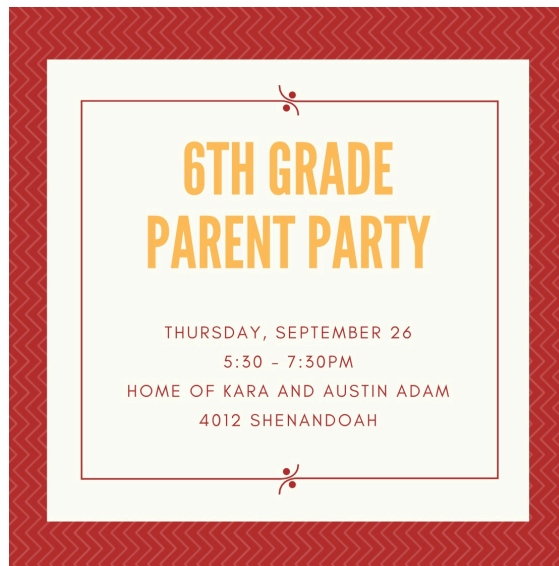
Thanks to the generous partnership with the City of University Park, our School Resource Officer will spend time each month in our 6th grade classes teaching the DARE curriculum. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program has a 30-year history in thousands of schools across the country, providing students with knowledge and tools to resist drugs, alcohol, and other high-risk

behaviors. The curriculum focuses on positive decision-making and positive peer relationships. We are fortunate to have UP police officer Cristina Cutshall on our campus daily as a School Resource Officer to keep our campus safe and to build relationships with our students in the classroom.

Ask your 6th grader about his or her monthly DARE lessons, which begin the week of September 16. Contact counselor Charlotte Richter at richtec@hpsid.org with questions.



Please RSVP to the 5th Grade Party [HERE](#).



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

HPMS 7th Grade Party

CLASS OF
2030

Friday, September 20, 2024
5:30 - 7:00 PM
HPMS

*No come and go, students
must be picked up at 7 PM.

Featuring:

- DJ and Dancing
- Games
- Pizza and Cookies

Questions? Please contact:
7thgradeparty@mishpmspto.org

Watch your email for details coming soon!

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

The 7th grade volleyball team competed against Lovejoy Willow Springs at home and played hard despite taking some tough losses. We had the opportunity of attending a HPMS VB match this past Tuesday for Middle School Night, and it was awesome to be out there supporting our high school program!

<u>HPMS A</u>	<u>HPMS B</u>	<u>HPMS C</u>
HPMS Loses	HPMS Loses	HPMS Loses
16-25	17-25	15-25
20-25	15-25	23-25
MVP: Mae Lucia	MVP: Neera Burak	14-16
		MVP: Olivia Brack



The 7th grade A team competed in the Texas Classic Volleyball Tournament. In bracket play we lost in 3 very competitive sets. The day was filled with competitive play from start to finish. Both coaches are extremely proud of the girls!

<u>Pool Play:</u>	<u>Bracket Play:</u>
<u>Game 1:</u> HPMS vs Rodriguez	<u>Game 1:</u> HPMS vs Ereckson
HPMS wins!	HPMS Loses
25-18	25-22
25-21	23-25

Game 2: HPMS vs Ford

HPMS wins!
25-20
25-20

Tournament MVPs:

Finley Nerenberg and Evelyn Sambar

Game 3: HPMS vs Rushing

HPMS Loses
19-25
17-25



8th Grade Girls

Please congratulate your 8th grade volleyball team on some hard fought games vs. Lovejoy Willow Springs! We had a long night, with all 3 teams going 3 sets, but are very proud of the fight they showed!

HPMS A

HPMS WINS!
25-19
25-18
25-21

MVP: Emerson Miller

HPMS B

HPMS Loses
23-25
25-14
9-15

MVP: Abbey Gonzalez

HPMS C

HPMS Loses
18-25
25-23
6-15

MVP: Claire Wu



The 8th grade A team competed in the Texas Classic volleyball tournament. This is one of our favorite tournaments to participate in as the girls get to see great competition and raise their bar of play! Unfortunately, we lost in 3 very competitive sets. We are so proud of our team!

Pool Play:

Bracket Play:

Game 1: HPMS vs Ford
HPMS Wins!
25-14
25-13

Game 1: HPMS vs Ereckson
HPMS Loses
25-23
14-25
12-15

Game 2: HPMS vs Rodriguez
HPMS Wins!
25-22
25-19

Tournament MVPs:
Callie Wong and Maddie Morrison

Game 3: HPMS vs Rushing
HPMS Loses
24-26
23-25



RAIDER CROSS COUNTRY

Boys

Last weekend the Boys Cross Country team ran in the McKinney Boyd meet. It was a great job by our Raiders!



Final meet results [HERE](#).

RAIDER FOOTBALL

7th Grade Boys

The 7th Grade football teams played their first home game of the season against Lovejoy Willow Springs MS. The Red Team game was a nail biter that came down to our final offensive possession with 6 seconds left in the 4th quarter to seal a 14-12 win. The Gold Team battled a talented Willow Springs team in a game that came down to the last few minutes of the fourth quarter. Next week, the Raiders will travel to Prosper to take on Reynolds MS at 5pm.

Red Team Wins 14-12

Offensive MVP
Henry Lee

Defensive MVP
Max Levin

Special Teams MVP
Eli Helbing

Gold Team Loses 12-20

Offensive MVP
Chase Merrick

Defensive MVP
Henry Hightower and Reed Cave

Special Teams MVP
Trey Cantrell



8th Grade Boys

The 8th grade teams played against two very talented teams from Lovejoy Willow Springs Middle School. Both of our teams displayed excellent physical and mental toughness. Every day they contribute to building on our tradition of excellence! We are excited to return back to Highlander next week to play against Prosper Reynolds on Tuesday, September 17.

Red Team Wins 25-19

Offensive MVP

Luke Meyer and Patrick Leake

Defensive MVP

Jett Johnson and Hunter Duong

Special Teams MVP

Axton Byrd

Gold Team Wins 59-7

Offensive MVP

Luke Johnson and Slade Stapp

Defensive MVP

Charlie Petet and Cooper Humphries

Special Teams MVP

Henry Friedman and Cullen Thompson



Cheers to Raider Volunteers

We are grateful for our **Teacher Appreciation Team: Jae Carpenter, Lauren Heffelfinger, Emily Helm, Jennifer Vaughn and LeeAnn Wood.** Once again, you all made our teachers feel appreciated with yummy meals on both MIS and HPMS Curriculum Nights. Thank you so much for setting up dinner and taking care of our teachers!

Huge thanks to our **PTO Hospitality Chairs: Laura Boynton, Brett Crawford, Kristi Harvey and LauraNell Morrow.** We appreciate your fun and festive

setup for our first PTO meeting of the year. Thank you also to our **Cafeteria Manager, Brenda Vardell**, for a delicious lunch, and to our **guest speaker, Dr. Mike Rockwood, HPISD Superintendent**. We are so grateful to have had the chance to hear from you about the upcoming bond election.

Thank you to our **District-Wide Appreciation Chair: Sarah Taub**. We are so grateful to you for organizing and distributing gifts to our hard-working Facilities Staff! We appreciate the invaluable work they do for our school community!

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

PC TAG Welcome Coffee


SEPTEMBER 17TH
@ 9 AM

JOIN US FOR A
COFFEE AND A
QUICK HELLO!



Highlander Meeting Room at the Clements
Leadership Center, 6900 Douglas


PLEASE JOIN US




**100 YEARS OF CHEER
COMMUNITY PEP RALLY**

OCTOBER 17 | 5:30 PM
HPS MAIN GYM
(NO TICKETS NECESSARY)

ENJOY A SPECIAL VIEWING OF THE NEW
HISTORY OF HIGHLAND PARK CHEER DOCUMENTARY

 **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!

REGISTER NOW!

Pre-K to 8th grade




SCOTS WRESTLING CLUB

Scan Me!



 scotswrestlingclub.com

Looking for an activity that develops overall athletic ability and provides a solid foundation for all other sports? Scots Wrestling Club registration is now open! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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!

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