



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed a nice weekend with your families, and I know we are all looking forward to the cooler temperatures this week while at school.

Reminders and Important Information:

Please remember to log in to Skyward to see your child's report card for the first quarter. Once you log in, you will choose Portfolio, and your child's most current report card should be at the top of the list. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the teacher and/or your child's counselor.

As you all know, we have worked hard this year to eliminate the use of cell phones at school. However, it has come to our attention that some students have created TikTok accounts, and most recently an Instagram account, using the school emblem. The accounts all center around alleged

relationships("ships") here at school and some of the posts are highly inappropriate. There are many students who are followers of these accounts. We reported these accounts to the platforms since the anonymous creators of the accounts were using our school emblem, which is copyright infringement, and many of the posts could fall under cyberbullying. Please check your student's social media accounts so you will be aware of what they are engaged in with the various social media platforms. We also ask that you discuss the ramifications of involvement with these platforms and the accounts that have been created for no other reason than to say unkind and untrue things about others. Since they were in elementary school, our students have had lessons on digital citizenship, their digital footprint, and of course the impact their actions can have on others. We will continue to teach these lessons, and we know that by working together with all of you, we can have an even greater impact to help our kids navigate these social issues.

Friendly reminder that Early Voting runs Monday, Oct. 21 to Nov. 1, and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. Learn more about the bond and check out the frequently asked questions by visiting bond2024.hpisd.org.

Parent Input Form- Please use this form to submit constructive questions, concerns, or suggestions that may benefit our two schools.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Amanda Reyes

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- **October:** Principal Appreciation Month
- **October 22-23:** 5th Grade Health Screenings
- **October 23:** Fall Choir Concert
- **November 5:** No School, Election Day



- 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](#).

HP Bond 2024



Texas law mandates that all school bond ballots state "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE," even if your tax rate will remain the same.

The Nov. 5 HPISD bond referendum will not affect your tax rate.

Early Voting lets you vote before Election Day. Dallas County registered voters can vote at any Early Voting Location. To view a list of all Early Voting locations and times, click [HERE](#). To view the interactive map of the Dallas County voting locations, click [HERE](#).

Red Ribbon Week

RED RIBBON WEEK SPIRIT DAYS

Mon	Surf on, Drugs Gone- Hawaiian Day	Tue	Team Up Against Drugs- Jersey Day
Wed	U-S-Say No to Drugs- USA Day **PEP RALLY**	Thu	Drum to a Different Beat- Rock N Roll Day
Fri		Scots Find A Way Against Drugs - Scots Spirit Day	

MIS and HPMS students and staff will be observing Red Ribbon Week this week, October 21-25, celebrating our commitment to living a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. 6th graders will continue their DARE study with lessons on peer pressure. 5th through 8th graders will learn about activities that promote a drug-free and healthy lifestyle. Students will have fun dressing up each day, but more importantly focusing on the healthy choices, positive friendships, and future goals to "Be Kind to Your Mind; Live Drug Free!" Please partner with us and discuss this message at home, at the dinner table, at family outings, and with friends and extended family.

Halloween Teacher and Staff Appreciation

The Halloween Teacher Appreciation Candy Apple bar and treats were a success! Teachers and staff stopped by the new break room to trick or treat and mingle. It was a fun way to kick off the fall season! Many thanks to our amazing, creative Teacher Appreciation team for planning such a sweet treat!



Raider Shop Volunteers Needed

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

**Volunteer in the
Raider Shop!**



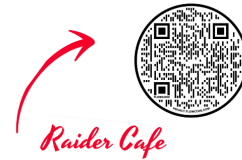
Questions? Raider Shop Volunteer Chairs [Laura Price](#) or [Brooke Garner](#).

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed

Please join us in volunteering in the cafeteria! Due to our Cafeteria Volunteer Chairs' hard work and commitment, we only have 2 volunteer openings left to fill, the 3rd Thursday Hot Line or 4th Tuesday Soup Line!

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

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



5th and 6th Grade News

5th Grade Health Screenings

Health Screenings for MIS

The Raider Clinic will be conducting health screenings for 5th grade only as mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Students will need to remove their shirts for scoliosis screening. Please make sure your female student is prepared with appropriate undergarments (sports bra or tank top) for the screening.

Parents will be notified of the results of the screening only if a professional follow up is necessary. This screening does not replace your child's need for a routine physical each year.

Tuesday, October 22

- Hearing
- Vision
- Acanthosis Nigricans
- Scoliosis (**girls only**)

Wednesday, October 23

- Hearing
- Vision
- Acanthosis Nigricans
- Scoliosis (**girls only**)

For questions about health screenings, please contact your school nurses:

Stacy Eckeberger,
LVN MIS Nurse
eckebes@hpsid.org
(214) 780-3520

Amanda Settle, RN
HPMS Nurse settlea@hpsid.org
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Staci Floyd, RN
HPISD District Nurse
floyds@hpsid.org
(214) 780-4604

7th and 8th Grade News

Fall Exams December 16 - 20



HPMS Fall 2024 Exam Schedule



Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:00-8:20 (20 min)	2nd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:20 (20 min)	3rd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	7th period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	6th period Study Hall
8:20-9:45 (85 min)	2nd Period Exam	8:20-9:45 (85 min)	3rd Period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	7th period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	6th period Exam
9:50-10:43 (53 min)	3rd Period	9:50-10:10 (20 min)	4th Period Study Hall	10:00-10:30 (30 min)	8th period Study Hall	10:00-10:30 (30 min)	1st period Study Hall
10:48-11:41 (53 min)	4th Period	10:15-11:40 (85 min)	4th Period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	8th period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	1st period Exam
11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	Early Release for Students		Early Release for Students	
12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour	12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour				
12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period	12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period				
1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period	1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period				
2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period	2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period				
2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period	2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period				

Exams must be taken during the normal exam time. In extenuating circumstances, please contact your grade-level counselor to schedule a different time for an exam to be taken.

Sports

RAIDER VOLLEYBALL

7th Grade

The 7th grade volleyball teams traveled to Melissa to compete against the Cardinals. Finishing with two awesome wins from B and C teams. The girls are looking forward to next week back at home for our PINK OUT match on October 24. We would love to see you all there – be sure to wear some pink!

HPMS A vs. Melissa A

HPMS Loses

14-25

26-24

22-25

MVP: Evelyn Sambar

HPMS B vs. Melissa B

HPMS Loses

14-25

26-24

22-25

MVP: Briley Brown

HPMS C vs. Melissa C

HPMS Loses

14-25

26-24

22-25

MVP: Olivia Brack

Congratulate the 7th grade volleyball teams on their games vs. Prosper Rushing! It was an incredible night of competition. The gym had so much energy all around. We had a super close match with the A team and took a tough loss, but the rallies were fantastic! Thank you for those who came out to support us!

HPMS A vs. Rushing A

HPMS Loses

27-25

HPMS B vs. Rushing B

HPMS WINS

25-16

HPMS C vs. Rushing C

HPMS Loses

25-23

18-25	25-22	25-19
17-25	MVP: Sloane McEneny	MVP: Ellie Townsend
MVP: Isabel Feigenbaum		

8th Grade

Congratulate your 8th grade team on a great night of volleyball vs. Melissa! B and C came away with wins, while A lost a nail biter in 3. The gym was packed, pink and loud. Thank you so much for supporting the girls!! We even had some surprise visitors- Stanford volleyball was in town to play SMU and they came to watch our girls play!

HPMS A vs. Melissa A	HPMS B vs. Melissa B	HPMS C vs. Melissa C
HPMS Loses	HPMS WINS!	HPMS WINS!
14-25	25-16	HPMS WINS!
26-24	25-9	25-15
22-25	MVP:	25-16
MVP: Berkeley Murphy	Emmeline Wallis	MVP: Lara Meghrabi

Please congratulate your 8th grade volleyball team on their second clean sweep in a row vs. Prosper Rusing! The girls played great volleyball!

HPMS A vs. Rushing A	HPMS B vs. Rushing B	HPMS C vs. Rushing C
HPMS WINS!	HPMS WINS!	HPMS WINS!
25-16	25-20	25-23
25-12	25-23	25-22
MVP: Elena Milanovic and Maddie Morrison	MVP: Maddie Martinez	MVP: Loftin Jones



Fine Arts

Raider Choir Concert

The HPMS and MIS Raider Choirs are putting on their fall concert, "Enjoy the Journey," on October 23 at 7:00pm in the HPMS auditorium. Their five choirs will each perform three songs with several solos sprinkled throughout. They hope you join them on their journey! The concert is free and is general admission.



4th and 5th Grade Honor Choir

The Revival of the
HPISD Fourth and Fifth Grade Honor Choir



All Fourth and Fifth Graders are invited to be a part of a district-wide choir that will perform during the HPISD Choral Concert on March 26, 2025.

Rehearsals will be led by HPHS and HPMS Choral Directors and held in the Highland Park High School Choir Room on Thursday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm on the following days: January 30th, February 6th, 20th, 27th, March 6th, and 20th

Requirements for participation:

- Be a Fourth or Fifth Grade Student in HPISD
- Complete your application for membership by going to www.hpscotschoir.org, or using this link: [HPISD 4th and 5th Grade Honor Choir - Application](#)
- Participation Fee \$30.00 – Please utilize the *Highland Park High School Choir Booster Club* website (www.hpscotschoir.org) for payment.
- Students should not miss more than 2 rehearsals.
- Students will receive sheet music, choir folder, a pizza party, and an official Highland Park Honor Choir T-Shirt!

Speak to your campus music specialist for more information!

Please contact HPHS choir director [Natalie Walker](#) if you have any questions.

6th - 8th Grade UIL One Act Play Auditions

OPEN AUDITIONS

UIL ONE ACT PLAY

*The Masque of
Beauty and the Beast*

**Cast Auditions & Crew Interviews:
Monday, October 28th
4-6 pm in the Black Box Theater (D105)**

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 10/28:
<https://forms.gle/vdhCiEAu2A9ziYM4A>

**ALL 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADERS WELCOME
*NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED***

Cheers to Raider Volunteers

We are so thankful for our **PTO Board of Directors**, who share their talents, time and wisdom to benefit our school, staff and students. We're proud to work alongside all of you! Thank you to **Margaret Kelley, Alexa Snelleman, Kelley Curtin, Nicole Vanderstorm, Jessica Turner Waugh, Laura Terry, Laura Hornbach, Allison Lockard, GeeGee Hammel, Rachel Stephens, Kristin Evans, Allison Small, Jill Morrison, Julie Melihercik, Ashley Gray, Jacque**

Green, Nancy West, Marisa Stockwood, Divia Dayalji and Principal Amanda Reyes. You are an amazing team!

We appreciate the **Raider Shop Team: Chairs - Nancy West and Jacque Green; Chair Elects - Elizabeth Rafael and Karina Lonsdale-Hands; Volunteer Chairs - Brooke Garner and Laura Price; Raider Shop Finance Officer and Elect - Marisa Stockwood and Mary Margaret Neff;** along with our **1st VP of Finance and Elect - Kelley Curtin and Nicole Vanderstorm.** You all take care of everything Raider Shop and we appreciate you and your team of hard-working volunteers!

Thank you **6th Grade Room Parent Chairs, Katie Webb and Whitney Zapffe** for organizing an efficient sign-up process for the 6th Grade Water Walk. We appreciate your time and all the parent volunteers who participated at Friday's event.

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

HPMS Boys Basketball Try Out Clinic



HPMS BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUT CLINIC (HPMS GYM)
Led by the HP Varsity Basketball Team

Saturday, October 26th
7th Grade - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
8th Grade - 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

ARE YOU READY FOR TRYOUTS?
Practice tryout drills
Learn what to expect at tryouts
Learn next level skills

\$95 per player



A Highland Park Men's Basketball Fundraiser
<https://hpmstryoutclinic.cheddarup.com>

All 7th and 8th grade boys trying out for basketball, we hope you join us.

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HP Tennis

MEET THE SCOTS!

TENNIS FESTIVAL & EXHIBITION MATCH PLAY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024
9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
SEAY OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS

SERVING CHALLENGE! TARGET CONTEST!
SENIOR RECOGNITION, MATCH PLAY & MORE!

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR
A FUN MORNING ON THE COURTS
ALL SKILL LEVELS & AGES WELCOME!

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:



READY TO RALLY

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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Raider Shop
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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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