



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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September 8, 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As we settle into school routines and expectations, it's important for students to embrace the structure that helps them succeed. This includes adhering to policies that promote a positive learning environment, such as our cell phone guidelines and the requirement to wear lanyards and badges. These initiatives are in place to minimize distractions and ensure safety, creating a focused atmosphere for learning. We encourage parents to partner with us by

supporting these efforts at home, reinforcing the importance of these rules. Together, we can foster a respectful, engaged, and secure school community where every student thrives.

We enjoyed our first Curriculum Night last week with our 5th and 6th grade parents, and we are looking forward to our 7th and 8th grade Curriculum Night on Monday. Students have filled out their schedules for parents to follow, so please ask them to give them to you before Monday evening. Click [HERE](#) for the bell schedule parents will follow. Due to the last-minute rescheduling of this event, there are a few teachers who were unable to reschedule prior engagements and will not be able to attend. If one of your student's teachers is not in attendance, they will leave a note on their classroom door informing you of which classroom to visit in order to hear the necessary course content information.

Sincerely,

Amanda Reyes

Amanda Reyes
Principal
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- **Monday, September 9:** HPMS Curriculum Night
- **Tuesday, September 10:** PTO Meeting
- **September 9-10 & 11-12:** 5th Grade Outdoor Learning Experience (dates assigned by house)
- **Thursday, September 12:** 5th Grade Dad's Club Happy Hour
- **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.



Join Us for Our First PTO Meeting of the Year!

Tuesday, September 10

Lunch service begins at 11:45 am /
Meeting begins at 12 pm
(Please allow time to check in at the front office)

7/8 Assembly Room

Featured Guest Speaker:

Dr. Mike Rockwood,
Superintendent of Schools

He will discuss Bond 2024. The single proposition on the ballot, identified as Prop A, amounts to \$137.3 million. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A session.

Thank you to
Johnson Oral Facial Surgery
for sponsoring our 2024-2025
PTO Meetings.

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2024-25 Directory Update

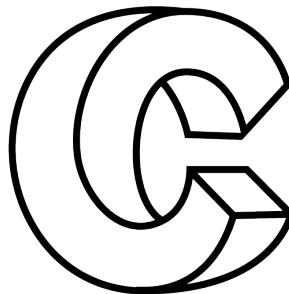
Directory Spot has been updated with new student and user data submitted during BSSU for the 2024-25 school year.

By logging in to access to the MIS/HPMS Directory, you understand that access to the directory does not include the right to use the information for solicitation purchases, business advertising, or political campaigning. The directory information is strictly limited to personal use only. Violating this policy can result in removal of personal access.

If you notice a typo and would like to change your student or family information, please reach out to us at the email address below. Also, please note that if you have not purchased the 2024-25 directory, you can still purchase it by clicking [here](#).

Questions? Please contact directory@mishpmspto.org.

Thank you to our 2024-2025 DirectorySpot Sponsor:



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Coffee Talks Are Coming Soon!

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

Wednesday, 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

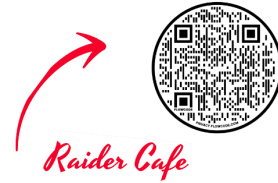
Did you miss picture day or need a retake? Make-up photo day will be Thursday, September 19!

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed



We're off to a great start in the Raider Café!

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

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



**Raider Challenge donations of
\$750+ will receive a YARD SIGN
and calendar decal.**



**If you don't have your yard sign
yet, please pick it up on
Curriculum Night!**

www.raiderchallenge.org

Thank you to our 2024-2025 Yard Sign Sponsor, Benchmark Bank



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MIS/HPMS Dad's Club

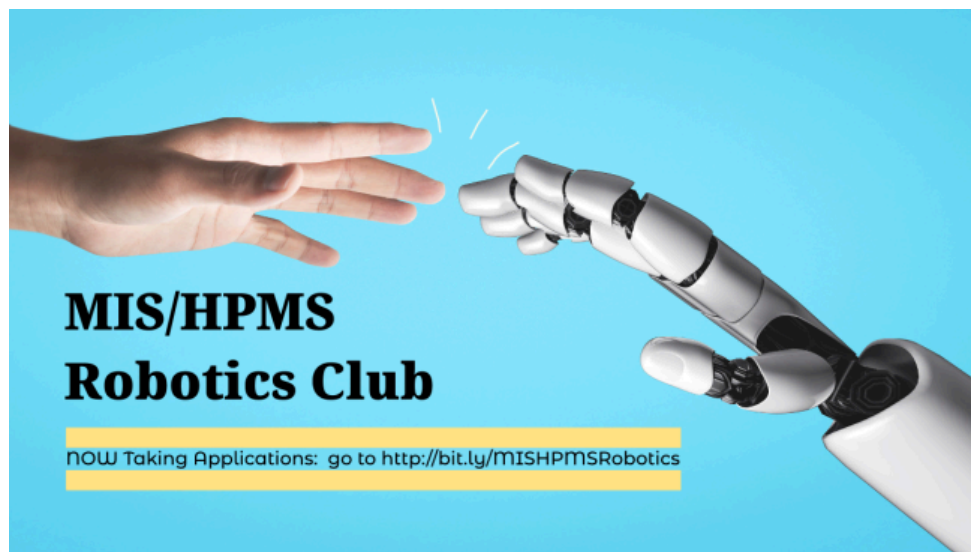


Events:

- **Newcomer's 5th Grade Happy Hour** - All 5th Grade Dads are invited to attend a Top Golf event on September 12 from 6-8pm. RSVP [HERE](#).
- **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 beginning September 12. 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 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](#).

5th and 6th Grade News



To view the OLE schedule, please click [HERE](#).

For a detailed packing list, please click [HERE](#).

Students and chaperones who are going on the Outdoor Learning trip will meet in the cafeteria at their assigned lunch table at 6:30am with their luggage ready to depart. Students who are staying on campus for OLE@Home will meet for a full schedule of related activities.



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



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

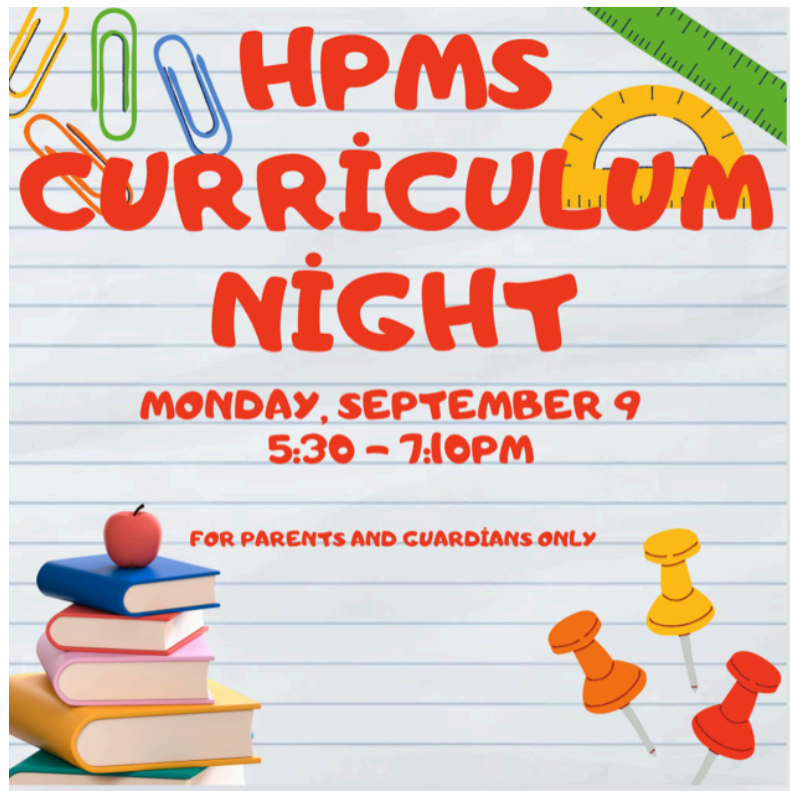
A special thank you to Meredith Ferrell Group, Compass for sponsoring the 2024 5th and 6th Grade Parent Parties

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7th and 8th Grade News



We invite parents to attend and walk their child's schedule to meet each teacher and see where and what your child is learning each day. Check your student's yellow homework folder for a copy of his/her class schedule. Click [HERE](#) for the Curriculum Night schedule. This is a parent-only event.



HPMS 7th Grade Party

CLASS OF
2020

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

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 teams had their first away games against McKinney Dowell. The competition was high and HPMS prevailed. Hope to see you this Thursday at our next home game!

HPMS A v. Dowell A

HPMS Loses

25-16

13-25

27-25

MVP: Alexis Tobin

HPMS B v. Dowell B

HPMS WINS!

25-14

25-12

MVP: Mollie DeLay

HPMS C v. Dowell C

HPMS WINS!

25-15

13-25

15-8

MVP: Grace Goodwin



8th Grade Girls

The 8th grade Lady Raiders competed against McKinney Dowell for their first away game. All three teams showed great teamwork and fight with only the B team coming out victorious. Good luck this Thursday for another away game!

HPMS A v. Dowell A

HPMS Loses

15-25

17-25

MVP: Kennedy Moore

HPMS B v. Dowell B

HPMS WINS!

25-18

25-15

MVP: Chloe Lockard

HPMS C v. Dowell C

HPMS Loses

22-25

13-25

11-15

MVP: Ashley Patten



RAIDER CROSS COUNTRY

7th Grade Girls

Please congratulate the 7th girls cross country team on their great performances today at the always competitive McKinney Boyd meet. The 7th grade girls won the team competition by 2 points, out of 13 total teams!

Team Scores

HPMS - 42 points

Rogers - 44, Dowell - 113

Rushing - 120, Reynolds - 147

Johnson - 163, Southard - 210

Cockrill - 224, Faubion - 229

Evans - 292, Mattei - 309

Jones - 316, Hays - 323

Top 7th Grade Runners (220 total runners)

Hadleigh Raynor - 11:12 -
3rd overall

Ella Marie Hooks - 11:16 - 4th

Margaret Litton - 11:30 - 7th

Hailey Baldwin - 12:11 - 13th

Caroline McCarty - 12:13 - 15th

Allison O'Connor - 12:17 - 16th
Katherine Deeken - 12:24 - 19th

8th Grade Girls

The 8th grade girls came away with a great 2nd place team finish, out of 16 total teams. 8th grader Adelaide Wortman won the 8th grade girls race overall with an impressive run!

Team Scores

Dowell - 47 points

HPMS - 104

Rushing - 124, Reynolds - 129

Rogers - 166, Cockrill - 171

Hays - 185, Commerce - 195

Scott - 211, Evans - 247

Jones - 259, Johnson - 334

Clark - 348, Mattei - 366

Faubion - 448, Southard - 453

Top 8th Grade Runners (186 total runners)

Adelaide Wortman - 9:26 - 1st place Overall

Stella Pruet - 10:14 - 2nd place

Ruthie Swope - 11:39 - 11th

Natalia Garcia Villalon - 39th

Kaleo Morse - 13:23 - 51st

Alexandra Deuillet - 13:33 - 58th

Maren Colangelo - 13:48 - 61st



7th Grade Boys

The 7th grade boys team came in 5th out of 13 teams. It was Caleb Terry who stole the show in his debut for the Raiders taking home the gold medal from a field of 229 runners with a superb time of 10:06. He was followed by Hayden Cason (23), Blaise Gonzales (27), Matthew Choi (31) and Charles Bradbury (53).

Team Scores

Lorene Rogers - 37,
Melissa - 94, Scott Johnson - 107,
Dowell - 127, **HPMS - 135**,
Rushing - 147,
Cockrill - 165,
Reynolds - 225,
Faubion - 261, Hays - 266,
Evans - 277,
Jones - 297, Southard - 319

Top 7th Grade Runners (229 total runners)

Caleb Terry - 10:06 - 1st overall
Hayden Casen - 11:27 - 25th
Blaise Gonzales - 11:35 - 27th
Matthew Choi - 11:49 - 31st
Charlie Bradbury - 12:28 - 53rd

Runner of the week - Blaise Gonzalez

8th Grade Boys

The 8th grade boys team came just 3 points shy of 2nd place, finishing in third out of 14 teams. Hamilton O'Brien led the charge with a 5th place medal finish with a time of 10:04 in his first ever cross-country meet. O'Brien was followed by Grayson DiCanio who also medaled (14), Drake Soukup (24), Hayne Kobler (27), and Holden Helm (45). This group has a lot to be proud of with three dual-sport athletes in our top 5 scorers who compete in both football and cross country for the Raiders.

Team Scores

Cockrill - 44, Reynolds - 112,
HPMS - 115, Dowell - 144,
Faubion - 154, Rogers - 156,
Hays - 181, Melissa - 197,
Scott Johnson - 228, Rushing - 232,
Evans - 289, Southard - 327,
Clark - 329, Jones - 333

Top 8th Grade Runners (220 total runners)

Hamilton O'Brien - 10:04 - 5th
Grayson DiCanio - 10:25 - 14th
Drake Soukup - 10:42 - 24th
Hayne Kobler - 10:47 - 27th
Holden Helm - 11:09 - 45th

Runner of the week - Drake Soukup

RAIDER FOOTBALL

7th Grade Boys

The 7th Grade football teams traveled to Ron Poe Stadium in McKinney to take on McKinney Dowell for the first game of the season. The Red team led things off by getting off to a great start and continued to dominate Dowell in a

26-0 win. The Gold Team started off strong but came up short in a 26-21 loss. Please come out and support our Raiders next week at their first home game of the season!

Red Team Wins 26-0

Offensive MVP

Penn Wilson and the Offensive Line
(no sacks allowed)

Defensive MVP

Andrew Erman

Special Teams MVP

Jack Watts

Gold Team Loses 21-26

Offensive MVP

Hall Allison and the Offensive Line
(no sacks allowed)

Defensive MVP

Hudson McClain

Special Teams MVP

Henry McCallum



8th Grade Boys

The 8th grade football team played our first game at home against McKinney Dowell middle school. Both of our teams displayed great effort and enthusiasm as they continue to build on our Tradition of Excellence and winning culture. Thank you all so much for your support of Highland Park Athletics and we go on the road next week to play Lucas Willow Springs.

Red Team Wins 41-0

Offensive MVP

Garrett Hardesty and Parker Arviso

Defensive MVP

Andrew Clark and JP Edmondson

Special Teams MVP

Luke Hubbard

Gold Team Wins 66-0

Offensive MVP

Logan Lucero and William Adamson

Defensive MVP

Luke Johnson and Phillip Humphries

Special Teams MVP

Lawson Addison



Cheers to Raider Volunteers

Many thanks to the **Room Parent Coordinators: Brynn Tremper, Meredith Sarracino, Katie Webb** and **Whitney Zapffe** for recruiting parents to support our teachers and for hosting Room Parent orientation on Friday. We appreciate your excitement and time spent training our new room parent volunteers to support our MIS classes and teachers this year.

Also, a huge shout-out to our **Directory Spot Chair, Jennifer Garancis**. Thank you so much for loading all of the information into Directory Spot for the 2024-2025 school year. This was a huge undertaking, and we are so excited for our Raider families to be able to connect with friends.

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share



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!

[Email Raider Weekly](#)



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