

# Helpful Websites for Hightower Families

**There are many ways for parents to stay updated on what is happening at Hightower Elementary! Please take a few minutes to sign-up on the following websites:**

- ★ **Parent Portal** <http://parentportal.pisd.edu> - Available for new students in August  
You will need your Student's ID number to register for Parent Portal. Please call the Hightower Front Office (469-752-1800) to obtain this information. In addition to providing direct access to our Parent Viewer information (grades/attendance), the Parent Portal serves as the primary resource for all of the services provided online to our parents. You may make changes to your child's emergency card throughout the school year including changes of emergency contacts, phone numbers, email addresses and health information. **Please note that address changes must be made through the front office.** This site gives you direct access into your child's classroom information, registration to your child's campus eNews, district-wide information and links to other often used services. **You will be able to electronically sign the Student Emergency Card, Truancy Letter, Student Policy Packet and Student Information Release for the 2018-2019 school year. More information on this will be available this summer.**
- ★ **Hightower eNews** <https://elist.pisd.edu>  
Accessed through a link in Parent Portal, you can subscribe to receive email newsletter from Hightower Elementary. Letters and flyers will be sent through eNews from the principal, the office and other school staff. This is your way to stay current on events at school. **Note:** Once registered for eNews, you must still subscribe to Hightower specifically.
- ★ **Hightower PTA** <https://hightowerpta.org>  
The PTA website provides a wealth of information for Hightower parents so please take advantage of this wonderful resource.
- ★ **PayPAMS** <https://paypayms.com>  
The district offers an online payment system for school lunches, Adventure Camp and after school care. PayPAMS is the preferred method of payments by parents. Parents can set up automatic payment plans, view account balances and history; receive automatic notification on balance status & more!
- ★ **Volunteer Application** <https://oea.pisd.edu/volunteer>  
Any parent who wishes to volunteer needs to visit the volunteer application link and fill out an application. The application process can take up to two weeks. The earlier you get it completed the sooner you will be able to volunteer for field trips, parties and helping around school. The application **MUST** be complete before you can volunteer. An application must be completed **EVERY** year (beginning in July), so even if you volunteered last year you need to complete the process again!
- ★ **PISD Calendar for 2018-2019** <https://www.pisd.edu/common/calendar/index.shtml>