



September

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- 8-9 Invention Convention
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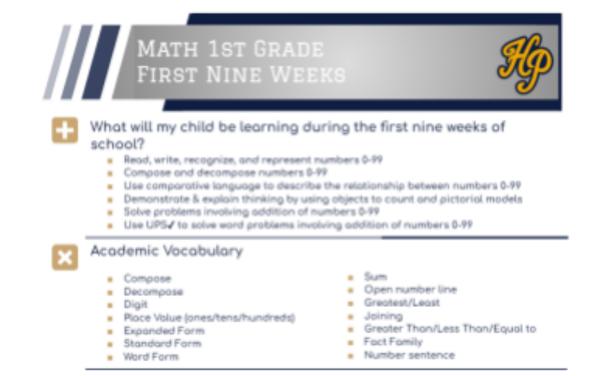




September 9, 2024

Dear Armstrong Families,

Highland Park ISD's Family Curriculum Guides (FCGs) are ready and available for viewing <u>here</u>. FCGs provide an overview of what students are learning in the current nine-weeks grading period. These parent-facing guides also provide information and access to additional information about steps that can be taken at home to help students achieve success by supporting their academic growth. Family Curriculum Guides are created with teachers and aligned to the HPISD Frameworks and curriculum documents. New documents will be posted each nine weeks grading period. Parents with questions or concerns are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher for additional details.



SHOUT IT OUT!

Want to give a teacher a shout out? If you have seen something that you think is fabulous or you just want to give your teacher some praise, fill out the form below.

Form to Submit Shout Outs

Thanks for submitting staff shout outs! We are grateful for your support and encouragement. *Ms. Green personally made phone calls to check in to see how the start to our school year was going. She is so in tune with her students and very dedicated to getting to know her class. Amazing!

*Ms. Massey goes above and beyond to make her students feel welcome and special!

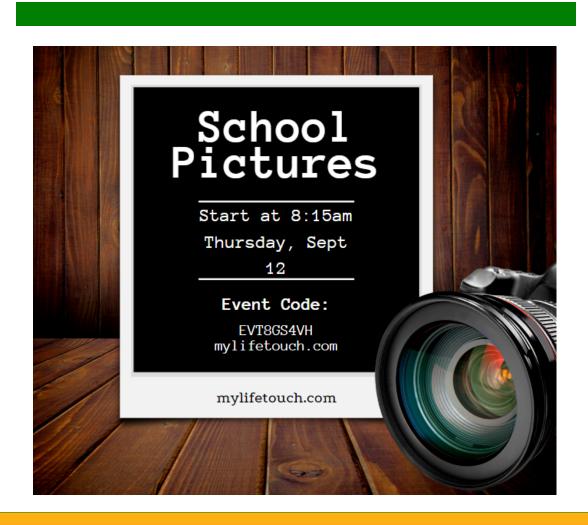
I would love to hear from you! What topics or ideas do you want to learn about throughout this school year? We will be planning *All Things Armstrong*, parent education events, and digital communication topics. We want to ensure that the learning and information is meaningful for our families. *Please take a few minutes to fill out this <u>Google Form</u> to share your ideas and needs with me so that we can plan accordingly.*

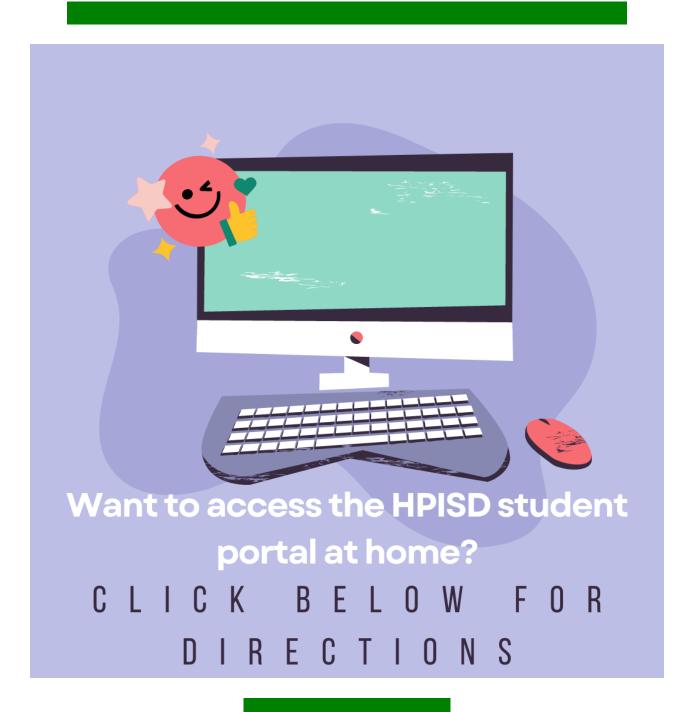
As always, I value your input and feedback. Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins Principal <u>cumminb@hpisd.org</u>





Portal Instructions

Safety Reminders:

Please do not bring your dogs to Walk-up pick up in the afternoons.

Please do not bring class snacks for birthdays.

Also, just a general reminder since we are having cool mornings, please put your child's name in their jackets and sweat shirts!



Spirit Day

September 4 & 18



SEPTEMBER 11

Wear red, white & blue

Ioin Mrs. Cummins & Leadership Team for All Things Armstrong

with special guest... Dr. Mike Rockwood Wednesday, September 30 @8:15am in the auditorium





A badge sign-up will be available next Monday!

A note from the office:

If your child is absent from school, please email <u>arattendance@hpisd.org</u>. If you email your child's teacher, please copy the attendance email as well. A text to your child's teacher is not sufficient notification of a student's absence. Timely communication is very important for the state attendance coding that is required.

The attendance time is 10:00am. If you come in after 10:00am, please bring a doctor note so that we can code accordingly and still received funding for your student.

Thank you for your attention and communication with the office.



If you have borrowed our umbrellas from the foyer, please return them. We seem to be missing some! Thank you!





Class Contest

Support our Armstrong Auction through the class contests this week! More information came home with your students on Friday and is posted on the Auction section of our <u>PTA website</u>. Click here to donate through <u>givelively</u> today!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Buy a ticket, grab your picnic blanket and join us on the large field for our annual Founder's Day Picnic at Armstrong!

A DJ will be playing the hits while In-N-Out Burger serves up lunch (hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled cheese + chips and drink)!

Lunch times will be staggered, please check your child's time below:

Pre-K: 10:45am

Kindergarten: Doremus 11:00am Johnson 11:05am Banks 11:10am <u>Veitenehimer</u> 11:15am

First Grade: Donham 11:20am Gaubert 11:25am Talley 11:30am Stringer 11:35am Second Grade: Bierman 11:40am Pence 11:45am Beber 11:50am Dunston 11:55am Third Grade: Bily 12:05pm Davis 12:10pm Massey 12:15pm Rigg 12:20pm

Fourth Grade: Kuehn 12:25pm Green 12:30pm Katz 12:35pm Walters 12:40pm

Deadline to order is September 16^{th}

No tickets will be sold at the event and the cafeteria will be closed. Find more information about the Founder's Day Picnic on the <u>Armstrong PTA Website</u>.

Check your skyward account fee management or the <u>Armstrong PTA website</u> for more information on tickets and confirming your purchase

Purchase Tickets Here!

Check for Your Order Here!

Questions about Founder's Day Picnic? Contact Caroline Eastman and Lou Lehman, <u>Founder's Day</u> <u>Picnic Chairs</u>.

Family Giving Yard Signs are here!!

Pickup will be available at the Spirit Store Wednesday (9/11), Thursday (9/12) and Friday (9/13) starting at 7:30am.

If you donated to Family Giving at the "Seafarer's Selection" giving level (\$850) or above, you will have a sign available for pickup. If you are unable to come by at that time please email <u>president@armstrongpta.org</u> for alternate arrangements.





Come garden with the kids in Armstrong's Alice's Garden on Tuesdays, starting September 10.

Shifts range from 1.5 - 2 hours (*Note: Your volunteer commitment is for the entire shift; not just the 30 minutes during which your child is in the garden*) Please check in inside the office before your shift for your volunteer badge For more information, feel free to contact Candace Hines (Garden Volunteer Coordinator) at 214-226-7289 or <u>candacebhines@gmail.com</u>



PTA Subscribe Calendar:

Did you know that you can subscribe to the Armstrong school year calendar on the PTA site? This will keep you updated on all Armstrong key dates throughout the school year! Subscribe to the PTA calendar here: <u>Subscribe to Calendar</u>, or visit the <u>PTA website</u>!

Armstrong Spirit Shop will be temporarily closed starting Tuesday, September 3rd for renovations. We can't wait to open again soon and welcome you with new items and Armstrong gear! Check the <u>PTA</u> website for updates.

Directory Spot

All Armstrong families in the PTA have been added as a user for Directory Spot. Directory Spot is our online all-school directory and your main resource for class contact information.

To Access:

- 1. Download the DirectorySpot app from your app store or go to Directoryspot.net from your browser
- 2. Enter your email address as your username and click on "reset password"
- 3. Click on the link in your email to set your password, relaunch the app and log in with your email and new password

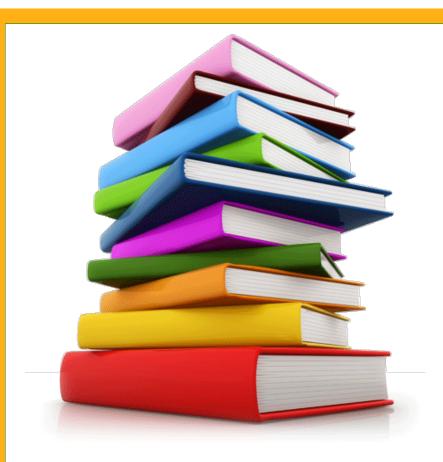
Please note- Directory Spot is only accessible once PTA dues have been paid.

If your information is incorrect or you would like to be included/excluded please reach out to Directory Spot chair, Lindsey Williamson at <u>lindseypwilliamson@gmail.com</u>.

Visit the **Events section** of the PTA website for more information on all of the PTA events!

Archived Communications:

Fine room parent newsletters, Armstrong Articles and much more on the amazing Armstrong PTA website!



LOVE BOOKS?! Come volunteer in the library with your child's class! Sign up for one (or more!) 30 minute time slots that are available weekly throughout the school year. Job includes helping students find books and assisting Mrs Riley with any misc tasks. This is a super easy and FUN way to volunteer and see your kids! Sign up through your <u>classroom volunteer signups</u>



Follow us *@armstrong_eagles* on Instagram for real time updates and stories from Eagle Nation!



Celebrate your 4th grader's final year at Armstrong!

The 4th grade event chairs, Lizzy Brauer, Brandi Chalmers and Jacqueline Woldert will be helping to organize special celebrations throughout the year, including winter and Valentine's Day class parties, all-grade events, commemorative gifts, and graduation week activities that culminate with the end-of-year pool party! Get excited as our 4th graders have their best and final year at Armstrong!

Stay on top of activities posted on the <u>PTA website</u> and follow <u>@armstrongeaglesclassof2033</u>on <u>Instagram</u>!



Armstrong Yearbook: we want your photos for the 2024-25 Armstrong Eagles Yearbook!

We love receiving group photos of our Eagles! We are working on a new way for you to upload photos for the 2024-25 yearbook; but until then you can email your photos

to <u>Armstrongeaglesyearbook@gmail.com</u>. Group photos are preferred for the yearbook, and please include the class/teacher name or event. We do **not** need the children's names in the photos.



Fine Arts Newsletter

Hello! The Fine Arts Department publishes a biweekly newsletter that includes photos from our classrooms, upcoming events, social media links, and more! If you would like to receive this newsletter directly to your inbox, please scroll to the bottom of this edition and click "Subscribe" (found in the blue bar at the bottom of the letter that has the heading 'HPISD Fine Arts Newsletter'). Please enjoy our first 24/25 school year edition!

Newsletter link, August 23: https://secure.smore.com/n/cqu54

Thank you all!

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MAGAZINE COLLAGES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 4 - 5 PM

. CREATE A COLLAGE ALL ABOUT YOU, YOUR INTERESTS, AND HOBBIES! USE MAGAZINE CUTOUTS AND MOD PODGE TO FILL A CANVAS WITH YOUR FAVORITE THINGS.

LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 7.





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TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 3:30 - 4:30 PM

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE "TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY" AND MAKE YOUR OWN MINIATURE PIRATE SHIP THAT REALLY FLOATS! ____



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Las niñas necesitan un lugar seguro solo para ellas donde puedan probar cosas nuevas, divertirse con amigas y sembrar semillas para un futuro brillante.

Join Kinder Girl Scout Troop 4226!

Sept.9th @ 6pm @ Armstrong Kinder Registration/Information Meeting For more information contact Emily @ 972-349-2432/ekrizan-lopez@gsnetx.org



The Scots Wrestling Club is registering athletes for the 2024-2025 season!

Sign up & secure your spot. Limited Spots Available.

https://scotswrestlingclub.com/

"This program has profoundly enhanced my son Elan's confidence, mental resilience, discipline, accountability, athleticism, and self-esteem over the last two years, equipping him with invaluable skills that will last a lifetime." - Ben Winski, 4th Grade Dad at Armstrong.



4:30-6:30 P.M. HPHS CAFETERIA SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

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Amanda Hollier, Counselor 214.780.3140 Betsy Cummins, Principal 214.780.3100

Crystal Hunt, Nurse 214.780.3120



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Do you own a local business you would like to include on our PTA webpage?

Please complete this form to be included in our PTA resource directory for parents.

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