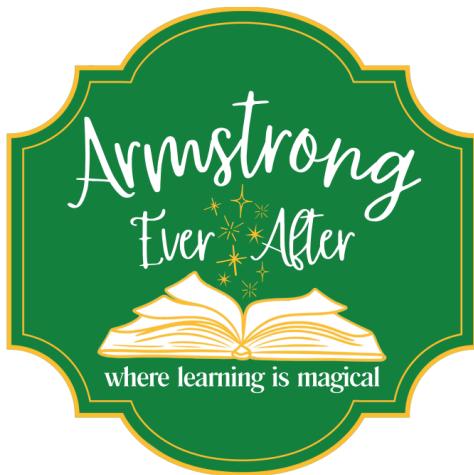




# Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



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**January**

- 13 - 30 One School, One Book
- 29 - Feb. 6 TAG testing
- 30 - Principal and Teacher of the Day

## February

- 2 - 6 Change for Childrens
- 4 - 5 Science Fair
- 10 - Dads Club Breakfast - Scots Girl Captains
- 13 - Valentines parties
- 16 - Student Holiday
- 20 - Spelling Bee - 3rd Grade
- 27 - Family Day of Service

Stay up to date with Armstrong happenings by [subscribing to the calendar](#).



January 28, 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is safe and enjoying the snowy weather! We are excited to celebrate Armstrong Teacher and Principal of the Day on Friday, January 30. Students that are participating have received an email and will join us in the cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and fun! Lunch will be provided for these students, and teachers have a day of activities planned for their teachers of the day. All our kids will enjoy having their friends helping, teaching, and leading around the building. We will also move forward as planned with Armstrong LIVE on Friday at 2:40 p.m. in the cafeteria. Teachers have communicated with families of students who are involved in this celebration.

Have a fantastic rest of the week! As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

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Principal

[cumminb@hisd.org](mailto:cumminb@hisd.org)



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@armstrongeaglesHP  
@armstrongptapresident  
@thearmstrongdadsclub

Armstrong TAG testing for registered students will take place the week of **January 29–February 6**. Testing sessions are scheduled across multiple rooms on campus and coordinated to meet students' individual needs, so we cannot provide specific dates or times for families.

What to expect:

- Testing will be administered during the school day; students will be pulled from their classroom for their session.
- Students will not be tested during their scheduled lunch.
- Testing will occur in several different classrooms across campus, so you may notice increased movement throughout the day.
- Sessions vary in length depending on the assessment; students will return to their regular classes when finished.

How you can help:

- Ensure your child arrives at school on time and is well-rested.
- Avoid scheduling appointments during the school day that week.
- Send a healthy snack if your child typically needs one during the school day.

If you have questions about TAG testing, please contact Blair Smith at [smithb@hisd.org](mailto:smithb@hisd.org).

Thank you for your support!

Calling all Armstrong Scientists!

# SCIENCE FAIR

SCIENCE FAIR  
PACKET AND FORM



Due January 23rd to teacher

**FEBRUARY 4TH-5TH 2026**

Armstrong Small Gym

Fourth Graders Strongly Encouraged to Participate

All Other Classes Welcome

Thank you to our Science Fair Sponsor



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## VALENTINE'S GIFT SALE FOR HPISD TEACHERS & STAFF

Support Special Education services in HPISD by purchasing a pack of five blank notecards for \$7 (or 4 packs of 5 for \$25) with the theme "Thoughtfulness" to send to teachers & staff. Each notecard pack will have a Happy Valentine's Day message in recognition of your gift.  
Sale ends February 6, 2026.

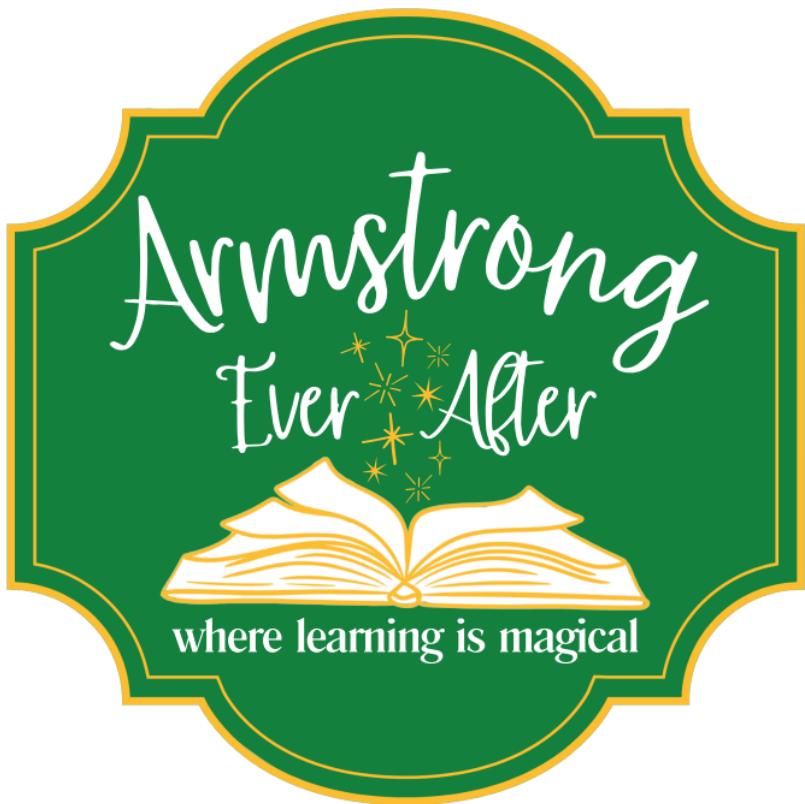
[Click here to order](#)

\*\* NO PICKUP NEEDED \*\*

Your gift will be delivered to each campus for Valentine's Day.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE  
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# PTA News

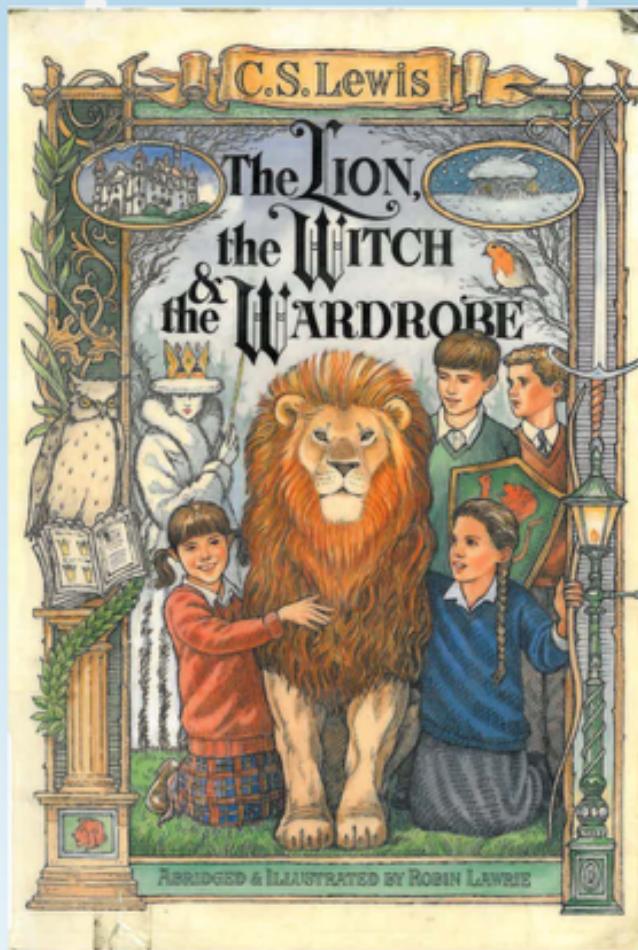


January 13 - 30

# Comerica Bank.

presents:

## One School, One Book



Who's ready to experience a beautifully written classic?! *One School, One Book* 2026 is another meaningful way to inspire our students to read, nurture creativity, and dream big — proudly sponsored by Comerica Bank.





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## One School One Book

### Reading Schedule

- January 13: Chapters 1 & 2
- January 14: Chapter 3
- January 15: Chapter 4
- January 16: Chapters 5 & 6
- January 19: Chapter 7
- January 20: Chapter 8
- January 21: Chapter 9
- January 22: Chapter 10
- January 23: Chapters 11 & 12
- January 26: Chapter 13
- January 27: Chapter 14
- January 28: Chapter 15
- January 29: Chapter 16
- January 30: Chapter 17

Books generously provided by:



Bookmark design by Lily Andrews - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



**2nd Grade Eagle Party** New date Saturday, February 7, 2026, 4pm - 6pm. Cheer Athletics Gym. \$30/Ticket.

Whether you're a flyer, a tumbler, or just love to move, this 2nd Grade Gym Party has something for everyone! Join your friends at the cheer gym for an afternoon of stunts, games, music, and teamwork. Boys and girls alike will love this high-energy, high-fun celebration!

Get your tickets here!

<https://armstrong.muradbid.com>



**3rd Grade Eagle Party.** Saturday, Feb. 7 from 5-9pm at Boon Martial Arts. \$60/Ticket.

Calling all 3rd grade brave heroes and sneaky villains! Join in on the action packed PNO at Boon Martial Arts. Whether you want to save the day or cause a little mischief, there's a place for YOU at this epic event!

Get your tickets here!

<https://armstrong.muradbid.com>





**1st Grade Eagle Party.** Sunday, February 22, 2026 5pm - 6:30pm. Westlake Skate Center. \$40/Ticket.

Grab your skates and your friends for an epic first grade bash at Westlake Skate Center! With music pumping, lights flashing, it's sure to be a party your first grader won't forget. Let's roll!

Get your tickets here!

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# change for children

benefiting children's health?

**Armstrong change  
collection days are  
coming!**

**February 2 - 6**



The proceeds collected during this week go directly to the pet therapy program at Childrens Hospital here in Dallas. There will be a therapy dog at the entrance on Monday morning, February 2nd. Change boxes will be sent home with students on Monday, Feb. 2 and returned on Friday Feb. 6.

# YEARBOOK PHOTOS!

Don't forget to submit your photos from this fall  
(Meet the Teacher, First Day of School,  
Founder's Day Picnic, Hero, Pumkin Carving,  
Bike Rodeo, Character Parade,  
2nd and 3rd Grade Performances,  
Veterans Day, Sports...)

to [Armstrongeaglesyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:Armstrongeaglesyearbook@gmail.com)

Please just include the grade and if applicable,  
the class/teacher.

You do not need to include children's names!

[Upload photos here:](#)

# Volunteers Needed!

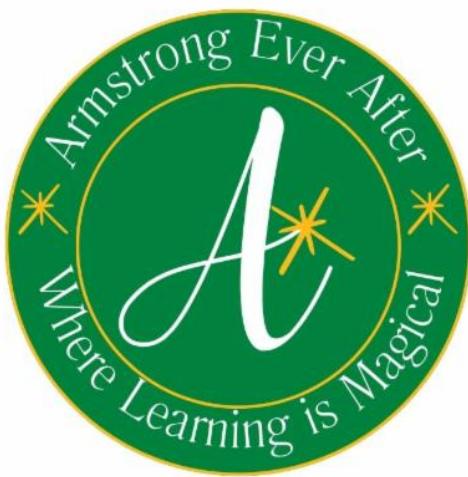


## NEW SHIFTS ADDED

\*must commit to work entire shift, not just a class' assigned time

Questions? Email Meredith Clark  
[Meredithwclark@gmail.com](mailto:Meredithwclark@gmail.com)

[Sign up for a shift here!](#)



# COMMUNITY SPONSORS 2025-2026

Magical things happen when our community comes together! We have so wonderful ways for businesses, partners, and families to help underwrite our enchanting year at Armstrong.

With a variety of sponsorship levels and benefits, there's a perfect way for everyone to be part of the magic. Please visit our website **HERE** to join us in making 2025-2026 one for the storybooks!



**Directory Spot:**  [DirectorySpot](#) 

2025-2026 DirectorySpot is LIVE! If you [purchased a PTA membership](#) during BSSU, you'll have access to the Armstrong Directory. Existing users can continue to use the app as you did last year, unless you want to [update your contact information](#). If you're a new user, click on Login in the upper right-hand corner and click Reset password using your email address. Then, click on the link in your password and log in. If you have questions, reach out to [Directory@armstrongpta.org](mailto:Directory@armstrongpta.org).

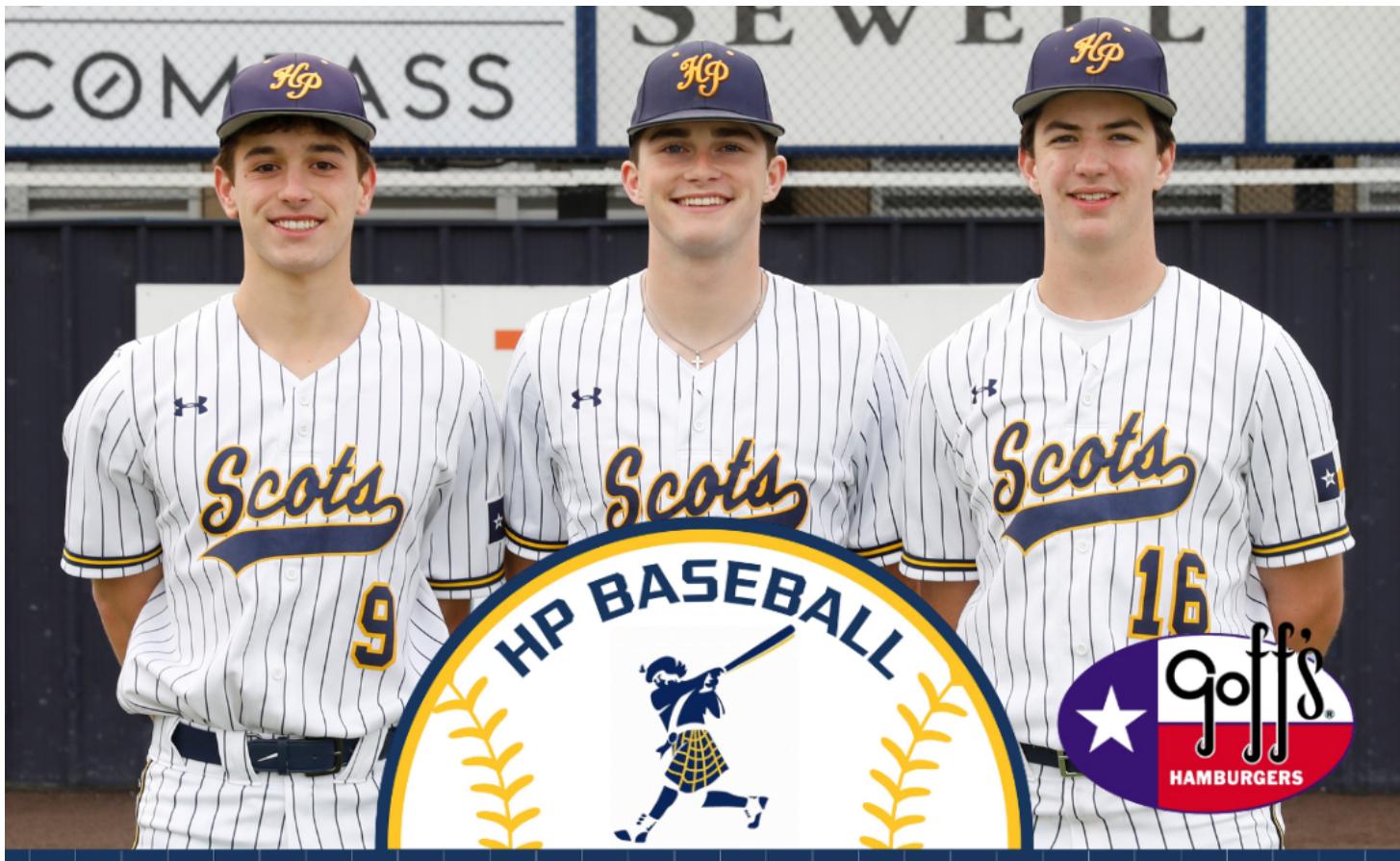
**Need your information in the Armstrong PTA  
Directory updated? Click Here**



[PTA Feedback Form](#)

# Community News

**New Date:**  
Friday 1/30/26 5:30-7:30pm



# MEET THE SCOTS

**RESCHEDULED!**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

**5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Scotland Yard**

**RAFFLE TICKETS + MERCH + MORE**

**[MTS2026.cheddarup.com](https://MTS2026.cheddarup.com)**



Highland Park Baseball is hosting its annual **Meet the Scots** event to kick off the 2026 baseball season! Bring your families to Scotland Yard on **Friday, January 30** from 5:30 - 7:30 PM for an evening of fun. Enjoy

Goff's hamburgers, player autographs, on-field games with the HP Baseball teams, and special performances.

For burger tickets, raffle packages, and merchandise, click here:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mts2026/items>

**Hey, Eagle parents! Mrs. Talley's son, Jackson, is on the the HPISD baseball team this year!**





# HP CultureFest

Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate.

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# LUNARFEST

## CELEBRATING

Chinese New Year ◦ Korean Seollal ◦ Vietnamese Tết

FEBRUARY **21** 2:00 - 4:00PM

Moody Family YMCA Gym

Scan to register   To Volunteer



FREE EVENT

Hosted by:  

In partnership with:  

Link: [LunarFest: Celebrating Chinese New Year, Korean Seollal and Vietnamese Tet](#)

We still have a few spots open in our 5-6 year old and pee wee 3-4 year old classes!

# HP

## Tennis Academy



**2026 WinterSpring Program**  
**January 12 – May 16**

**Green Ball**  
**Orange Ball**  
**Intermediate**  
**Red Ball**  
**Pee Wee**



# MAD FOR PLAID IS HERE! LET'S REACH 100% PARENT PARTICIPATION!



Mad for Plaid is the HP Education Foundation's districtwide annual campaign, which raises funds for HPISD's most critical budget needs. Currently, that need is support for teacher and staff salaries.

Parents! Let's show our support for the great educators in this District! All donors in the Park Cities will receive a yard sign.



**Mad for Plaid is here!** And YOU are an essential piece of the puzzle!

**What is Mad for Plaid?** Mad for Plaid is the HP Education Foundation's annual campaign, the only districtwide fundraiser for HPISD. It raises essential funds to support the District's most critical needs. This year, that need is clear: raising the bar for teacher and staff salaries across all campuses. Giving to Mad for Plaid is the best way to directly support our incredible educators!

**Why Give?** For 2025–26, HPISD is providing 7–10% salary increases to ensure our teachers rank in the top quartile for pay in North Texas. To help make this historic investment possible, our foundation has committed a \$1.8 million gift to HPISD - funded through the Mad for Plaid campaign. But we can't do it alone. We need YOUR support. Your gift to HPEF directly impacts every student, every teacher, and every school. Together, we can continue to attract, retain, and reward the exceptional educators who make HPISD a leader in education.

#### **How to Give?**

Visit: [hpef.org/supportmadforplaid](https://hpef.org/supportmadforplaid)



## **FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS**

*"creativity takes courage" -henri matisse*

*"Use the following link to see the HPISD Fine Arts Department newsletter! <https://secure.smore.com/n/hnr5a> At the bottom of the newsletter, hit "Subscribe" to be added to the mailing list for all future newsletters. Please share with family and friends so that all of our HP Community can be tuned into our fantastic Fine Arts programs!"*

A Royal Thank You to our Community Sponsors



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