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October

26 - 30 - Red Ribbon Week
27 - Red Ribbon - wear your favorite hat and socks!
28 - Red Ribbon - wear RED
29 - Red Ribbon - wear Boots
30 - Red Ribbon - wear Armstrong Spiritwear
30 - Kinder Book Character Parade, 8:15am
30 - Armstrong Live, 2:40pm
30 - Dads Club Tailgate

November

2 - Student Holiday
3 - Student Holiday, Parent-Teacher Conferences
4-6 - Brother Bill's Food Drive
6 - Bike Rodeo
11 - Veterans Day Program
13 - Auction - Safari Soiree
13 - PNO with Miss Olsen and Miss Annie
18 - Thanksgiving Family Lunch, Cafeteria
20 - 1st Grade Performance - Turkey Tango. 8:15am, Auditorium
23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday
30 - Toy Drive Begins!

Stay up to date with Armstrong happenings by **subscribing to the calendar**.



ARMSTRONG EAGLES

October 26, 2026

Dear Armstrong Families,

Thank you to our wonderful PTA and Volunteers for planning an amazing Family Movie Night! We had a great crowd, and it was a truly wonderful night for everyone. We are so grateful for the dedication and time that our parents provide to our school.

I want to express a sincere thank you to our school family for all of the gifts and treats for Principal Appreciation Month. I am truly touched by the kindness shown to me during this month and all year long. The thoughtful gifts, the delicious lunches and treats, the beautiful flowers, and the heartfelt cards have made me feel so valued. Every gesture, big or small, brightened my days and reminded me how special our school community is. The handwritten cards from our students have been especially meaningful. I have read each one, and they will stay with me long after October is over. Thank you to our PTA, our families, and our incredible staff for your generosity and your support. It is a joy to serve as your principal and to work alongside you each day. I am grateful for each of you.

As many of you know, Highland Park ISD utilizes a standards-based report card for students in elementary schools. The report card measures a child's progress toward mastery of key objectives/standards of the HPISD curriculum. Standards-based reporting articulates clear, subject-specific grade-level objectives for learning to which a child is striving. The measured objectives and standards including details about the updated reporting scale are outlined in a parent letter available on HPISD's curriculum website found under the Education Services Department (link).

Parents can now view your child's first nine weeks report card on Skyward. To view the standards-based report card, access your child's ***profile page*** in Skyward. On the left side, select ***portfolio*** and then select ***attachments***. Your child's report cards and scores will populate under available student attachments. Highlight ***standards-report card*** for the appropriate grading period and then ***view attachment***. You will be required to sign with an electronic signature before the report card will populate. For more information about your child's progress, contact his/her classroom teacher.



We love celebrating all the great things happening at Armstrong! Please take a few minutes to fill out this Google Form to give a staff member a well-deserved Shout Out. Take a moment to read this week's shoutouts!

*Ms. Adelsberg and Mrs. Gaubert came to the Eagles vs. Eagles Armstrong 1st grade girls soccer game! The girls were delighted, and it was so kind of them to come and support!! It made the girls day to look on the sidelines and see their teachers.

*Nurse Casey has been the greatest gift to our little man as he's moved to Armstrong this year. With an unexpected start, she's made our whole family feel welcomed and supported, and our little guy feels like the king of the world. We are so grateful!

*Ms. Walters has gone above and beyond helping to recognize some specific learning needs our child has developed. She has done a great job at communicating with us what she is finding in the classroom, and she is also very proactive in trying to figure out the best way to help our child learn the information. Thank you Ms. Walters for going above and beyond in reaching every student where they are at!

As always, I value your input and feedback. Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions. I am available by email or phone at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

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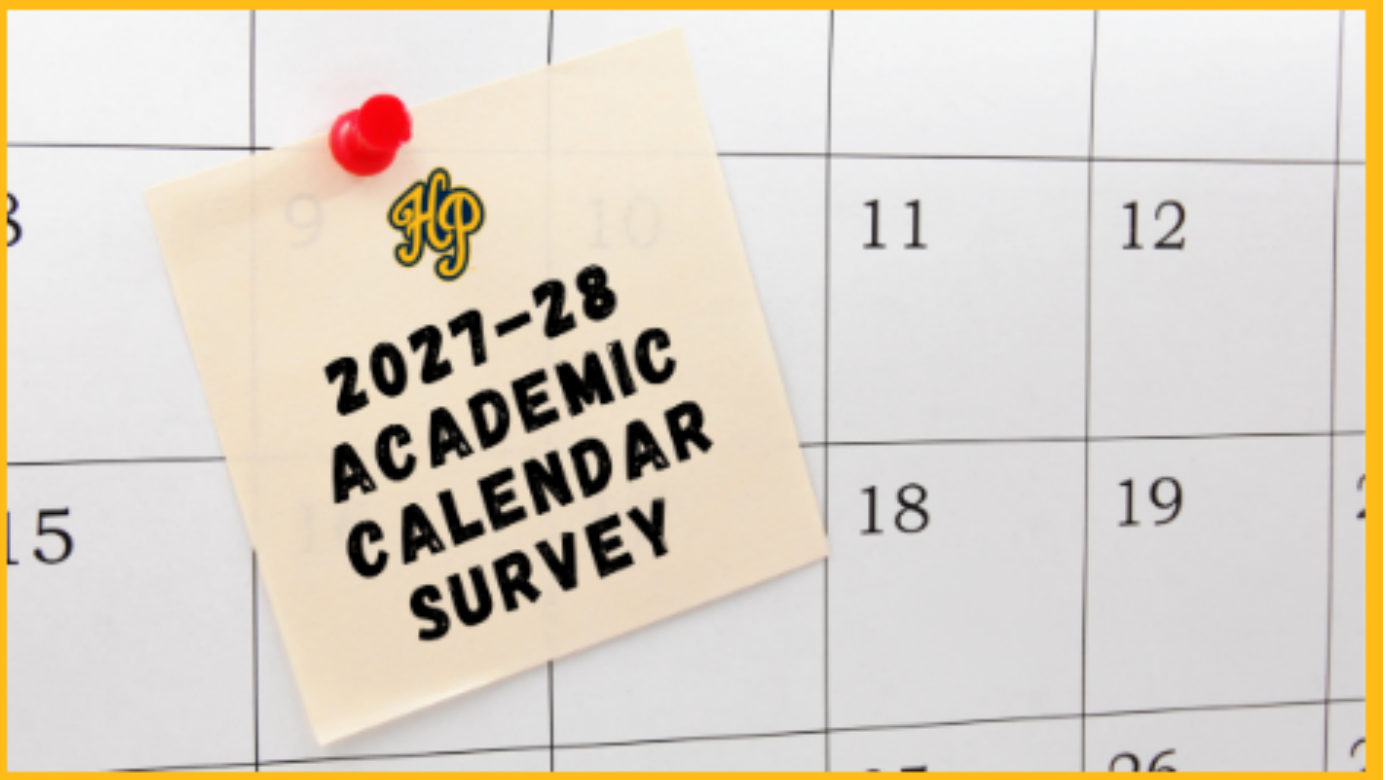
Register for the Book Character Kinder Parade Here

The Kindergarten Book Character Parade will be Friday, October 30. Kindergarten parents will see the parade in the cafeteria. It will start at 8:15 and end in the cafeteria with the Kindergarten parents. Please register at this link or you will need to register in the office on the morning of October 30. Go ahead and register early!

Lunch Menus for October 2026



Please help us salute our nation's heroes during Armstrong's Veterans Day celebration by sending in photos of veterans and active-duty service members in your family! Photos will be displayed on Armstrong's Wall of Honor near the main entrance leading up to the celebration on Wednesday, November 11. **Please submit your photo(s) via email by 5:00PM on Monday, October 26** to veteransday@armstrongpta.org. Ideal submission is a military portrait or other solo photo in uniform. **Be sure to include: veteran's name, rank, branch, dates active (if known), and relationship to Armstrong student(s)**. If you submitted pictures in the past, we still have them and will display them for the duration of your time at Armstrong.



Dear Highland Park ISD Parents and Staff,

Highland Park ISD welcomes and encourages you to provide input on the 2027-28 academic calendar. **The survey will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Nov 6**. To complete the survey, please **click here.**

The HPISD Calendar Committee includes members of the Board of Trustees, campus and district administrators, elementary and secondary parents and teachers. The committee has drafted three calendars for your consideration. Please review the calendar survey closely and rank the options according to your preferences for the 2027–28 school year.

At the end of the survey, please share why you ranked the options as you did and include any recommendations for the Calendar Committee to consider when developing the 2028–29 academic calendar.

Please complete the survey once and ensure its completion by Friday, Nov 6. We appreciate your time and valuable input regarding the 2027-28 academic calendar.

The survey results will be considered by both the calendar committee and the District Leadership Council. These committees will then formulate a recommendation based on the data you provide and present it to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

The Board of Trustees will consider the recommendation at the December Board meeting. Once the 2027–28 academic calendar is adopted, the district will share the information through the e-newsletter and post it on our website at **hpisd.org.**

To complete the 2027-28 academic calendar survey, please **click here.**



🐮 **Let's MOO-ve Betty to the Top!** 🏆

Armstrong needs your vote! Our 3rd Grade TAG Explorations students have officially adopted an adorable dairy calf named **Betty** through the Discover Dairy program!

Betty was born on August 19, and she officially became part of our Armstrong family on October 6!

Now, Betty is competing to become **America's Favorite Adopted Cow**, and we need our entire Armstrong community to help her win!

📦 **VOTING IS NOVEMBER 2–4!** 📦

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and help our sweet Betty become a **NATIONAL STAR!** 🌟

Let's show the nation that Armstrong has the most MOO-velous school spirit around!

GO BETTY! GO ARMSTRONG! 🐄❤️

PTA News



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All Pathfinder sponsorships are sold.

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A wild night. A lasting impact.

Help bring Safari Soirée to life while supporting the teachers and staff at the heart of Armstrong!

Missed tickets at BSSU? Individual tickets are sold out, but select sponsorship packages include admission to Safari Soirée.

Safari Soirée sponsorships start at $1,000, with opportunities to show your family's support or bring your company's name to some of the evening's most memorable moments. Explore the options below and find your place in the celebration.
Please respond by **Monday, October 26** to be included in the printed sponsorship booklet.

Reserve Your Sponsorship

Questions? Email armstrongauction2026@gmail.com.

Sponsors who join after October 26 will still be recognized on our auction website, at the event, and across our social media.

A memorable night starts with a generous community. Thank you for being part of Armstrong!

With a lion's share of thanks,

Arden Hensarling, Amanda Toussaint and Hanna Henson

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WOW! What a **WILDLY** fun Family Movie Night! 🎬🍿🐭

Our 2nd Annual Family Movie Night watching Ratatouille was truly one for the books! A HUGE, heartfelt thank you to our incredible chairs, **Todd Fiscus and Brittany Sargent**, who absolutely knocked it out of the park!

From the popcorn and pizza to the bounce houses, cupcake decorating, and our fabulous 4th graders running the chicest candy bar in town, every detail was pure perfection! Todd and Brittany thought of it all and somehow made it look effortless. They even handled a last-minute pivot like absolute champs!

These two are the REAL MVPs, and "thank you" just doesn't seem like enough for the time, creativity, energy, and heart they poured into making this night so special for our Armstrong families. We are so lucky to have them!

A special thank you to **Todd Events** for generously sponsoring this unforgettable evening! What a night! What a team!

A **WILD thank you** to our fabulous 4th Grade Class Chairs, **Monet Ball, Kasha Lee and Jane Wallingford,** for planning such a ROAR-some parent party at the beautiful home of **Kelly and Cam Ongena** on Thursday night! The Ongena's backyard was straight out of a safari and was absolute perfection - thank you Ongenas!

With this being the final year at Armstrong for these fourth grade parents, what a fun way to kick off all the special fourth grade festivities and celebrate the friendships and memories we've made along the way! It was the perfect evening to gather, mingle and enjoy a little time together outside the jungle of school schedules!

And the fun didn't stop there! A HUGE thank you to these ladies for also coordinating the 4th Grade Candy Sale at Family Movie Night! Our fourth graders had the chicest candy bar in town, all while raising money for their special class gift to Armstrong!

Thank you, Monet, Kasha and Jane, for going above and beyond to make this final year of elementary school so memorable. We have so much to celebrate, and you are making our last year at Armstrong extra WILD and wonderful!

A **WILD** thank you to our fabulous Second Grade Level Coordinators, **Landen Tillery and Mitra Smith**, for planning such a **WILDLY** fun Second Grade Parent Party at the beautiful home of **Andrea and Heath Cheek**!

From the chicest Charcuterie board to the wonderful company, it was a WILDLY fun evening filled with laughter, mingling and connecting with this fabulous group of second grade parents! What a perfect opportunity to step away from the jungle of busy schedules and enjoy a little grown-up fun!

A special thank you to Andrea and Heath for graciously opening their home, and to Landen and Mitra for bringing everyone together and making the night so special! A perfect evening and a ROARING good time had by all!



We’re WILD About Principal Cummins!

October is **Principal Appreciation Month**, and there’s no one we’d rather celebrate than our incredible **Principal Cummins!**

From being the **first smiling face our Eagles see each morning** to leading Armstrong with heart, enthusiasm, and an unwavering commitment to our students and teachers, Principal Cummins truly sets the example for us all. She is an exceptional leader, educator, encourager, and the heart of our Armstrong family.

We feel incredibly lucky to have her **leading the pack** at Armstrong!

All month long, help us show Principal Cummins just how WILD we are about her! Give her a **hug, high five, kind word, big smile, or special thank-you** when you see her around school.

Principal Cummins, thank you for loving our Eagles, leading by example, and making Armstrong such a special place to learn and grow. We are WILD about you!🦅💚

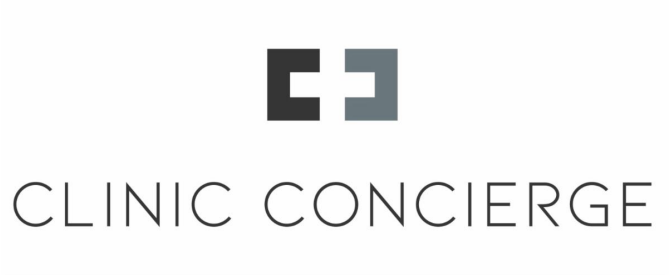
SPOTTED IN THE WILD: Heading to campus for the Kinder Character Book Parade? Keep an eye out for our new photo upload QR codes posted at the main exits! Double tap the QR code below or scan the code on your way out to instantly share your favorite snapshots with our yearbook and communications team help us capture every wild moment of this unforgettable year!

Please volunteer for the Bike Rodeo on the button below!


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A WILD ABOUT ARMSTRONG EXPEDITION
ARMSTRONG
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29
OCTOBER

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6:30 PM

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

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The HPHS tennis team is hosting its annual “Meet the Scots” event on Saturday, November 7.



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Get *inform*ed – *form* healthy relationships – *form* habits and attitudes for well-being – trans*form* your life!

Our practical talk series equips parents, educators, and ministers to navigate life's challenges with resilience and purpose—drawing on mental health insights, faith, and effective communication to inspire lasting transformation.

Youth & Difficult Thoughts: Suicide Prevention, Response, and Postvention | Tuesday, February 10, 6:30-8 pm

Nathaniel R. Strenger, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist

Talk of teen suicide is terrifying. But, few things are more protective than an informed and collaborating community. At this Inform talk, we will equip parents, ministers, educators, and caregivers to take on an uncomfortable subject with ca confidence. We'll discuss preventative communication and the role of faith and community in well-being. We'll practic difficult conversations about risk factors and help-seeking. These are the foundations of community suicide prevention, response, and postvention.

Empty Nest: Prepare for Launch |Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:00 pm

Carrie Davidson Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist and Clint Donaldson, LPC-S

As we prepare for an empty nest and the launch of kids, how can we have a sustainable relationship with our young adult/college child. When do we step in and when do we step back? How can we encourage our kids to apply faith and values independently of us and be resilient, confident, and self-sufficient.

The Mental Load for Moms | Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-8:00 pm

Katie Campbell, LCSW and Lindsey Parker, LPC

The "mental load" or the invisible, constant, and often exhausting cognitive and emotional labor many moms carry—planning, remembering, organizing, anticipating needs, managing schedules, and keeping the household and family running— is a burdensome weight on Moms. We will help shine a light on the unseen work mothers do, how it impacts mental health, and what healthier balance can look like. Moms will leave with practical resources how every aspect of their lives – relationships, faith, physical well-being, emotional lives – can sync together for contentment and resilience i life.

Holding On and Letting Go: Managing Holiday Grief After Loss | Tuesday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sandy Robinson, LPC-S

The holiday season can amplify feelings of grief, especially for empty nesters coping with the loss of parents or adjusting to new family dynamics. This discussion offers a compassionate space to explore how grief intersects with traditions, faith-life, expectations, and emotional well-being during the holidays. Participants will learn practical strategies for honoring memories, managing loneliness, and finding meaning in this season of change.

REGISTRATION

There is no fee to attend, but we ask that you RSVP so we can prepare seating and send you a reminder before the event. To register, go to TheCenterCounseling.org/Inform or scan QR.

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