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Campus Newsletter

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October

12 - Student and Staff Holiday
14 - 3rd Grade Parent Party
16 - PNO with Miss Amber & Mrs. Haynes
20 - Picture Retakes & Class Group Photos
21 - All Things Armstrong & PTA General Meeting, 8:15AM, in the Auditorium
21 - 2nd Grade Parent Party
22 - 4th Grade Parent Party
23 - 2nd Grade Performance, 8:15
23 - Movie Night, Large Field, Doors open at 6:00pm, Movie at 7:15pm
26 - 30 - Red Ribbon Week
30 - Kinder Book Character Parade, 8:15am
30 - Armstrong Live, 2:40pm
30 - Dads Club Tailgate

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



ARMSTRONG EAGLES

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October 12, 2026

Dear Armstrong Families,

Thank you for helping us keep Armstrong a safe and welcoming place for every student. I'm writing with a quick reminder that pets, including dogs, are not allowed on school grounds at any time, including during drop-off, pick-up, and school events.

This policy helps us protect students who may have allergies or a fear of dogs, and it keeps our campus calm and safe during busy times of the day. Even friendly, well-behaved dogs can be unpredictable in a crowd of excited children.

The only exceptions are our district therapy dogs, Piper and Lassie, who are specially trained and approved to support our students and staff. We're so grateful for the comfort and joy they bring to our school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Several families have asked how to access the student's digital portal, so please see the following instructions for accessing Clever, our digital portal and single sign-on platform used to give students easy access to all their online learning apps and textbooks while at home.

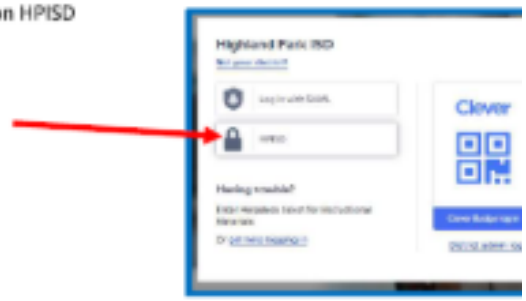
Accessing Clever

Step 1:

Go to: https://clever.com/in/hpisd

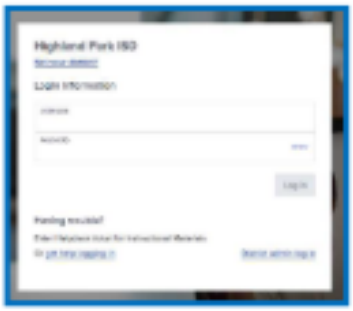
Step 2:

- Verify ***Highland Park ISD***
- Click on HPISD



Step 3:

- Verify ***Highland Park ISD***
- Login with your HPISD username and password



Step 4:

Navigate to the application and click to login.

- District Curriculum Documents
- Textbooks
- Supplemental Applications
- Continue to check back for additional applications



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!

*We have loved Miss A. this school year. Our son is so happy and enjoys learning in her class! She is so sweet to our little guy!

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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About All Things Armstrong

Wednesday, October 21st at 8:15am

IN THE ARMSTRONG AUDITORIUM

CLINIC CONCIERGE

Hear from Clinic Concierge

Allison Vanderwoude from the Highland Park Education Foundation

Hear from Landen Tillery, President - Elect about the PTA Volunteer Positions for the 2027 - 2028 school year

Lunch Menus for October 2026

PTA News



The wildest night of the year is getting closer… and there are still a few ways to make your mark on Safari Soirée! 🐆✨

We have some AMAZING sponsorship opportunities still available—each offering a fun way to support Armstrong while putting your family or business front and center throughout the evening.

From memorable guest experiences to standout event moments, there's something for every sponsor. 🌿🥂

Swipe to see what's still up for grabs and claim your favorite before it's gone!

💚 Interested in sponsoring? DM us or email armstrongauction2026@gmail.com.

Safari Soirée: A Wild Night
November 13, 2026 | Dallas Country Club

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🌿 PTA SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE PRESIDENT! WE ARE WILD ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS! 🌿

We are **WILD** about **Laura Burkhart and Jenna Fry** for leading such an incredible One School, One Book experience! Reading The Wild Robot together over the past few weeks was such a special way to bring our Armstrong family together and share in the joy of reading! Roz's journey of friendship, kindness, and finding where she belongs reminded us all of the power of community and what it means to care for one another. From start to

finish, these two went above and beyond with their organization, creativity, and attention to every little detail. They truly knocked it out of the park (or should we say, out of the jungle)! Thank you, Laura and Jenna, for making this adventure so memorable for our Eagles. We are SO thankful for you both!

A **WILD** thank you to our fabulous Kinder Chairs, **Laura Burkhart and Lauren Jordan,**for planning the most darling Wild About Kinder Parent Party! What better way to kick off a ROAR-some kindergarten year than gathering our newest Eagle parents for a fun-filled night in the jungle! A HUGE thank you to **Lauren & Clayton Isom** for opening their beautiful home and being the ultimate party hosts! From the festive details to the wonderful company, it was the perfect way to welcome our Kinder families to the Armstrong pack! We are WILD about you all!

A ROAR-tastic thank you to our amazing **Invention Convention Chairs, Katie Chang and Lara Francis!** From the thoughtfully designed inventor notebooks to the flawless execution of the big event, these two truly went above and beyond! Our Eagles let their imaginations run **WILD,** and we were blown away by the creativity, innovation, and ingenuity of their inventions! Katie and Lara, thank you for inspiring our little inventors to think outside the box and dream BIG! You knocked it out of the jungle, ladies! We are so lucky to have you both!

A ROAR-some thank you to our fabulous **Founder's Day Picnic Chairs, Tricia Grubich, Rachel Haefliger, and Courtney Radloff!** These three ladies pulled off a **WILDLY**wonderful celebration of 112 years of Armstrong! With picture-perfect weather, delicious In-N-Out burgers, and a field full of smiling Eagles, it was truly a day to remember! What a special way to bring our Armstrong pack together—classmates, families, teachers, and staff—all celebrating the school we love so much! Our Large Field was buzzing with excitement, laughter, and Armstrong pride! Thank you, Tricia, Rachel, and Courtney, for planning such a fantastic event and making this Founder's Day one for the books! We are **WILD** about you three!



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!🦅💚

Wild about ARMSTRONG

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
— on the lawn —

OCT-23
2026

6:00 PM



ARMSTRONG LARGE FIELD

GATES OPEN 6:00 PM

MOVIE STARTS AT 7:15 PM

MIMI'S PIZZA



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Community News

HPHS Department of Theatre Presents Fall Musical *Hello Dolly!* Oct. 15th - 18th



It's time to "put on your Sunday clothes!" Highland Park High School's Department of Theatre proudly presents our Fall Musical *Hello Dolly!* at Palmer Auditorium October 15th - 18th.

Follow the spirited matchmaker Dolly Levi as she brings people together and waltzes her way into everyone's hearts. This Tony Award-winning classic is filled with big personalities, dazzling costumes, show-stopping dance numbers and an incredible score by Jerry Herman. It's a joyful celebration of love, laughter and living life to its fullest!

Performances at HPHS Palmer Auditorium:
10/15 @ 7pm
10/16 @ 7pm
10/17 @ 7pm
10/18 @ 2pm

*Ticket info coming soon!

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Join a team to start your creative journey!

- Solve awesome STEAM challenges
- Make new friends & learn new skills
- Develop your creative side
- Plan, build and present your own solution

JOIN US FOR AN INFO SESSION!

WHO: K-12 Students and Parents

WHERE: Hyer Library

WHEN: Tuesday, 10/13/26 @ 7 PM



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SEASON DATES
OCTOBER 26TH, 2026 – FEBRUARY 25TH, 2027

PRACTICE LOCATION
Practices held at the Highland Park High School wrestling room

HOW TO REGISTER

VISIT: SCOTSWRESTLINGCLUB.COM
TO VIEW MORE DETAILS AND
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The annual HP KLIFE Dodgeball Tournament is back!
Grab your friends, build your team and get ready
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3RD – 7TH GRADE
6–8 PLAYERS PER TEAM
Boys' + Girls' Leagues by Grade

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

3:30 – 7:30 PM

HPUMC TOLLESON CENTER
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REGISTER YOUR TEAM HERE →
https://events.idonate.com/hpklife-dodgeball-team-2026

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OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 1:00 – 4:00 PM	STEINWAY HALL Dallas, Texas	DIMATexas.com

MUSIC CREATES BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

The DFW Institute of Musical Advancement (DIMA) is proud to debut **CRESCENDO: The Dallas Youth Music Competition**, presented by DIMA and benefiting Inspired Sounds: Global Access to Music Education.

This competition will take place on **Sunday, October 18th, 2026**from **1:00-4:00pm** in **Steinway Hall, Dallas, TX**. Among other awards, the first place winners will be invited to perform at Carnegie Hall on January 17th, 2027. For more detailed information, visit //DIMATexas.com/crescendo, or contact us at crescendodallas@gmail.com.

We encourage you to pass along this information and our promotional poster to music educators and instructors with students aged 7-16 who may be interested in applying. Applications close October 14th, 2026.



INFORM

2026 Talk Series

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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