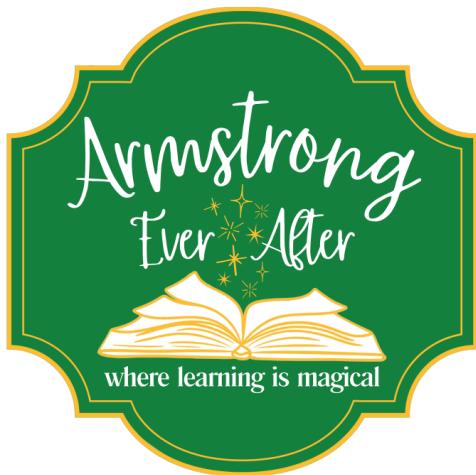




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



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February

- 2 - 6 Change for Childrens
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- 16 - Student Holiday
- 17 - Kindergarten Round Up, 9:00am, Enrollment Now Open!
- 20 - Spelling Bee - 3rd Grade
- 27 - Family Day of Service

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



February 2, 2026

Dear Parents,

Our students have completed the middle of year MAP Growth assessments. The results of these assessments are now available in Skyward in the student portfolio. Our students performed exceptionally well in both math and reading. Our 2nd-4th graders also showed growth in language usage, and 3rd-4th graders also showed growth on the science MAP assessment.

MAP Growth scores are only one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing so they can best plan for instruction for each student. Based on all data collected, your child's teacher is happy to answer any questions and will communicate further information throughout the semester.

We believe this assessment is an effective measure since it provides very detailed information in math and reading which helps us plan and differentiate our daily instruction for your child.

If you have additional questions about MAP Growth, you can reference the Family Toolkit or Parent Guide linked below.

[Family Toolkit](#)

Parent Guide

Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher with specific questions regarding your child's MAP scores.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Principal

cumminb@hisd.org.



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@armstrongptapresident
@thearmstrongdadsclub

Armstrong TAG testing for registered students will take place the week of **January 30–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.

Thank you for your support!

Registration begins 7:30am, Wednesday, Feb. 4!

Armstrong PNO

Friday, February 13th

with Miss A, Miss Blevins, & Miss Luter

What Is It? It's a chance for you to have a parents' night out! Your child will have a blast at school with their friends and teachers. There will be Valentine's activities, gym games, pizza, a movie, and more!

Who? K – 4th grade Armstrong students

When? Friday, February 13th - 6:00pm-11:00pm

Where? Check in and pick up at the little gym doors @ St. Johns.

Cost? \$50 1st child and \$40 for siblings. No refunds will be given. *A \$25 late pick-up fee, to be paid immediately or the next school day, will be charged at 11:01 and an additional \$10 will be assessed at 11:15 and at each 15 minute interval.

What to bring: Nothing is necessary, but you can bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and water bottle (name on all). Do not bring snacks or electronic devices.

Deadline to Register: Registration begins Wednesday, February 4th. All forms must be brought to the front office completed and with a check. Your spot is not guaranteed until your form and payment are received. We will not accept any forms for anyone other than your student. Space is limited to the first 50 students. There will be a 10 person wait list if needed. If fewer than 20 students sign up by noon on Wednesday, February 11, the PNO may be canceled. After registration, if your child is unable to attend, please contact, Mercedes Trent (trentm@hpisd.org).

[PNO Form Here!](#)

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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Kindergarten **ROUND-UP**

Tuesday, February 17
9:00 am



Enrollment is Now Open!



Learn More





KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Enroll your 5-year-old in kindergarten today! Kindergarten enrollment opened on February 3, 2025, and will close soon. Secure your child's spot by enrolling today! Learn more at HPISD.org/kinder.

PROGRAM CHECKLIST:

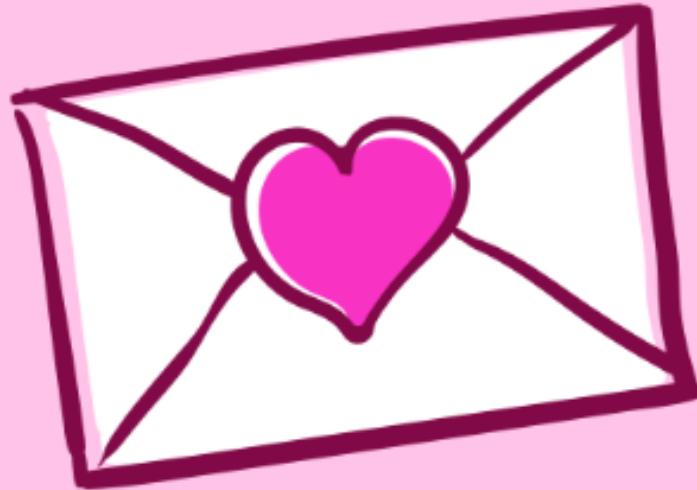
- Must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025
- Live in the City of UP or Town of HP (proof of residency required)
- Campus tours available upon request

ENROLL NOW

 214-780-3000

 hpisd.org/enrollment





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.

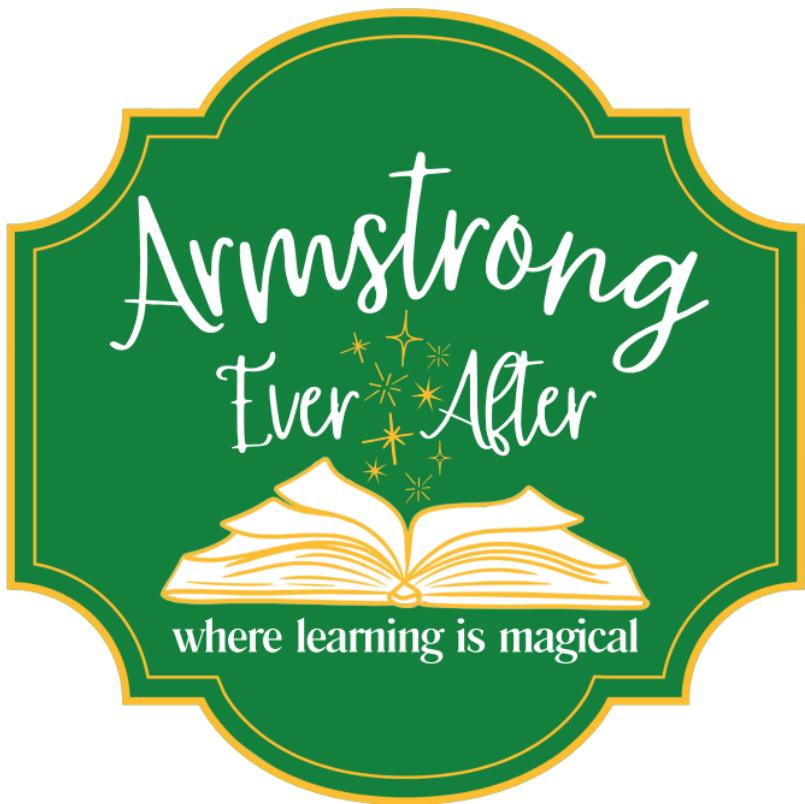
[Click here to order](#)

**** NO PICKUP NEEDED ****

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

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE
HPISD SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PTA News



Change boxes will come home today!

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.



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!

<https://armstrong.muradbid.com>



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

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!

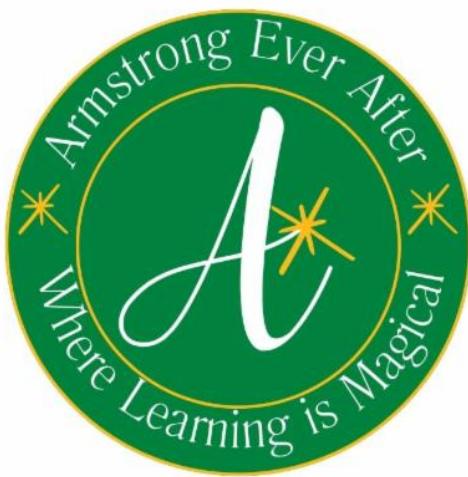


NEW SHIFTS ADDED

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

Questions? Email Meredith Clark
Meredithwclark@gmail.com

[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.

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



[PTA Feedback Form](#)

Community News



HP CultureFest

Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate.

Presents

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](#)

"Learning is a lifelong experience."

The Academy for Lifelong Learning provides:

- Community education and enrichment classes for adults and children
- Extended School Day programs

Register now for outstanding enrichment and learning opportunities for children and adults. There are interesting classes for everyone!

[Classes Here](#)

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

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Tennis Academy



2026 WinterSpring Program
January 12 – May 16

Green Ball
Orange Ball
Intermediate
Red Ball
Pee Wee





DALLAS COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING FOR PAID VOLUNTEERS!

SCAN QR CODE TO
ACCESS VIRTUAL
MEETING LINK

INFORMATION SESSION
2/3/2026 AT 6PM



INFORMATION SESSION
2/7/2026 AT 12PM



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY AND
SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC
PROCESS

GAINING HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
IN ELECTION OPERATIONS

EARNING A COMPETITIVE PAY
FOR SHORT-TERM, IMPACTFUL
WORK

DEVELOPING TRANSFERABLE
SKILLS SUCH AS ELECTIONS
LOGISTICS

WORKING IN A FAST-PACED, TEAM-
ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT

IF YES, SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN
ONE OF OUR VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Dear Community Partner,

The Dallas County Elections Department is currently recruiting dedicated and community-minded individuals to serve as Regional Site Support Staff for the 2026 Dallas County Elections. As voter participation continues to grow, expanding our team is essential to meeting the needs of Dallas County voters.

This would be a great opportunity for your students to:

- Serve your community and support the democratic process
- Gain hands-on experience in election operations
- Work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment
- Develop transferable skills such as problem-solving, logistics support, and customer service
- Earn competitive pay for short-term, impactful work

We kindly ask your assistance in sharing this information with your students and staff. Attached, you will find a flyer with information pertaining to the upcoming virtual informational sessions.

During the informational session, we will discuss job responsibilities, expectations, pay, and the application process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Katina Prescott



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



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



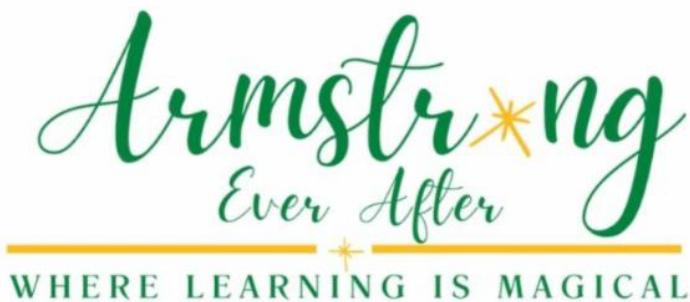
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