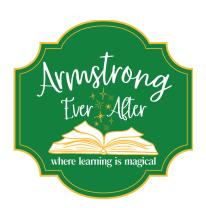


Armstrong Article Campus Newsletter







October

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





September 29, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

We are excited about a fun week to celebrate our amazing Armstrong students! We have our first Armstrong LIVE! Tuesday afternoon to recognize our students who have displayed the character trait of respect. It is a great time to build a positive learning community together as Eagles!

On Thursday, we have a Bike Stunt Show on Thursday at 2:30, and our traditional Bike Rodeo on Friday during Specials! Our kids are going to learn and practice bike safety in a safe manner. It's a great time to be at Armstrong!



Submit your Shoutout here!

Thanks for submitting staff shout outs! We are grateful for your support and encouragement.

Mrs. Mac has already been incredibly supportive of both my son and myself this year. We were a last-minute enrollment and Mrs. Mac made us feel so comfortable, taking time out of her off days to discuss my son, Armstrong, and the kindergarten year. She has made him feel very welcome and he truly is loving school. I am so thankful for her support. We appreciate you, Mrs. Mac!

We love Mrs. Banks! Our daughter comes home daily sharing things that Mrs. Banks said or taught her that day. She makes our child feel seen and appreciated and we are grateful to her for taking the time to make that connection!

I can't imagine anyone spending time around Ms. Massey and not feeling motivated and capable! She genuinely cares for her students and their all-around well-being and it shows. As a parent, she is incredibly easy and pleasant to communicate with. Armstrong is lucky to have her!

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

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

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Principal
cumminb@hpisd.org



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Armstrong PNO Date October 10, 2025 with Mrs. Parada & Ms. Amber



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 gym games, pizza, a movie and more! We will also be having a Halloween bash with a (non-scary) costume contest and talent show!

Who? $K - 4^{th}$ grade Armstrong students

When? October 10, 2025 - 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). <u>Do not bring snacks or electronic devices.</u>

Family Giving registration begins tomorrow, Tuesday Sept. 30 in the office. Regular Sign-up begins 7:30am, Wednesday Oct. 1

PNO Information and Form Here

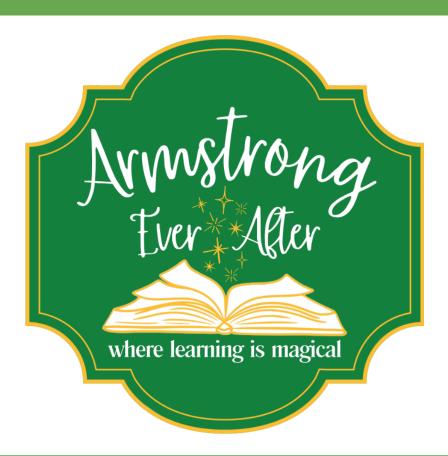
When your student is absent, please email us:

arattendance@hpisd.org

This helps us have a paper trail and get the absences coded correctly.

Thank you!

PTA News





We're back to being fully staffed, thanks to Cecilia, Gina, & Brett.

Per HPISD, please check in as a Volunteer anytime you visit the school, not as a Visitor. If you can't check in as a Volunteer, that means you need to <u>complete your HPISD background check.</u>

Volunteer Background Check

If you are a regular volunteer in the cafeteria, and you have not been able to sign in as a "volunteer" please submit your background check at the above button. As stated above, you should not be signing in as a visitor if you are volunteering in the cafeteria. Hopefully, all volunteers will be uploaded into the Verkada system soon.

ARMSTRONG BIKERODEO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

FRIOS GOURMET POP TRUCK



FOR A SWEET TREAT AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY!

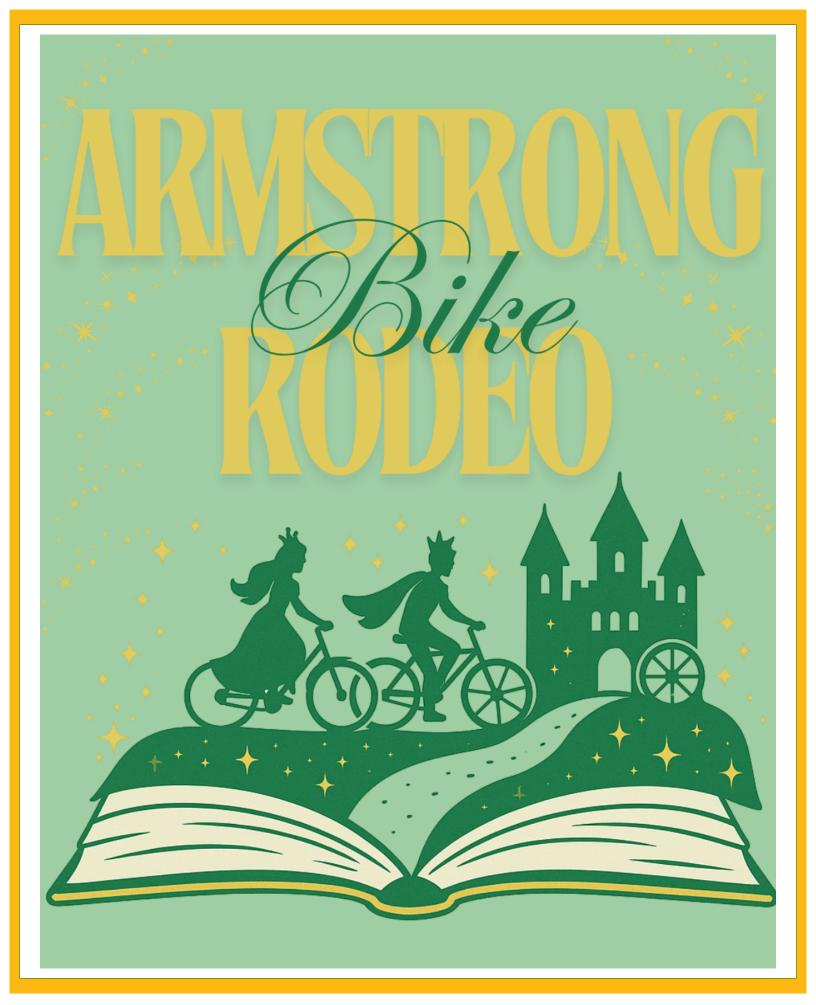
STUNT SHOW

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2



LACURE

Sponsoring:



We need more "Dad" volunteers for setup and breakdown - please use the volunteer links below! Thank you from Coach Trent and Coach Rosenfeld!

Help Us Welcome the Fairest Ride of Them All to Armstrong!

We're excited to bring the magic to Armstrong with our **Annual Bike Rodeo**—a fun-filled tradition that promotes bike safety and school spirit!

Event Details: Friday, October 3

Bring: Bike or scooter, and a Helmet

Schedule: Each class has a designated time to ride. Please find your child's class Bike Rodeo schedule here!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Parents we can't do this without you!

Parent Volunteers: Sign up to volunteer here and be part of the excitement!

Dads Club Volunteers: We'd love your support with setup and breakdown! Sign up here.

Let's work together to make this the most magical ride yet!

A huge thank you to our Bike Rodeo Presenting Sponsor, LACURE, for your generous support!

We're also deeply grateful to our Anonymous Sponsor — whose kindness and support made a big impact behind the scenes.

Together, your contributions will make Armstrong Bike Rodeo a true success!

- The Bike Rodeo Team

Please look around for gently used bikes and scooters to donate on Bike Rodeo day. Donations will be accepted starting at 7am that morning. All bike donations should go to the small field!





Auction Tasting & Maming Party

Auction Tasting Preview Party UPDATE:

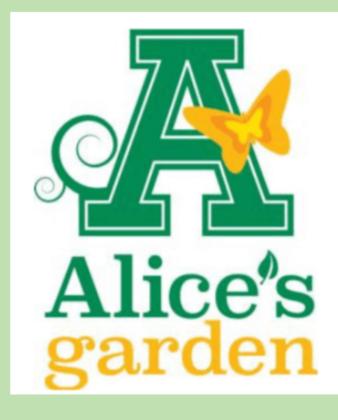
We sold out, and then we thought... the more the merrier!

More tickets are now available for the first annual Tasting Preview Party!

Grab your husbands, book a sitter, and join us to sample, select, and name the signature menu items for the Glass Slipper Gala! We're excited to put everyone's creativity to the test, and work together to make the auction extra magical!

October 4th | 5pm-7pm | Cerulean Gallery







*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!

Mark your calendars—it's time for our Fall Parent Parties! These grade-level gatherings are a fun way to meet other Armstrong parents, and a chance to mix, mingle, and grow our Armstrong Community.

- Kindergarten: Oct. 2, 5–7 PM, The Butani's Home
- 1st Grade: Oct. 1, 5–7 PM, The Ramble Room
- 2nd Grade: Sept. 25, 7-9 PM, Ozona
- 3rd Grade: Sept. 24, 6:30–8:30 PM, Malai Kitchen

We can't wait to see you all there!

Invention Convention | Armstrong Elementary armstrongpta.org



3rd Grade: Tri-boards are available through the teachers.

Any other grade, Tri-boards are available in the Eagle Store.

Last Day to purchase tickets October 1

FOUNDER'S DAY Pichic

Buy a ticket, grab your picnic blanket and join us on the Big Field for the 111st annual Founder's Day Picnic!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

In-N-Out hamburgers & cheese burgers, chips and drinks will be served with the purchase of a ticket along with a special treat from Principal Cummins!

REMINDER: THE CAFETERIA WILL BE CLOSED. YOUR CHILD MUST HAVE A TICKET OR BRING A LUNCH FROM HOME.

PRE-K: 10:45AM

KINDERGARTEN: JOHNSON: 11:00AM BARBO: 11:05AM BANKS: 11:10AM MCCORMACK: 11:15AM 1ST GRADE:
PENA: 11:20AM
GAUBERT: 11:25AM
TALLEY: 11:30AM
ADELSBERG: 11:35AM

2ND GRADE: PENCE: 11:40AM KATZ: 11:45AM EMERY: 11:50AM BURROWS: 11:55AM 3RD GRADE: BILY: 12:05PM MASSEY: 12:10PM RIGG: 12:15PM

4TH GRADE: GREEN: 12:20PM MORGA: 12:25PM KUEHN: 12:30PM WALTERS: 12:35PM Check here to see if you've purchased tickets!

Purchase Tickets Here!



face painting + balloon & airbrush artists + crafts glitter tattoos + hula-hoop contest and more

TITLE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE!

Click <u>HERE</u> for <u>magical perks</u>, including selecting the movie! +Lend a wand-Volunteer <u>HERE</u>!

Bring blankets/chairs →PJs or costumes encouraged!

Magical Perks and Sponsorship

Volunteer to help here!

Email with any questions on sponsorship etc





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.

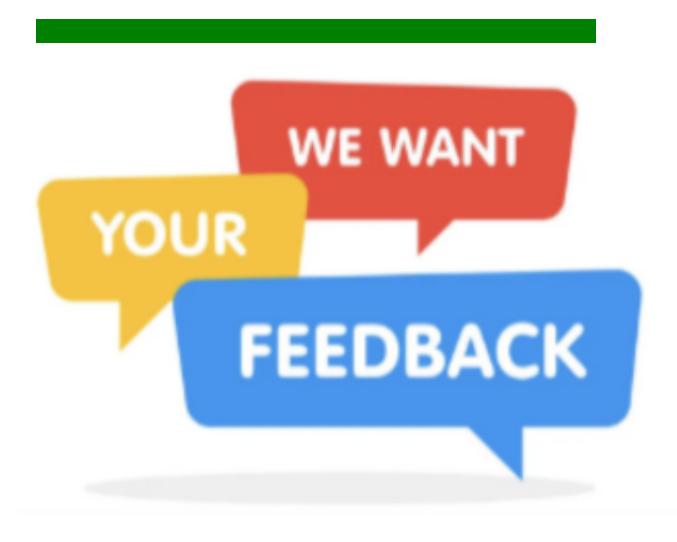
Please visit our website HERE to join us in making 2025-2026 one for the storybooks!



Directory Spot: Directory Spot

2025-2026 DirectorySpot is LIVE! If you <u>purchased a PTA membership</u> 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 <u>update your contact information</u>. 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 <u>Directory@armstrongpta.org</u>.

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



PTA Feedback Form

Community News



GRADE K-2: SCRATCH JR - GAME DESIGN & CODING WITH MIT SCRATCH JR.

Introduce your child to coding through creativity and play!

In this beginner-friendly class, students will:

- Animate stories using visual, block-based coding
- Build logic and storytelling skills
- Create interactive digital projects
- X Explore tech hands-on to build confidence

They'll bring stories to life, build problem-solving skills, and create interactive games using fun, age-appropriate, drag-and-drop coding tools.

ScratchJr is designed just for young learners. Making coding fun, visual, and easy to grasp.

info-sp@wizeacademy.com



REGISTER:

https://tinyurl.com/HPISDK2



SESSIONS ARE OFFERED IN PERSON AT

UNIVERSITY PARK FLEMENTARY



TOTAL FOR 8 SESSIONS: \$320

WEDNESDAY (04:15 PM- 05:15 PM)

OCT 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 NOV 5, 12, 19



GRADE 3-5: MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT

Turn your child's ideas into real apps!

In this beginner-friendly class, students will:

- PLearn how to go from idea to fully functional mobile app
- Design user experience and interface (UX/UI)
- Add animations, sounds, and interactivity
- Code and complete their own mobile app from scratch

They'll explore the entire app-building process—from brainstorming to coding—and leave with a real project they can show off.

This class blends creativity with real-world tech skills in a fun, age-appropriate way.

Info-sp@wizeacademy.com



REGISTER: https://tinyurl.com/HPISD3-5



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THURSDAY (04:15 PM- 05:15 PM)

OCT 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 NOV 6, 13, 20

MEET, GREET & PUTT with the Lady Scots!

Join the Lady Scots Golf Team for an afternoon of tee-rific fun!

Grab your putter and your friends for a round of miniature golf, laughs, and memories on the green. Whether you're a golf pro or just along for the fun, it's sure to be a hole-in-one kind of day!

Sunday, October 5th 4:00 – 6:00 PM

\$45 per player open to all students (grades 3rd – 9th)

Questions - Please email Coach Trent Trentm@hpisd.org

Spots are limited, so swing into action and sign up today!

Let's putt the fun in fundraising!





2025 HP Cheer Hamburger Supper

The Highland Park Cheerleaders, Scotsmen and Spirited Scots are proud to announce the 36th Annual Hamburger Supper which will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025. Hamburger Supper will be in the HPHS cafeteria before the Homecoming football game. Burger House will provide their famous burgers and even more famous fries! Dine in with us from 5:00-7:00PM or take out from 4:30-6:00PM. We hope you will support HP Cheer by purchasing dinner tickets, t-shirts, raffle tickets or by choosing one of our underwriting options. The money raised will help us cheer on our winning Scots teams by paying for bus rentals to and from athletic events, professional instruction, pep rally decorations, contributing to the new state of the art cheer gym and locker room, cheer camp and more!

Thank you for your generosity and we hope to see you at Hamburger Supper! GO SCOTS!!

Follow @hp.cheer on Instagram for updates!

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"creativity takes courage" -henri matisse

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