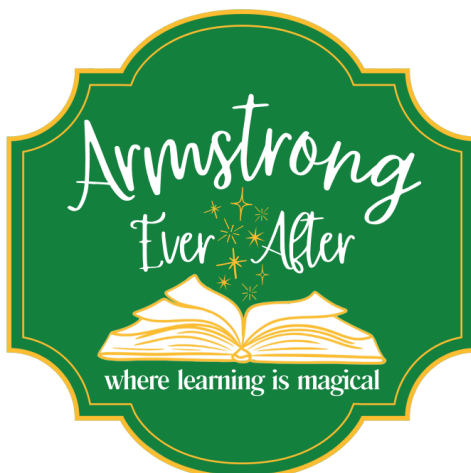




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



October

- 27 - 31 Red Ribbon Week/Spirit Days (details below)
- 31 - Kindergarten Character Parade (Read registration details below)
- 31 - Pumpkin Spectacular (Please Volunteer Below)

November

- 3-4 Student Holiday - Staff Professional Development Days
- 11 - Veteran's Day Program
- 5-7 Brother Bill's Food Donation Drive
- 24 - 28 Student and Staff Holiday

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



October 27, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

This time of the year brings excitement, fun, and engaging learning! On Friday, October 31, Halloween starts with a fun character parade for our kindergarten students. They will dress as their favorite book character and parade around the school so that all the students and staff can enjoy the fun! We will also have our Pumpkin Spectacular on Friday! Students will be engaged in a variety of STEAM activities while enjoying the pumpkin theme and festivities. There are volunteer positions available on signup.com, and we appreciate our Dads Club volunteers for managing the pumpkin carving for each grade level.

HPISD is continuing to accept Heart at Work nominations for the current school year. We are looking for the “unsung heroes” who are going the “extra mile” in serving our students, staff, families and community. Nominate [Here!](#)



[Submit your Shoutout here!](#)

Ms. Rigg is the perfect balance of sweet, nurturing, and firm! She truly cares for the children and their education, and it shows. She notices and celebrates the smallest of wins for the children which shows she really cares for each. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful teacher this year!

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

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins
Principal



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PLEASE JOIN AS WE CELEBRATE BEING DRUG-FREE DURING

Red Ribbon Week

SPIRIT DAYS

MONDAY 10/27



TEAM UP AGAINST
DRUGS! WEAR
YOUR FAVORITE
TEAM SPIRIT WEAR

TUESDAY 10/28



DRUG FREE FROM
HEAD TO FEET!
WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE SOCKS
AND HAT

WEDNESDAY 10/29



RED OUT! WEAR
AS MUCH RED AS
YOU CAN!

THURSDAY 10/30



GIVE DRUGS THE
BOOT! WEAR
YOUR FAVORITE
BOOTS

FRIDAY 10/31



ARMSTRONG EAGLES
STAND TOGETHER!
WEAR ARMSTRONG
SPIRIT WEAR

Red Ribbon Week

What is Red Ribbon Week?



Red Ribbon Week is a special week recognized around the country. This week-long celebration of events is designed to educate and increase awareness about drug prevention.



At Armstrong Elementary, we consider this a great time to pledge to be drug free and to reflect on ways that we can maintain a happy and healthy lifestyle.



During this week, we will emphasize making responsible choices that can help students be and do their very best in school and in life.



We would like to encourage everyone to bring healthy snacks to school and to participate in the fun dress-up days.



Kindergarten Character Parade Friday, 8:15am



If you are an approved volunteer, you should NOT register at this link.

If you sign into the school as a visitor each time, you SHOULD register at this link so that we can print your visitor badge ahead of time. If you are an **approved volunteer**, please bring your badge and sign in as a **VOLUNTEER** on the day of the event via your phone and QR codes provided in the office. Volunteers, DO NOT sign up for the "event" on the day of the parade - ALWAYS sign in as a VOLUNTEER.

[Register Here \(Non-approved Volunteers\)](#)

Armstrong Elementary

THANKS

FOOD DRIVE

GIVING

Benefiting Brother Bill's Helping Hand

Your generous donations will support Brother Bill's Helping Hand by supplying food to more than 500 households in the Dallas area!

Requested Food Items (per bag)

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Box of Stuffing Mix• 1 Can of Sweet Potatoes• 1 Can of Green Beans• 1 Can of Fruit (mixed fruit cocktail or single) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Bag of Rice• 1 Bag of Pinto Beans• 1 Bag of Kidney Beans• 1 Bag of Elbow Macaroni• 1 Can of Pie Filling (pumpkin, apple, etc.) |
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Items Will Be Collected

NOVEMBER

5-7

Drop Off in the Auditorium

Please fill a brown paper grocery bag with each of the food items mentioned above and have your child drop it off at the Armstrong Auditorium.

Let's get to 100% Participation!

STUFF THOSE BAGS AND FILL THOSE SHELVES!

The class with the most donations will feast on a fun surprise during Family Lunch!

**Please volunteer below to help your classroom with
Pumpkin Spectacular!
(Lots of space left)**

ARMSTRONG
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PUMPKIN
SPECTACULAR



OCTOBER 31

Get ready for a day of STEM fun,
pumpkin carving, and creativity!
Check your email for details!

[Sign up to help your classroom here!](#)



BLOOD *Drive*



Officer J.T. from Waxahachie, TX
Blood Recipient

Receive a
blanket.*



Tuesday, December 9, 2025
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Schedule an
appointment



CarterBloodCare.org
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

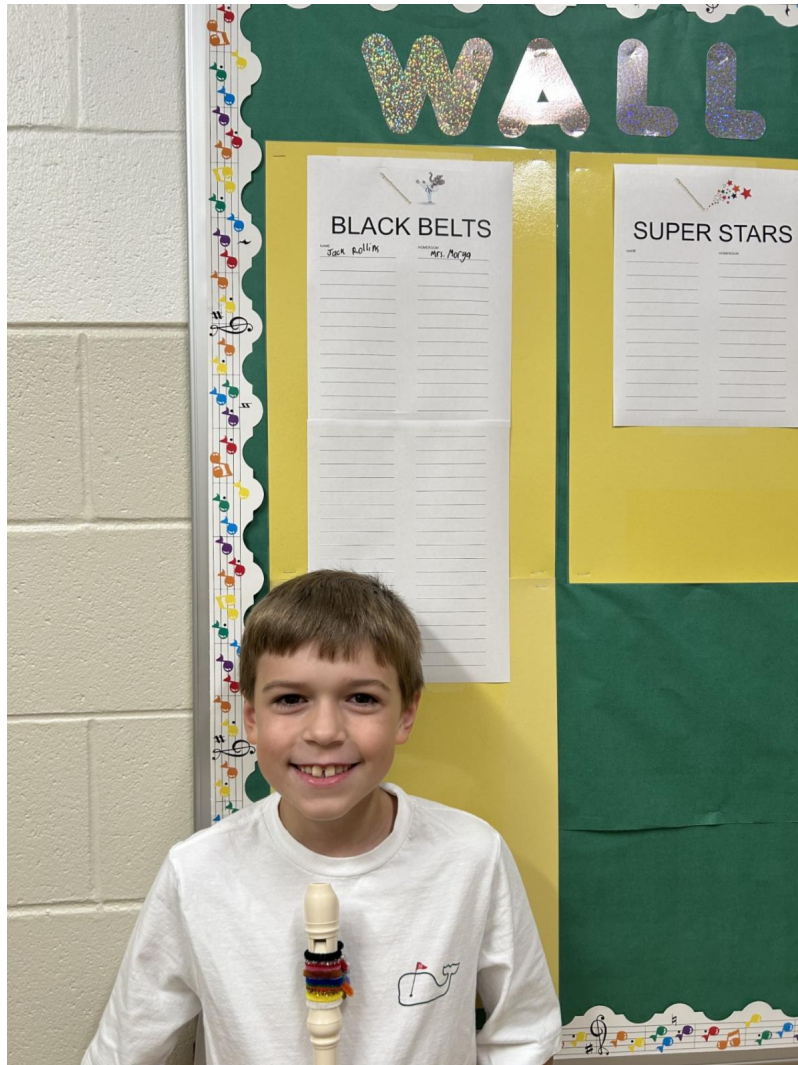
*While supplies last. Appreciation gifts may be substituted for a different gift.

John S. Armstrong Elementary
Carter BloodCare Bus
3600 Cornell Avenue
Dallas, TX 75205

Third Grade Explorations is excited to announce that Armstrong is hosting a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, December 9th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and help save lives.

We warmly invite you to sign up and participate. Your donation can make a big difference! Please sign up to reserve your time slot.

[Sign Up Here](#)



The Armstrong Fourth Graders have begun playing the recorder during music class, and they are loving it! Having earned all twelve Recorder Karate belts, this year's first Black Belt is Jack Rollins. Jack has even formed a Recorder Club which meets after school. The members help each other with notes and fingering while also concentrating on correct rhythm reading.

Dianne Morgan
HIGHLAND PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Music Teacher, Armstrong Elementary

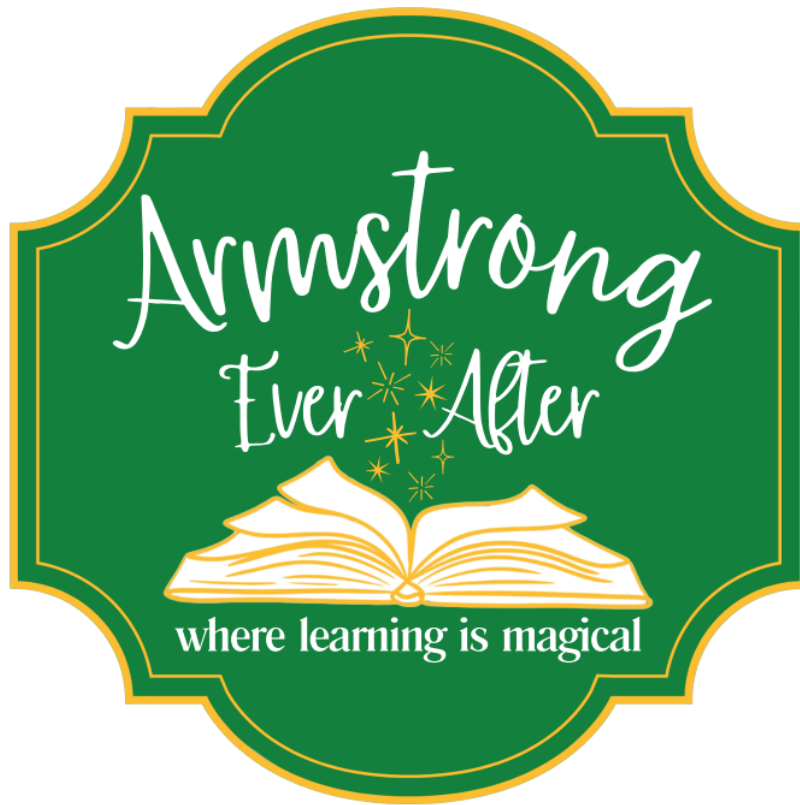
MorganD@hpsd.org

The Armstrong Second Graders recently presented their International Dance Program. They performed dances from Bolivia, Brazil, Germany, England, and Serbia. These community dances featured circle dances, dances with partners, dances in longways sets, and dances with scarves. This energetic program was enthusiastically received by both the school audience and the parents





PTA News





SPECIAL OFFER

ARMSTRONG'S MINTED PARTNERSHIP

**20% OFF HOLIDAY &
MINTED DONATES
10% TO ARMSTRONG**

CODE: FUNDRAISEARMSTRONG

www.minted.com/holiday



Volunteers Needed!

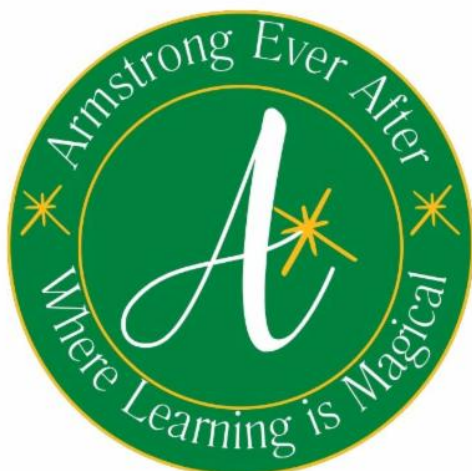


NEW SHIFTS ADDED

*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!](#)



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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 SOFTBALL PRESENTS

MEET THE SCOTS



GAMES

POPCORN

PICTURES

PLAYERS

SUNDAY

9 NOVEMBER 25

5 PM

HPHS Softball Field

330 Westchester Drive

5pm Kids Activities/ Games

6pm Movie in Outfield

Blankets and Chairs Welcome



MEET THE SCOTS/HOOPS & HOT SAUCE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH (6-8 PM)

**MEET THE PLAYERS-AUTOGRAPHS/PHOTOS
SHOOTING CONTEST FOR KIDS-MUST REGISTER BY QR CODE**



**HOOPS & HOT SAUCE SHIRT,
BASKETBALLS, RAFFLE & TACOS**

ORDER ONLINE USING QR CODE

HPHS MAIN GYM





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!"

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