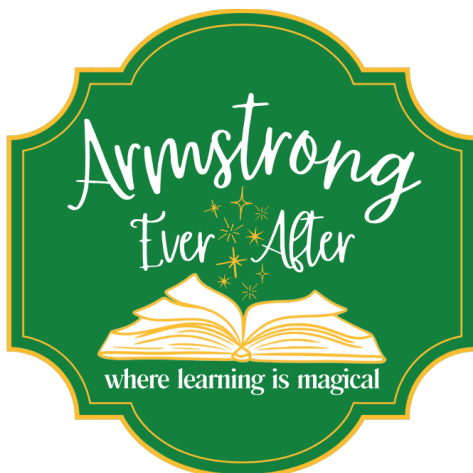




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



September

- 15 - 19 - Armstrong Book Fair
- 17 - Pre-K Fall Parent Party (Holmberg Residence)
- 18 - 4th Grade Fall Parent Party (Cheek Residence)
- 24 - PTA Meeting
- 24 - 3rd Grade Fall Parent Party (Malai Kitchen)
- 25 - 2nd Grade Fall Parent Party (Ozona's)

October

- 1 - 1st Grade Fall Parent Party (Ramble Room)

- 2 - Kinder Fall Parent Party (Butani Residence)
- 3 - Bike Rodeo
- 8-9 - 3rd Grade Invention Convention
- 10 - Founders Day Picnic
- 13 - Student Holiday
- 17 - Armstrong Movie Night
- 22 - PTA Volunteer Fair and Nominating Form released

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



September 15, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

In accordance with Texas Senate Bill 12, HPISD is required to collect annual parent consent for routine school-based health and counseling services. These services, provided by nurses, athletic trainers, and counselors, have not changed—only the requirement for yearly consent is new.

To complete the form, log in to Skyward Family Access, open “25-26 HPISD Notification & Consent for Services,” and indicate your consent for each child. For details, visit hpid.org/ParentalConsent.

In addition, please note that we will be conducting state mandated health screenings (hearing, vision and acanthosis nigricans) on September 24, 2025 for all students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade and 4 year old preschool students. If you would like to opt out of these screenings for your child, please contact Claire Neal nealcl@HPISD.org or Paige McWay mcwayp@HPISD.org or 214-780-3120.



[Submit your Shoutout here!](#)

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

Miss A and Mrs. Talley were such rockstars to come to see some of the first grade girls soccer players play each other on Wednesday night! They took time out of their schedules after school to come see the Sparklers play the Eagles and it was the highlight of the kid's night! True celebrities and so sweet!

Miss Massey has been such a great teacher and bright light for our child! She is having the best year and comes home so happy each day and also can't wait to get back to school in the mornings.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the entire staff for the incredible care shown to our students last Friday during the gas leak. I was so impressed by how every teacher and staff member responded — calm, attentive, and completely focused on keeping our children safe. Their professionalism and compassion turned a stressful situation into one where students still felt cared for and secure. The leadership and team's preparedness made all the difference. Each person knew their role and carried it out with grace and confidence. The reunification process was very efficient and reassuring. A huge shout-out to Officer Robertson for catching the leak and getting everyone to safety so quickly, and to Central Admin for coming to lend a helping hand! I am deeply grateful for everyone's quick thinking, calm presence, and true love for our kids.

Mrs. Pena is so thoughtful in the creative ways she makes learning fun! From Flashlight Friday Reading to having stuffie "reading buddies" at Independent Reading, it's the little things that can make a big difference. From a mom who's kiddo is not reading's biggest fan, these thoughtful strategies have helped! We are so grateful for Mrs. Pena.

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@hpsid.org



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@armstrongeaglesHP
@armstrongptapresident
@thearmstrongdadsclub

When your student is absent, please email us:

arattendance@hpsid.org

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

Thank you!





**Be part of the story and
grab a shift at the book fair**

**Monday-Friday,
September 15th-19th
8:30am - 3:30pm**



Presented by:



Wander beneath the leafy arches of imagination and discover treasures in every story!

Join us at Armstrong's Enchanted Book Fair
Monday, September 15 - Friday, September 19
8:30am - 3:30pm.

Bring your curiosity, your love for reading and a touch of fairy dust!

Students will be able to shop during the day at their normal library time and parents may accompany them during this time. Parents and students will also be able to shop after school.

Keep an eye out for **teacher wish lists**, they will be selecting books for every classroom and families will be given the opportunity to purchase these selections for them.

The book fair once again is going cashless! All major credit cards and apple pay are accepted! If you are interested in purchasing the **Literati gift card** to make **payments easy for your kids** please go into the link below. Funds left over on gift card can be used online before the book fair ends, any money left over after that will be considered a donation to both Literati and the school.

<https://literati.com/a/gift-card>

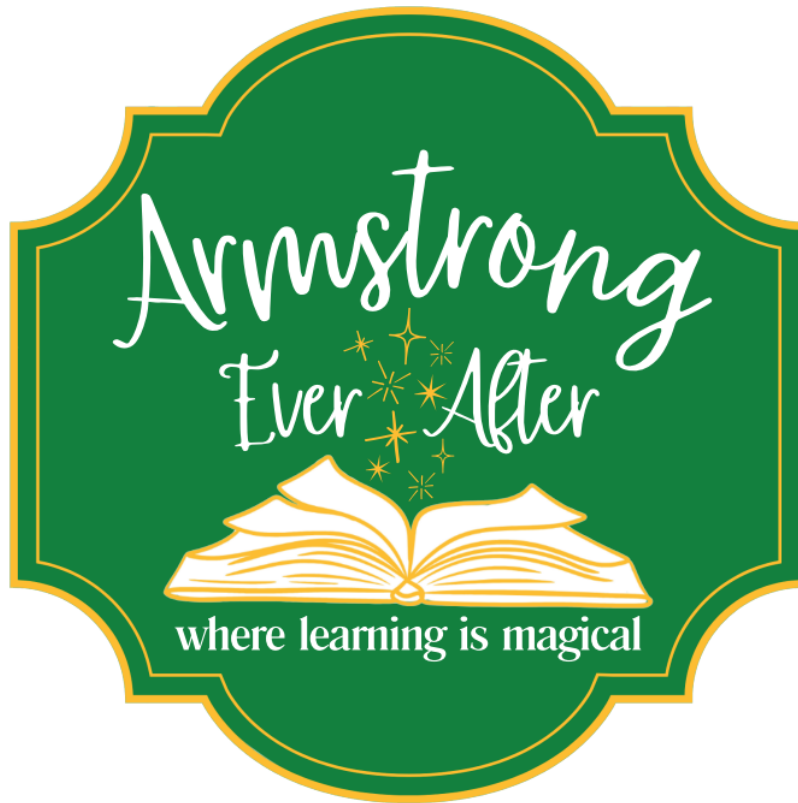
We are still looking for some extra volunteers for Monday, September 22 at 8:00am to **HELP US PACK UP THE BOOK FAIR**. Thank you to everyone that is already volunteering through out book fair week.

<https://signup.com/go/triXBwu>

From picture books for our youngest adventurers to novels for older readers, there is something in store for everyone! Here, books are the key to every magical door!

Happily ever after,
The Armstrong Book Fair Team
Claire Arnot, Maria Quiroz, Hilary Von Buren, Heather Cappelletto

The logo for PTA News features the text "PTA News" in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline. The letters are set against a solid green rectangular background. The "PTA" is in all caps, while "News" is in title case. The font is a playful, rounded sans-serif style.



LACURE

Sponsoring:

ARMSTRONG *Bike* RODEO



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



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!](#)

 **Fall Parent Parties Are 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.

- **Pre-K:** Sept. 17, 6–8 PM, The Holmberg's Home
- **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
- **4th Grade: Sept. 18, The Cheeks Home**

We can't wait to see you all there!



Invention Convention | Armstrong
Elementary
armstrongpta.org

CREATE SOMETHING NEW!

ANNUAL ARMSTRONG INVENTION CONVENTION

REQUIRED FOR ALL 3RD GRADERS

*OTHER GRADES MAY PARTICIPATE

INTENT-TO-INVENT FORM DUE: THURSDAY, SEPT 25TH

*PLEASE TURN FORMS IN TO YOUR TEACHER

PROJECTS DUE: WEDNESDAY, OCT 8TH

*PROJECTS DUE BETWEEN 7:30-7:50 AM | PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SMALL GYM

CLICK HERE

FOR MORE DETAILS, INTENT-TO-INVENT FORMS
& PARENT JUDGE SIGN UPS

QUESTIONS :

LINDSAY BARNES & JENNA FRY
INVENTIONCONVENTION@ARMSTRONGPTA.ORG

PRESENTED BY:



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 *Last Day to purchase tickets October 1*

FOUNDER'S DAY *Picnic*

*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

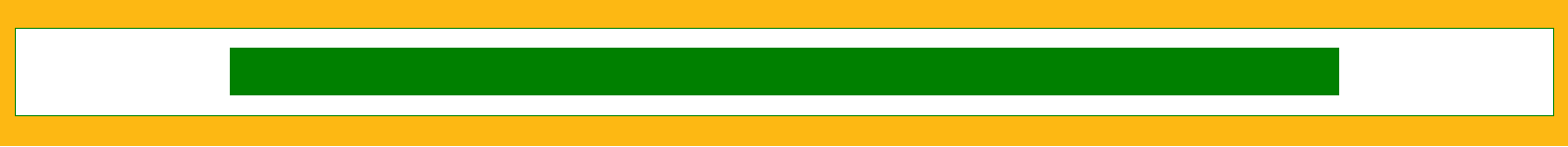
4TH GRADE:

GREEN: 12:20PM

MORGA: 12:25PM

KUEHN: 12:30PM

WALTERS: 12:35PM



Armstrong

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Oct 17

Pre-show 6:00 PM • Movie 7:00 PM

Armstrong Elementary Big Field

FREE
pizza,
popcorn &
snow cones!

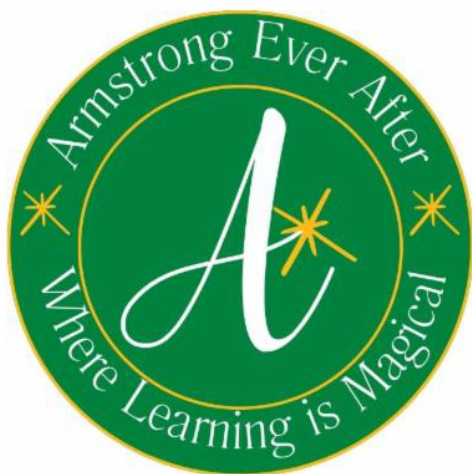


face painting ♦ balloon & airbrush artists ♦ crafts
glitter tattoos ♦ hula-hoop contest and more

TITLE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE!

Click [HERE](#) for magical perks, including
selecting the movie!

Bring blankets/chairs ♦ PJs or costumes encouraged!



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

Together
WE WILL
HIGHLAND PARK VOLLEYBALL ♥ 2025



Highland Park Volleyball

YOUTH NIGHT



Friday September 26th



vs. Newman Smith

Serve-to-Win
Game!

Varsity 5:30pm

JV1 & Freshman 6:30pm

Drawing for a
chance to be
Captain for a
Day!

Free Admission 6th Grade and under



HPVB 2025 Captains
Caroline Fenton & Gigi Whan



FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

"creativity takes courage" -henri matisse

"Use the following link to see the HPISD Fine Arts Department newsletter! <https://secure.smores.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!"

WE ARE *Hiring*

SUBSTITUTES

Ready to make a difference?

Join Highland Park ISD as a Substitute Teacher and support student success – on your schedule!

WHY JOIN HPISD?

- Flexible Schedule
- Competitive Pay
- Supportive School Environment
- Great opportunity for retirees, college students and those exploring a rewarding career path

REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Minimum 48 college hours

SUBSTITUTE PAY RATES:

General Instructional Substitutes
starting at:

\$125/day (non-certified teacher)

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Scan the QR code
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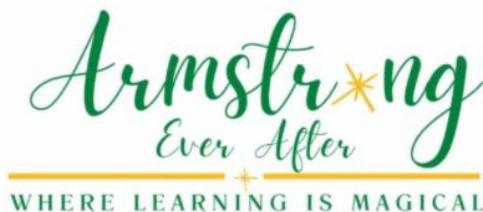
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