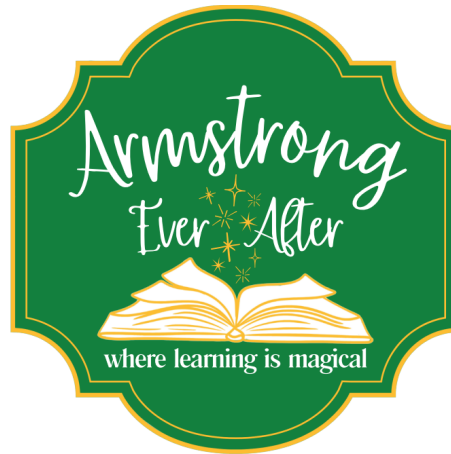




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



October

- 17 - Armstrong Movie Night
- 22 - All Things Armstrong/ PTA Volunteer Fair
- 22 - PTA Volunteer Fair and Nominating Form released
- 23 - Individual Photo Retakes
- 24 - 2nd Grade International Dance Performance, 8:15am
- 24 - Deadline for Veteran Picture submission
- 24 - Deadline for Veteran Tee-shirt orders
- 27 - 31 Red Ribbon Week/Spirit Days (details below)
- 31 - Kindergarten Character Parade

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 14, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

Thank you to our families for attending the Founder's Day picnic last Friday! It is a great celebration of a successful beginning of our school year at Armstrong. It is difficult to believe that we have completed the first nine weeks of the 25-26 school year! I want to provide a reminder that report cards grades will be available in Skyward on Friday, October 17. The district grading system and report cards have been updated this school year based on parent and educator feedback. I will discuss this in more detail next Wednesday, October 22 at All Things Armstrong, but here is a brief explanation of the standards-based reporting scale:

4: The student consistently demonstrates understanding and application of the standard. Work is accurate, complete, and independent. (This student knows this content so well that they could TEACH it.)

3: The student demonstrates understanding and application of the standard with minimal errors. Work is generally accurate and complete, showing readiness to move forward. (This student is on grade level with this content.)

2: The student demonstrates partial understanding of the standard but may lack consistency or accuracy. Errors or misconceptions are present, and support is sometimes needed to complete tasks. (Some of the content may also still be in the process of being taught/learned.)

1: The student demonstrates limited understanding of the standard. Work is often incomplete, inaccurate, or requires significant support. The student is not yet meeting grade-level expectations.

I also want to be clear that grading may not be consistently equivalent through the entire year. For example, in the area of phonics, a student may score at a 3 for the beginning quarter, with simple content such as reading CVC words. However, that same student may be struggling during the second quarter, due to the phonics content becoming more challenging, such as using diagraphs. Due to the increased level of

difficulty, this student might score a 2 in the area of phonics. It depends upon the individual student. At the bottom of the report card, there will be a key with an explanation of grading for core subjects and Specials.

Report cards, assessment data, and individual student needs and responses will be discussed at parent-teacher conferences in the coming weeks. Please feel free to contact me or your child's classroom teacher for more information. We are so proud of our students and their teachers!



[Submit your Shoutout here!](#)

Shoutout to Ms. Vela! We are so incredibly grateful for everything you do for our child. As his school therapist, you go above and beyond every single day—not only with him, but with us as a family. You always take the time to answer my many questions and give us so many helpful ideas and strategies to keep practicing at home. He is talking so much more now, and it's truly thanks to your dedication, patience, and care. You're just amazing, Ms. Vela—we appreciate you more than words can say!

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
cumminb@hpsid.org



@armstrong_eagles
@armstrongeaglesHP
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@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!**



2nd Grade Dance Performance - October 24, 2025 at 8:15am in the Large Gym.

Please RSVP Below:

Please use the visitor link below if you are not an approved volunteer, if you are an approved for volunteer, please bring your badge and sign-in the day of the performance.

Thank you!

[Visitor RSVP](#)

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.



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!

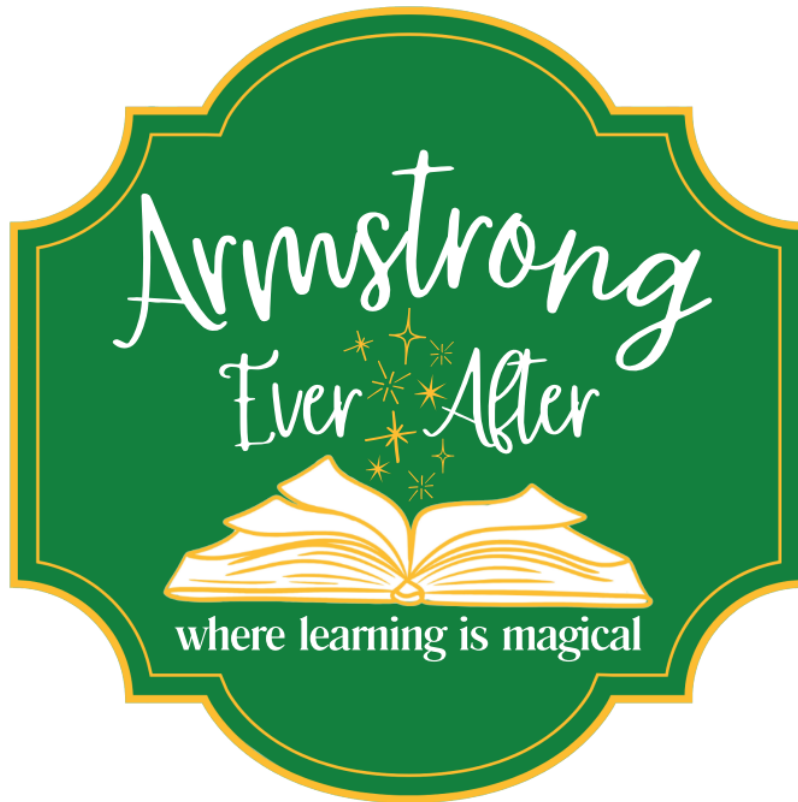
The class with the most donations will feast on a fun surprise during Family Lunch!



[Pre-order Armstrong Veterans Day T-Shirt](#)

Pre-Order your Armstrong Veterans Day T-Shirts now through October 24!

PTA News



All Things Armstrong & PTA Volunteer Fair



Wednesday, October 22
8:15am
Armstrong Auditorium

All Things Armstrong and PTA Volunteer Fair, Wednesday, October 22nd 8:15am in the Auditorium

Come here Principal Cummins give an All Things Armstrong Update and then have the opportunity to meet existing and past board members, hear about their roles and committees and learn how YOU can make a difference in the Armstrong Community! If you are interested in serving on the PTA for the 2026 - 2027 school year, you will need to submit an intent form or be slated by the Nominating Committee. Please register to let us know you are joining the fun and contact our PTA President Elect, Natalie Lesikar, presidentelect@armstrongpta.org for more information!

Please RSVP below:

Read Carefully - if you have not been approved as a Volunteer for the year, you will RSVP as a visitor.

If you are on the approved Volunteer list - you will register as a volunteer and you will sign in on the morning of the event.

If you are on the "Volunteer" list, you will always sign in as a volunteer even if you are not volunteering at a specific event.

Signing in as a visitor will invalidate your access to sign in on the day of an event.

If you have not filled out your background check for "volunteer" status

- https://www.hpsid.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=930616&type=d&pREC_ID=1309429

Please click on this link and you will not have to continue to pull out your ID to visit the school.

[Visitors RSVP here!](#)

[Volunteers Register Here!](#)

Armstrong PTA Volunteer Fair



Wednesday, October 22
7:00pm
3612 Potomac

Armstrong PTA Volunteer Fair, Wednesday, October 22nd 7pm at the home of Brooke Garner, 3612 Potomac.

Come and join us at 7pm at the home of Nominating Chair, Brooke Garner, for the opportunity to meet existing and past board members, hear about their roles and committees and learn how YOU can make a difference in the Armstrong Community! If you are interested in serving on the PTA for 2026 - 2027, you will need to submit an intent form or be slated by the Nominating Committee. Please register [here](#) to let us know you are joining the fun and contact our PTA President Elect, Natalie Lesikar, for more information!



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!](#)

Come watch Shrek on the Armstrong Field Friday Night!

Armstrong

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Oct 17

Pre-show 6:00 PM • Movie 7:00 PM



**RSVP below to enjoy a free
movie night under the stars in
Armstrong's Big Field!**

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

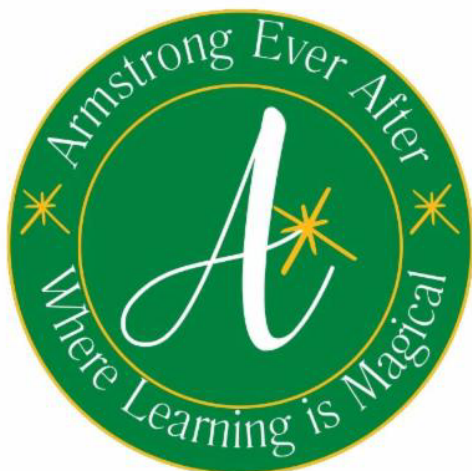
Bring blankets/chairs ♦ PJs or costumes encouraged!

[RSVP Here!](#)

[Volunteer to help here!](#)



Please help us salute our nation's heroes during Armstrong's Veterans Day celebration by sending in photos of veterans and active-duty service members in your family! Photos will be displayed on Armstrong's Wall of Honor near the main entrance leading up to the celebration on Monday, November 11. **Please submit your photo(s) via email by 5:00PM on Friday October 24** to veteransday@armstrongpta.org. Ideal submission is a military portrait or other solo photo in uniform. **Be sure to include: veteran's name, rank, branch, dates active (if known), and relationship to Armstrong student(s).** If you submitted pictures in the past, we still have them and will display them for the duration of your time at Armstrong.



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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



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AFTER-SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLUB – FALL 2025



WIZE
Computing Academy

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
- 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
ELEMENTARY**



**TOTAL FOR 8
SESSIONS: \$320**

**WEDNESDAY
(04:15 PM– 05:15 PM)**

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



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AFTER-SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLUB – FALL 2025



WIZE
Computing Academy

GRADE 3–5: MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT

Turn your child's ideas into real apps!

In this beginner-friendly class, students will:

- 💡 Learn 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**

CHEERLEADERS & SCOTSMEN



Hamburger Supper

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!

[Purchase Tickets, T-Shirts and Raffle Tickets Here](#)



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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!"



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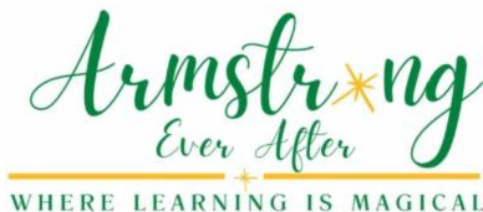
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