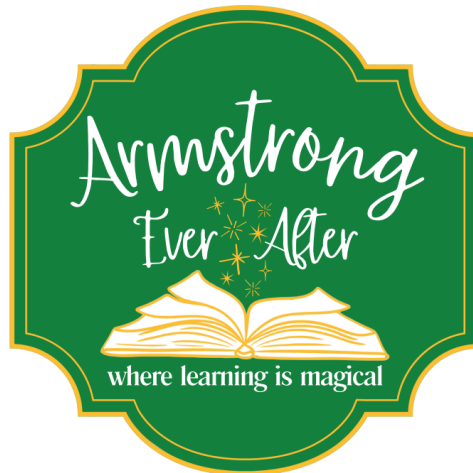




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



September

- 12 - **Parents Night Out - Miss Pence and Miss Katz**
- 8 - 15 - Class Contests supporting Armstrong Auction
- 11 - **Individual Picture Day**
- 11 - PTA Open Session - *Where to your Donations Go?*
- 12 - PTA Gift Committee Requests due
- 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 8, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

Thank you, again, for your patience and support on Friday during our evacuation and reunification due to a minor gas leak. We appreciate your understanding and responsiveness during the entire process. Our teachers and staff followed all protocols to ensure our students were safe and calm. I am truly grateful for an amazing team of parents, teachers, and staff that always keep student safety a top priority.

We have several exciting school activities coming up, so mark your calendars for the important dates in September and October! These dates and events will be listed at the beginning of each Armstrong Article, and details will be included throughout the article. We are grateful for the support of our PTA and Dads Club in planning these exciting school events!



[Submit your Shoutout here!](#)

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

Ms. Massey is truly the BEST! She has started the year loving on her new group of kids and truly becoming their biggest advocate. We are sooo lucky to have Ms. Massey as our 3rd grade teacher this year!

During our family dinners, we ask our kids to share the best part of their day. Without hesitation, they both give the same answer: "Being with Mrs. Cothran!" What an incredible reflection of the joy and care she brings to the classroom each day. We are so thankful for the positive start to the school year, and for the way she makes school and learning to read such a happy experience. Thank you, Mrs. Cothran, for making such a wonderful impact on our kids and our family!

Attached you will find a copy of the State of Texas 2022-23 School Report Card for Armstrong Elementary. This report is required by the Texas Legislature and prepared by the Texas Education Agency. It is sent to the family of every child enrolled in a Texas public school. The report provides information concerning student performance on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), College, Career, and Military Readiness, as well as information on student enrollment, class size averages, and financial expenditures. Due to judicial proceedings, the release of the 2023 School Report Card was significantly delayed. Alongside our 2023 School Report Card, we encourage you to visit [TXschools.gov](https://www.txschools.gov) to learn more about our school's performance in the 2024-25 school year. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this report card. Thank you for your continued support of Armstrong Elementary.

State of Texas 2022-23 School Report Card for Armstrong Elementary

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins
Principal
cumminb@hpsid.org



@armstrong_eagles
@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:



FERRARI
ORTHODONTICS

Your story awaits!

Join us for our annual Book Fair!

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 before school at **7:30am on Monday Sept. 15.** The book fair is open till 3:30pm on Mon - Thurs, it will close on Friday at 3:10.

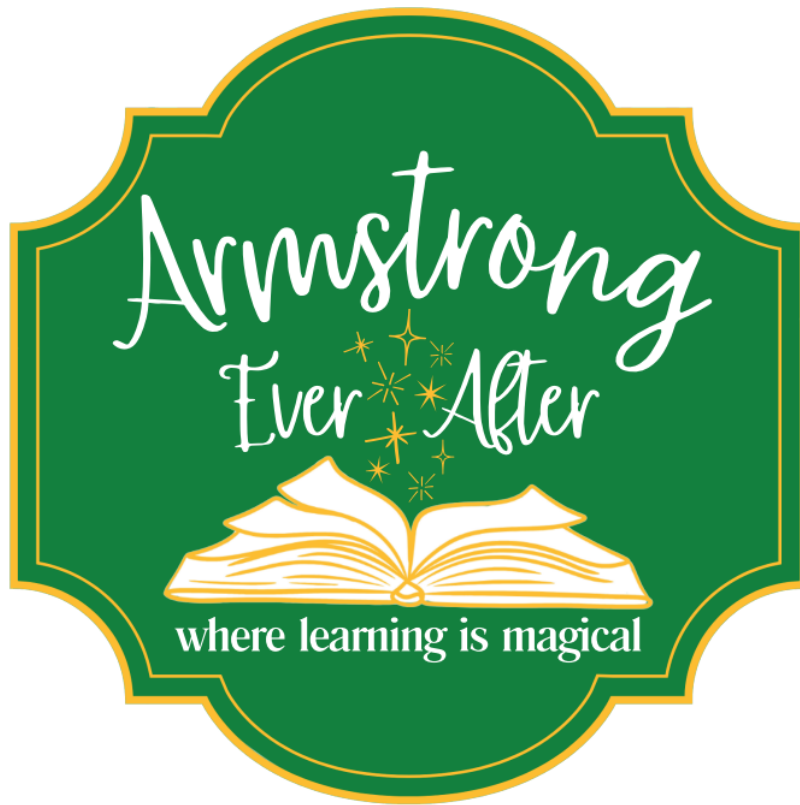
Teacher wish lists for classroom books will also be available for purchase.

Volunteers needed for 15 minutes afterschool-
sign up HERE. <https://signup.com/go/triXBwu>

Credit Cards, Cash, Apple Pay, Literati Account are all accepted.

Happily ever after,
The Armstrong book fair team
Clair Arnot, Maria Quiroz, Hilary Von Buren,
Heather Cappelletto, Michelle Gould

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.



WHY DOES THE PTA FUNDRAISE?



Please join the Armstrong PTA for a presentation providing a closer look into our fundraising efforts and the needs of Armstrong Elementary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 8AM | ARMSTRONG AUDITORIUM

Presented by:
Monet Ball, PTA President
Lauren Conway, VP of Development
Besty Cummins, Armstrong Principal

Join Us for a Special PTA Session - Why does the PTA Fundraise?

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 11 at 8:00 AM in the Armstrong Auditorium**. Our PTA President, **Monet Ball**, will be hosting an open meeting where she'll walk us through one of the most common questions: *"Why does the PTA Fundraise, and Where does the money go?"*

Come learn how your generous donations are making a difference—supporting programs, events, and resources that help our students and teachers thrive. This is a great opportunity to see the impact of your support and hear how we're investing in our amazing school community!

Come grab your coffee, bring a friend, and get the inside scoop!

Presented by:
Monet Ball, PTA President
Lauren Conway, VP Development
Betsy Cummins, Armstrong Principle

Sign Up to Volunteer



Shifts begin

Tuesday, September 9th

*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!



PTA Gift Committee Requests

The Armstrong PTA Gift Committee meets twice a year. The Gift Committee meets to review, approve and fund our school's educational programs, recurring expenses, classroom requests and other school enhancements. Parents are welcome to submit ANY gift requests for enhancing the learning environment at Armstrong. Click [HERE](#) to fill out a Gift Request Form. All Gift Request Forms are due by 3:30 PM on Friday, September 12th for consideration. Please submit any questions to Natalie Lesikar, 2025 - 2026 Gift Committee Chair.

Natalie Metzger Lesikar

Armstrong PTA President - Elect | 2025-2026

John S. Armstrong Elementary | 3600 Cornell Ave | Dallas, TX 75205

C: 214.621.8002 | E: presidentelect@armstrongpta.org | W: armstrongpta.org



BIKE RODEO SPONSORSHIP

We are currently seeking a sponsor to help make Armstrong Bike Rodeo a success.

If you're interested in supporting this magical event, please visit the Bike Rodeo Sponsorship page [here!](#)

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:



Medical City
Children's Hospital



 *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



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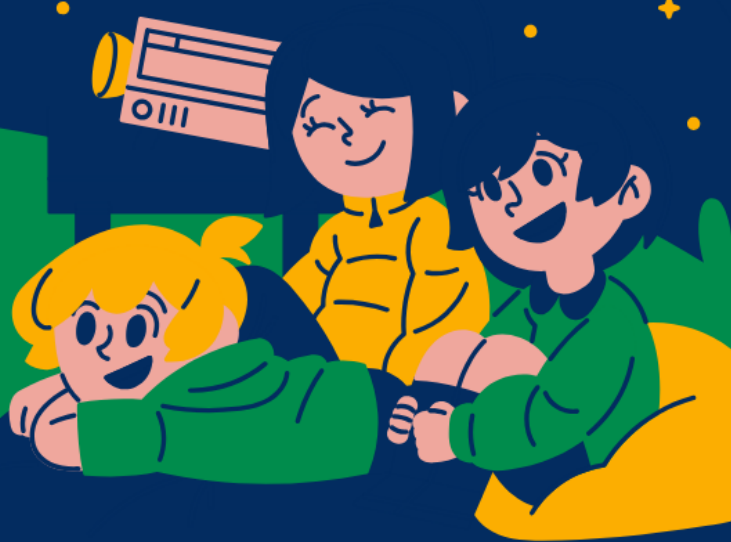
MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Oct 17

Pre-show 6:00 PM • Movie 7:00 PM

Armstrong Elementary Big Field

FREE
popcorn
& snow
cones!



face painting ♦ balloon artist ♦ craft table
glitter tattoos ♦ hula-hoop contest
♦ food & candy for purchase ♦

Grant the wish:

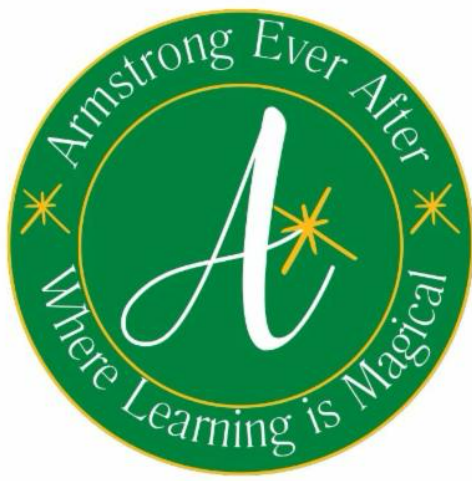
email development@armstrongpta.org

to be the Title Sponsor

& pick the fairytale feature!



Bring blankets/chairs • Outdoor screening



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**



Cafeteria:

Thanks to everyone for showing up and finding a sub when you can't.

If you are unable to make your shift OR to add your name as a substitute (you pick the days) please visit the [Cafeteria sub list](#).

Please ask people from the [Cafe sub list](#), or try to swap with someone staffed on another date before asking on GroupMe. The GroupMe lists are still being updated.

If you raised your hand during BSSU and aren't already signed to a shift or as a sub, please reach out to Jimmy Ogden at cafevolunteer@armstrongpta.org or 214-998-9458, or for anything else cafeteria volunteer related.



[PTA Feedback Form](#)

Community News



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?

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- 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
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\$125/day (non-certified teacher)

\$135/day (certified teacher)

Scan the QR code
to learn more



Highland Park ISD



The Center
for Integrative Counseling
and Psychology



**THE MOODY FAMILY YMCA
AND THE CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE COUNSELING
AND PSYCHOLOGY, PRESENT A FREE MENTAL
HEALTH DISCUSSION:**

Caring Conversations: How to talk to Kids

The recent flooding tragedy in Hill Country has led us to have deep and difficult conversations with our children. We often do not feel equipped to answer our children's questions. Yet, responding to our children and having caring conversations gives validation, building confidence and resilience. Led by Dr. Brad Schwall and a panel of therapists.



Monday, September 8th

5:30pm

MOODY FAMILY YMCA



**Please scan QR code to
register and for more
information**



**BEAT JESUIT Shirts will be available
for sale on MONDAY, AUGUST 25!**



**Don't miss out on purchasing the 2025 shirt to
wear to the HP Scots vs Jesuit home game on
Friday, September 12!**

*** LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!**

<https://beat-jesuit-t-shirts.cheddarup.com/>





The 12th Annual Caniac Supper and Highland Park Auction are around the corner! Remember to purchase your Caniac Supper and Raffle tickets. Early Auction closes on 9/10 (don't miss out on Scots Season tickets and more) click [here](#) for Auction. The Caniac Football Auction opens on 9/14. Register to bid now!

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)

[Register to bid here!](#)

HP

Tennis Academy



2025 Fall Program
August 25 – December 6

Elite/Tournament Training
& Lower School

HP Tennis Academy Website



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