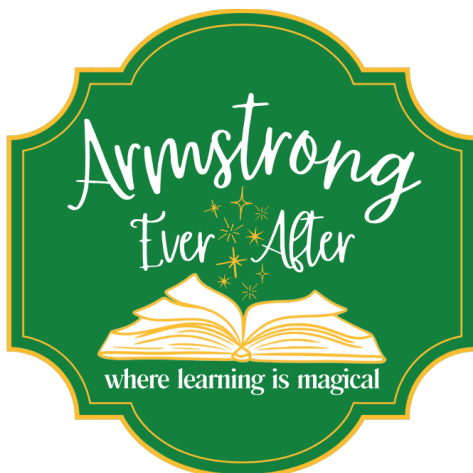




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



September

3 - Registration for PNO - 7:30am

12 - Parents Night Out - Miss Pence and Miss Katz

8 - 12 - Class Contests supporting Armstrong Auction

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October

3 - Bike Rodeo (sponsor opportunity available, see below!)

8-9 3rd Grade Invention Convention

10 - Founders Day Picnic



September 2, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

I hope you had a wonderful Labor Day holiday! It is great to see our students and staff engaged in teaching and learning throughout the day. I hope your children are feeling confident and settling into weekly routines. We loved having our parents at Curriculum Night last week to learn about district curriculum updates, classroom procedures, and other important information regarding your child's teacher and classroom. Communication is essential to a successful school year, so please reach out to the teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Our teachers shared these links earlier in the year, but I wanted to reiterate that Highland Park ISD's Family Curriculum Guides (FCGs) are ready and available for viewing [here](#). FCGs provide an overview of what students are learning in the current nine-weeks grading period. These parent-facing guides also provide information and access to additional information about steps that can be taken at home to help students achieve success by supporting their academic growth. Family Curriculum Guides are created with teachers and aligned to the HPISD Frameworks and curriculum documents. New documents will be posted each nine weeks grading period. Parents with questions or concerns are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher for additional details.

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. Gaubert has taught my son with kindness, appreciation, love, patience, and deep knowledge. She has truly made a difference in his learning and confidence.

Ms. Nelson has taken the time to sit with both of my sons, giving them extra support and guidance whenever they faced difficulties. Her patience and dedication have helped them keep up with their class and gain confidence in subjects they once found challenging. _____

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
@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!

The clinic is looking for some gently used girlshorts and leggings. Sizes 5-12. No shirts right now and no boy clothes either. If you are closet cleaning right now, please think of us.

Armstrong PNO

Friday, September 12th

with Ms. Pence and Ms. Katz!

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!

Who? K – 4th grade Armstrong students

When? Friday, September 12 - 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). Do not bring snacks or electronic devices.

[PNO Form](#)

Fall PNO Dates

September 12: Pence & Katz Registration: Sept. 3

October 10 : Ms. Amber & Ms. Parada Registration: Oct.1

November 14: 3rd Grade Team! (Auction Night) Registration: Nov. 5

December 12: Kuehn & Trent Registration: Dec. 3



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

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Class Contest 2025

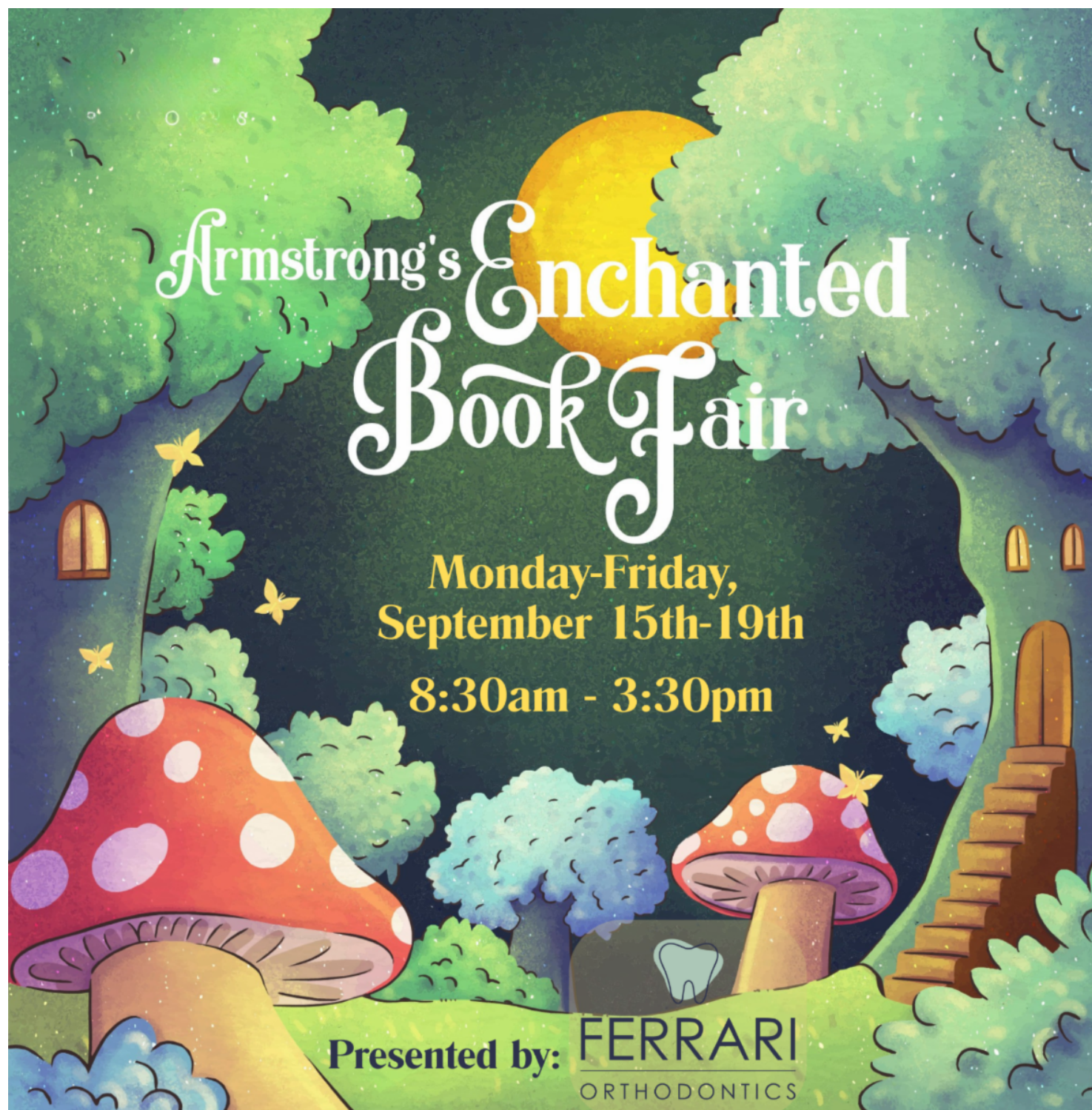
SEPTEMBER 8TH-12TH

Get ready — **Class Contests supporting the Armstrong Auction** kick-off **Monday, September 8** and run through **Friday, September 12**! We're curating a show-stopping lineup for our silent and live auctions, and **we'd love for you to be part of it!** Have unique items or access to one-of-a-kind experiences? Send them our way! This could include sports packages, vacation home access, airline miles, golf outings, event tickets, artwork, or anything else you think would be highly sought after! Or, join the excitement with a suggested \$30 per child contribution, which helps us enhance our luxury live packages with coveted gift cards.

If your Family Giving Level covers one or more of your children for Class Contest credit, then you will receive an email from the Benefits Chairs. However, feel free to still donate items if you'd like!

All classes with 100% participation will be rewarded with a special treat! Check your child's take home folder on Friday (9/5) for a blue envelope or the PTA website (<https://www.armstrongpta.org>) for more information.

Want to get a head start? Click here (<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/john-s-armstrong-school-parent-teachers-association/class-contest-2025>) to donate through givelively today!



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 and after school.

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

***VIP *Book Fair Preview**

Monday September 15- from 7:30-8:00

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

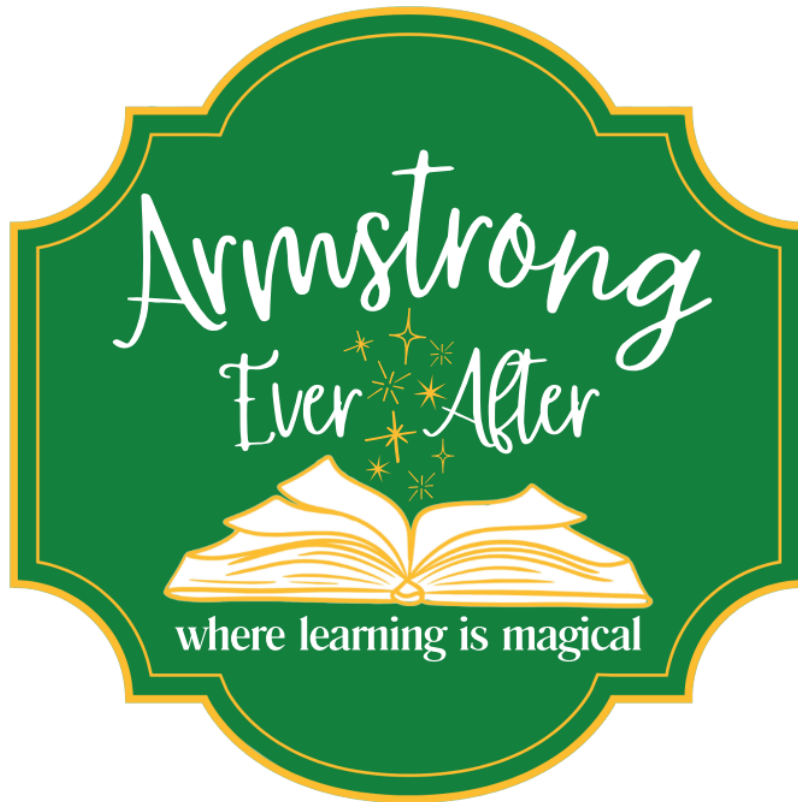
Happily ever after,

The Armstrong book fair team

Clair Arnot, Maria Quiroz, Hilary Von Buren, Heather Cappelletto, Michelle Gould



PTA News

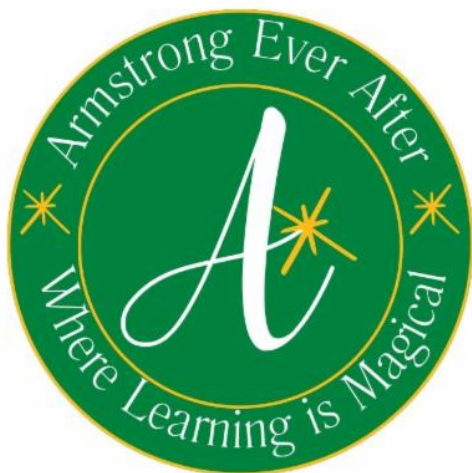




BIKE RODEO SPONSORSHIP

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!](#)**



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!



DirectorySpot

Thank you to our
Directory Sponsor:
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2025-2026 DirectorySpot is LIVE!

The Armstrong Directory App is currently available to everyone who purchased a PTA Membership during Back-to-School Sign-Up!

If you are an existing user of the app from last year, you do not need to do anything to access the updated data as long as you purchased a directory this year.

New users, simply follow the instructions below for access:

- 1) Go to directoryspot.net and click on "Login" in the upper right-hand corner.
- 2) Enter your email address as your Username, and click on "Reset Password."
An email will be sent to you with a link to set your password.
- 3) Click on the link in your email to set your password and login.

Questions?

Reach out to Directory@armstrongpta.org

**Need an Armstrong PTA Membership
with access to the Directory? Click Here**

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





We've had a great first few weeks in the cafeteria with only one missed shift. We've had seamless substitutes made ahead of time. Let's keep that going into September.

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

We are updating the daily GroupMe groups to reflect the people currently staffed or willing to serve as a sub on that day. Please ask people on the [Cafe sub list](#), or try to swap with someone staffed on another date before asking everyone on GroupMe.

If you raised your hand to volunteer 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.



Kinder Dads serving for the first 5th Friday Dads Day!





[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!"



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REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree preferred
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Highland Park ISD



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**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**



Highland Belles Spaghetti Supper and Online Auction/Raffle
Friday, September 6, 2024



[Buy Tickets Now](#)

Spaghetti Supper

Friday, Sept 6th

HPHS Cafeteria

Amore Spaghetti Supper

Dine-In: HPHS Cafeteria 5-7pm

Take out: Emerson 4:30-6:30pm (drive-thru on Emerson Ave)

Purchase Dinner & Raffle Tickets [online](#)

Online Auction opens 10am Friday, August 30th

[Buy and Bid](#) over 600 incredible items

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Pictured from L to R: Katherine Ditchman, Jesus Melandez, Mary Mathison
Mary Jane Clark, Ella Jahant, Madeline Walters

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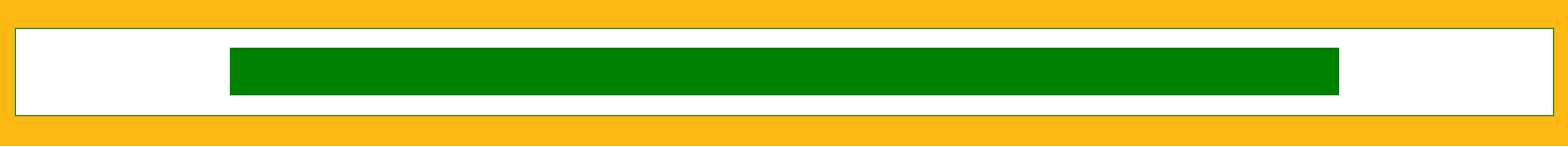
**BEAT JESUIT Shirts will be available
for sale on MONDAY, AUGUST 25!**



**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/>



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HIGHLAND PARK FOOTBALL
2025



CANIAC SUPPER
FRIDAY, SEPT. 19
TAKE OUT-4:30 PM
DINE IN-5:00 PM

**PURCHASE SUPPER AND
RAFFLE TICKETS [HERE](#)**

**REGISTER FOR
AUCTION**
EARLY: SEPT. 2-10
GENERAL: SEPT. 14-21
REGISTER TO BID [HERE](#)

[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](#)





Grow with Girl Scouts

Get ready to have fun, make friends,
and go on big adventures!



Join Armstrong Girl Scouts Troop 4226!

**1st Grade Girls & Parents Info Session
Wednesday (9/3) at 7:30 AM
Armstrong Cafeteria**

**For more info:
Amy Gad (972-256-6166)
Kate Mangona (816-564-3802)**



**Scan the QR code
to learn more!**

girlscouts.org/join

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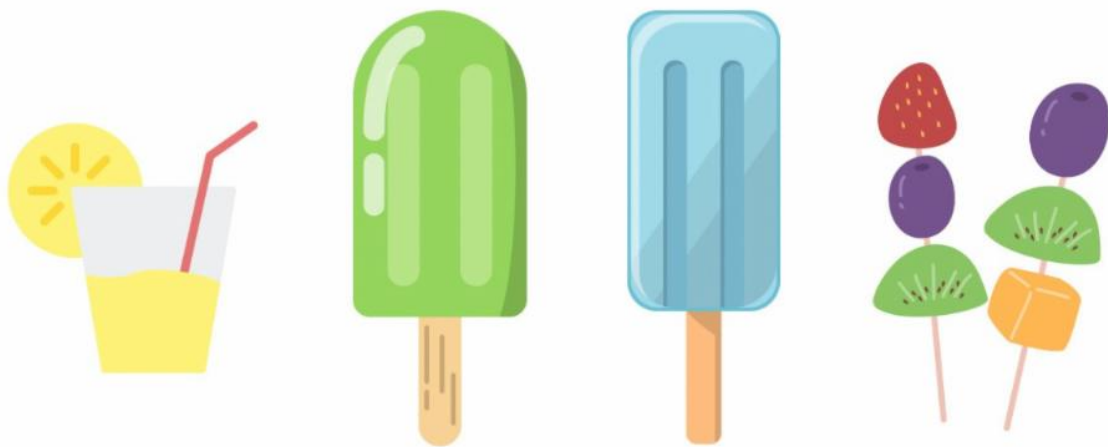
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Questions? Name, email, phone

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POP



FREE POPSICLES &
POTLUCK* OF SWEET & SAVORY BITES
*BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE OR COME AS YOU ARE!

SEPT 7

4:00-6:00PM
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