



Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



- April 29 - 4th/5th Transition meeting @MIS (9:30am or 6:00pm)
- April 30 - Math STAAR (No visitors)
- May 2 - Magical Me Kindergarten Performance 8:15, register below
- May 5 - Soaring into the next grade level parent meetings
- May 18 - Pre-K Eagle Party
- May 23 - Field Day

Find out about PTA events and subscribe to our calendar at the [Armstrong PTA website](#)



April 28, 2025

Dear Parents,

Thank you for reaching out with questions and concerns regarding the closure of our playground after school hours. As many of you have seen with the updated signage, our playground will be closed Monday-Friday from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for our Extended School Day Program. This has been the policy at all five of the HPISD elementary schools, but it has not been consistently enforced by the Academy for Lifelong Learning. It is necessary to enforce the hours for the safety and well-being of the children. Additionally, the playground was closed this past weekend for swing and surface material repairs. These two closures were not related, but I understand and apologize for the frustration. Our playground is a fun place for our students and families, and we will do our best to communicate when we are made aware of closures and changes to the hours.

I want to send one more reminder about two important things related to preparing for the 2025-26 school year. ***First, please submit input regarding your child's class placement by the end of the day tomorrow, April 29th.***

How to Submit Input:

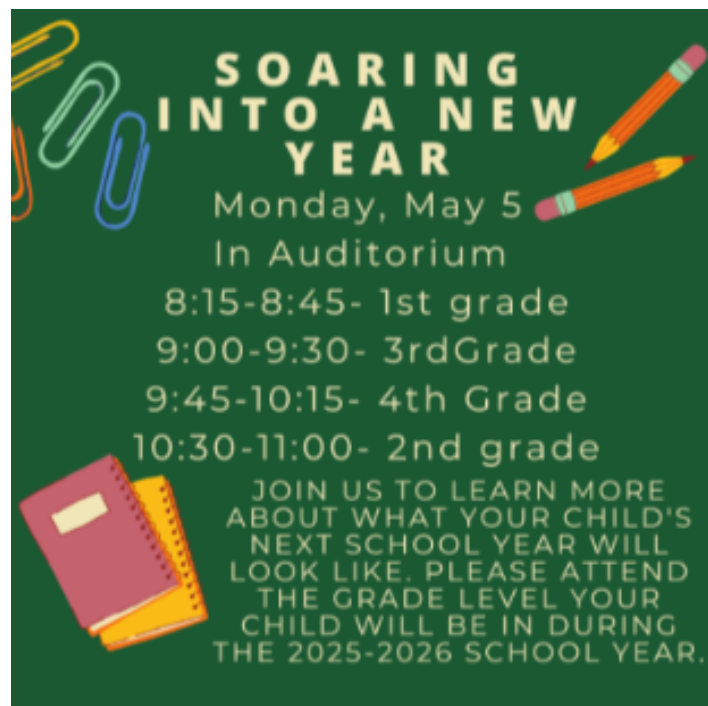
Due to the time-intensive nature of this process, **this timeline is important.** Our teachers begin the placement process in May, and timely submissions ensure their careful work is not disrupted.

Responses can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- **Online Form:** Submit your input using this [Google Form](#)
- **Email:** Send your letter to Amanda Hollier, counselor HollieA@hpsid.org and Betsy Cummins, principal CumminB@hpsid.org

Next, I would also like to remind you about the grade level meetings planned for Monday, May 5 to discuss what to expect in the next grade level. Please see specific times below and note that you should attend the meeting for the grade level that your child will be in during the 2025-26 school year. You may use the following Google Form to submit specific questions that you would like us to address at the meetings.

[Form to Ask Questions about Upcoming Grade Level](#)



Thank you for your trust and partnership as we work together to complete these last few weeks of an amazing school year and continue to prepare for a successful 25-26 school year for all our families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.



Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins



Magical Me

**Kindergarten performance is Friday, May 2.
Please register below for expedited entrance to the building.**

Thank you!

[Magical Me Registration](#)





May 14, 2025

Save the Date

MR. BRANCH'S
RETIREMENT PARTY
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF
SERVICE AT ARMSTRONG
ARMSTRONG LIBRARY



4:00 PM



ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY

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This is next Monday, please register below!

SOARING INTO A NEW YEAR

Monday, May 5

In Auditorium

8:15-8:45- 1st grade

9:00-9:30- 3rd Grade

9:45-10:15- 4th Grade

10:30-11:00- 2nd grade

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILD'S
NEXT SCHOOL YEAR WILL
LOOK LIKE. PLEASE ATTEND
THE GRADE LEVEL YOUR
CHILD WILL BE IN DURING
THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

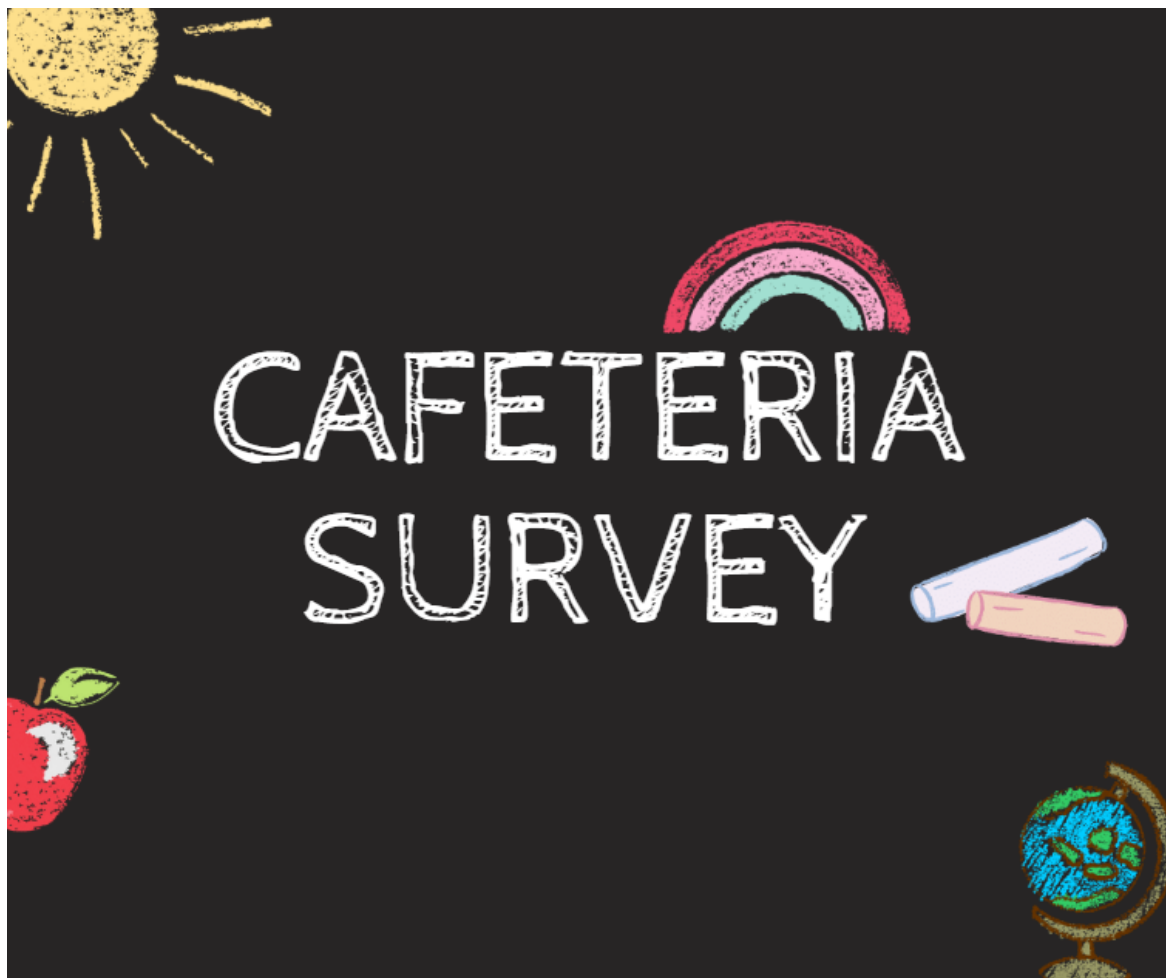
[Register for badge here!](#)

We only have two weeks of Garden Lessons left! Please consider volunteering with the garden! It is a great way to spend time with you child outdoors in the beautiful spring weather!

Tuesday, 4/29

Tuesday, 5/2

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/992570076078/false#/invitation>



[Cafeteria Survey](#)

ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY

Staff Appreciation WEEK

MAY 05-09

• *Monday*

Favorite Color Monday

Have your student wear their teacher's favorite color

• *Tuesday*

Send a Note Tuesday

Write note or draw your teacher something to show you appreciate them

• *Wednesday*

Sweet & Salty Wednesday

Bring your teacher her favorite snack...sweet or salty

• *Friday*



Friday Surprises

Bring your teacher a special surprise

• *Thursday*

What do you LOVE about your teacher?

Write it down and bring it to school and place it in a bag outside your teacher's classroom



Incoming 5th Grade Parent Input Form 2025-2026

March 30, 2025

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

It's time to begin thinking about planning for the 2025-2026 school year and we are thrilled your children will be joining us at McCulloch Intermediate School! As students transition from one grade level to the next, some parents naturally begin to wonder about class assignments.

The time and effort that go into determining class placement is based on finding a balance that meets the needs of all students and provides an optimal learning environment for everyone. Though it is a challenging task, great care is taken to ensure that learning environments are equitable. If, however, your child has special academic, social, or emotional needs, and you feel that a specific type of learning environment (not a specific teacher request) is absolutely necessary, I ask that you submit the parent input form by Friday, April 25, 2025. Input received after the deadline may not be considered in the development of class lists.

Our staff is highly competent, and each and every teacher cares immensely for your child. Thank you for trusting our process of placing your child in the most appropriate classroom. I assure you we will be diligent in our efforts to provide an effective and successful learning environment.

Sincerely,
Amanda Reyes, Principal

[5th Grade Form](#)



PTA News

Friday, we were able to make 100 birthday boxes for children in need, we had great participation from all grade levels, and a good time was had by all! Thanks so much for all your help making this happen!

Carrie and Amanda





2025-26 Armstrong Cafeteria Volunteer Sign-Up!

We're looking forward to a smooth year in the cafeteria next year! A big THANK YOU to those of you who have already claimed more than 7 out of every 10 available shifts. However, if you and a few friends aren't signed up, we have a number of days where we can still accommodate y'all together. We will fill all shifts before school ends on May 23rd.

[2025-26 Cafeteria Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

If you have not claimed a recurring monthly shift, please consider [signing up](#). It's a great way for your family to make an on-going difference in the Armstrong community.

[Why You Should Become a Cafeteria Parent Volunteer \(video\):](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jimmy Ogden 214-998-9458 or jimmy.ogden@gmail.com. Thank you!

Fifth day shifts: August contains only a fifth Friday, so message or email Jimmy if you'd like to claim one of these less frequent shifts. (M/Tu/W 2x, Th/Fr 3x)

BOAT LOADS OF THANKS FOR OUR TEACHERS/ STAFF NATIONAL TEACHER/ STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5-9

Monday- Lunch from Casa Lindo Mexican Food Truck provided by PTA

Tuesday-Enjoy a yummy Bondi Bowls treat provided by PTA

Wednesday- Lunch from Crepes To Go and Salads provided by PTA

Thursday-Double the fun...Herbster Coffee Truck in the morning
and Pokey O's in the afternoon- provided by PTA

Friday- Lunch from the Cane Rosso Pizza Truck provided by Dad's Club

**Thanks to Your generosity, the PTA & Dad's Club for
providing many wonderful treats for all of our staff!**



Armstrong Family Parties are still happening!

We have just a few family party tickets left! [Come join in on the fun!](#)

Get Your Mahj On: Wednesday, April 30, 12-3pm

Pre-K and 4th Grade - your Eagle Parties are still to come!

Calling our youngest and oldest Eagles! Don't miss your first and last Eagle parties! [Secure your child's ticket here!](#)

Pre-K Eagle Party: Sunday, May 18th at 11:30am



Follow us [@armstrong_eagles](#) on Instagram for real time updates and stories from Eagle Nation!



Archived Communications:

Fine room parent newsletters, Armstrong Articles and much more on the [Armstrong PTA website!](#)

Community News

CALLING ALL RISING HPISD 3RD & 4TH GRADE GIRLS!

Girls on the Run has been empowering 3rd – 8th graders for 20 years. We'd love for your rising 3rd & 4th grade girls to be a part of this inaugural program for HPISD!

Who: [Girls on the Run](#) for rising HPISD 3rd & 4th grade girls

What: A 11-week evidence-based curriculum that combines exercise (including running) and life skills. At the end of the 11 weeks we complete a 5k together! (In the event of inclement weather during the fall, we will meet and exercise inside).

Where: UP Elementary

When: Every Monday and Wednesday, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, starting on Monday, 9/8/25. The season lasts 11 weeks and ends on Wednesday, 11/19/25.

Coaching: Meredith Boyd will be the lead coach. Meredith is a graduate of HPISD and a former HPISD parent. All coaches go through extensive training and background checks.

Cost: \$185 per participant. This covers the GOTR curriculum notebook, participant t-shirt, race entry with 5k race t-shirt, GOTR water bottle and administrative costs. Please reach out to inquire about scholarships.

For questions or to sign up, please contact Meredith Boyd at 972-898-2410.

[Register Online Here!](#)



Register Now for HPISD's Summer Classes and Camps Through A.L.L.

Registration opens Friday, March 28th at 8AM for summer classes with Academy for Lifelong Learning. Classes include Adventures in Art, Camp Invention, Chess, Cooking, Gym Fun, Robotics and much more!

Click on the below link to browse and register for A.L.L. classes.

Questions? Please call (214) 780-3380.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Extended School Day Information

- ESD is offered by The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) of HPISD and is available for students K – 8 at their school day campuses.
- K-4th grade students receive care from their dismissal time of 3:15 p.m. Older children join the ESD program as they are dismissed from class. The program includes a snack, quiet time for homework, and supervised group play. ESD ends promptly at 6:00 p.m. each day and follows the HPISD calendar. Part-time enrollment is not available.
- Open enrollment begins **Tues., April 1, 2025**, at the Academy for Lifelong Learning Office in the Administration Annex Bldg., located at 6915 Westchester (75205).
- The Early Bird Registration fee is \$75 per child, payable by check to Academy for Lifelong Learning, due at the time of enrollment. There is a price increase after April 30, 2025.
- Monthly tuition payments will begin September 1, 2025. Payments are due on the first day of each month and are payable online through your child's Skyward account, or by personal check, bank-drafted check, or money order in the A.L.L. office.
- Registrations must be received in the A.L.L. office by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2025, to begin the program on the first day of school.

For more information about the Extended School Day program, please contact the A.L.L. Office at 214-780-3380 or bjorkc@hpisd.org or drillea@hpisd.org.

Help us celebrate our teachers! PCLDA will hold an awards ceremony Tuesday, May 6th 4PM at the Clements Center. You can visit our website <https://pclda.org> or click here to [nominate a favorite teacher](#), class aid, counselor, therapist or ANY staff member who has had a special impact on your student. Multiple nominations are encouraged and all nominees receive a monetary gift & certificate. Parents and students are invited to attend the event as we honor those who serve our students in so many facets.



DALLAS UNITED CREW SUMMER CAMPS

Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with rowing, paddle boarding, kayaking, and outdoor fun!

Hosted by Dallas United Crew, our summer camps offer young campers an opportunity to explore White Rock Lake, make new friends, and gain valuable skills on and off the water.

OUR CAMPS

- Learn to Row Camp
- Continuing Skills Camp
- Paddle Camp
- Small Boats Camp
- 2k Erg Camp
- High Performance Camp

LEARN MORE





Nervous about
sending your
4th grader to MIS?

Join us in the Raider
Cafeteria and see
them at school!

Claim shifts in VSP starting March 24th, 2025

Try a shift before school ends!

If you want an inside glimpse or have any
questions regarding sign up for next year –

Contact Katherine & Tracy
to get on the schedule

katherine.issel@gmail.com
portmelech@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!



Highlander Summer Swim Team Registration is now open!

- Registration is online through HPISD's hometown ticketing website - you can access the swim team registration directly [here](#)

- The Highlander Summer Swim Team will practice Mondays - Thursdays at the HPISD Natatorium from 6/2 to 7/24
- There will be 3 practice groups in the program ranging from 5-19 years age. Groups are determined by skill level and age.
- Level 1 (ages ~ 5-10) - 10:15 - 11:00 am
- Level 2 (ages ~ 8-11) - 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Level 3 (ages ~ 11+) - 7:30 - 8:45 am
- Group descriptions and requirements can be found [here](#)
- **From now through April 14th, the cost for participation is \$350** for 8 weeks of practices (it goes up to \$375 on April 15th). Included in that price is...
 - -Facility & Insurance costs
 - -8 weeks of coaching instruction (31 practices ~ 23-39 hours of instruction depending on the group)
 - -Annual AAU Membership
 - -Entry Fees for 3 Swim Meets
 - -Team T-Shirt
 - -Team Latex Cap
- This summer HSST will compete against Frisco ISD's Iron Express AAU team. **Meet dates are 6/13, 6/20, and 7/10.** Meets will all take place in Frisco at the Bruce Eubanks Natatorium starting at 5:30 pm.
- **If an athlete wishes to train/participate but not compete in meets, the registration cost is \$250** (going up to \$275 on April 15th). Included in that price is...
 - -Facility & Insurance costs
 - -8 weeks of coaching instruction (31 practices ~ 23-39 hours of instruction depending on the group)
 - -Team T-Shirt
 - -Team Latex Cap
- **The Highlander Summer Swim Team website can be found here at: <http://bit.ly/highlanderswimteam>.**
- The website includes links to program information, practice/meet calendars, team communication, our coaching curriculum, online team store, team policies, and tryout information.



Parents,

Do you have a child who loves to play golf and might be interested in playing on the high school team one day? If so, Coach Mercedes Trent (girls golf) and Coach Richard Wager (boys golf) would love to get to know who those kids are.

With most high school sports, coaches get to know their future players through middle school athletics/youth sports organizations. Golf is not one of those sports. Coach Trent and Coach Wager would like to get to know their future players earlier than right before their freshman year. If you think your child could be interested in playing high school and would like to know what you should do to help them prepare for that, please reach out.

Coach Trent – trentm@hpsd.org

Coach Wager – wagerr@hpsd.org

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!”



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Tennis Academy



2025 Summer Program
May 27 – August 8

All Academy Brochure

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Cafeteria](#)

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