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Campus Newsletter



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CLASSIC
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September

10 - Individual Picture Day
14-18 - Class Contest
16 - All Things Armstrong with Dr. Rockwood combined with PTA General Meeting 8:15am
17 - Pre-K Parent Party
Sept. 21 - Oct. 7 - One School, One Book

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



September 7, 2026

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 this information last week through email, but I want to ensure that all parents have access to the syllabus for each content area. Please take some time to review the syllabus for this semester and let us know if you have any questions.

Please click on [THIS](#) link for information on the curriculum we will use this year for **ELA**. You will see the ELAR TEKS and the Literacy Framework linked on this page.

1. Please read through the landing page for information on the Family Curriculum Guides, Year-at-a-Glance information, Grade Level Writing Plans, and Grammar Alignment.
2. You will scroll all the way down and find our grade level. You will notice that guides for each nine weeks are posted.

Please click on [THIS](#) link for information on the curriculum we will use this year for **Math**.

1. You will see the Math TEKS and the Mathematics Framework linked on this page.
2. Please read through the landing page for information on the Family Curriculum Guides and Year-at-a-Glance information.
3. You will scroll all the way down and find our grade level. You will notice that guides for each nine weeks are posted.

Please click on [THIS](#) link for information on the curriculum we will use this year for **Science**.

1. You will see the Science TEKS and the HPISD Science Framework linked on this page.
2. Click on our grade level to find our grade level TEKS.

Please click on [THIS](#) link for information on the curriculum we will use this year for **Social Studies**.

1. You will see the Social Studies TEKS and the HPISD Social Studies Framework linked on this page.
2. Click on our grade level to find our Social Studies TEKS.

Please click on [THIS](#) link for information on the curriculum we will use this year for **Technology**.

Click on the **Frameworks** for information regarding screen time guidelines, approved apps/software, keyboarding, and more.

1. Click on HB1481 for information regarding personal communication devices.

Please click on [THIS](#) link for information on **Grade K-4 Report Card Information for Parents**.

Please click on [THIS](#) link for information on **HPISD Core Instructional Resource List**. You can click on the HPISD Core Instruction Resource List for Elementary to see the list of resources we will use in each content area.

Thank you for sending staff shoutouts! We love to celebrate all the great things happening at Armstrong! Please take a few minutes to fill out this [Google Form](#) to give a staff member a well-deserved Shout Out!



*It took only moments for us to realize that Ms. Massey is a true gem! She gave our son the warmest welcome and had him feeling appreciated, confident, and smiling within seconds of meeting her. He hasn't stopped talking about her! Ms. Massey does such a great job acknowledging/building up the kids and communicating with parents. We couldn't imagine a better 3rd grade teacher for our son!!

*Miss Partyka has already made our child, who's new to Armstrong, feel welcomed (she sat by her at lunch on the first day!). She related to our daughter as a new teacher to Armstrong, herself, saying, "We've got this together!" This shifted the nerves in our household and truly set the tone for what has been a fantastic experience so far. Many thanks to Miss Partyka!

As always, I value your input and feedback. Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions. I am available by email or phone at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

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Principal
cumminb@hpsd.org

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Lunch Menus for September 2026

PICTURE DAY

September 10th



Make sure your child comes dressed in their chosen outfit and is ready to show off their best smile!

If your student is absent, you can email the teacher and cc arattendance@hpsid.org to let us know. Notifying the teacher is great, but not enough! The office codes the absences so we really need an email!

You can call the office if you are not able to email, but ideally an email is a better paper trail for state reporting.

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PTA News



🌿 **PTA SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE PRESIDENT! WE ARE WILD ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS!** 🌿

Each week, PTA Volunteers will be highlighted for their hard work behind the scenes to make this a WILD school year! Thank you to ALL of our incredible PTA Members & Volunteers!

A HUGE thank you to our **Back to School Sign-Up Chair, Amanda Kalescky!** Amanda worked her magic behind the scenes last spring and over the summer to get our Armstrong families signed up, organized, and ready to ROAR into a new school year!

We are so grateful for all the time, energy, and organization you poured into helping us kick off the year on the right foot.

A ROAR-tastic thank you to our amazing **Supply Chair, Ashley Wallace!** Ashley has been working behind the scenes to make sure Armstrong was stocked, organized, and ready to **ROAR** into a brand-new school year!

From pencils to paper and everything in between, Ashley made sure our teachers and staff had what they needed to hit the ground running. We are so grateful for all the time, energy, and love you poured into getting our school ready! She managed a large team of high school volunteers and kept us all organized!

A GIGANTIC Armstrong shout-out to our amazing **Meet the Teacher Chairs: Claire Arnot, Kelly Ongena, and Samantha Wortley!** These three ladies worked to make Meet the Teacher the perfect way to kick off our **Wild About Armstrong** year!

Thank you for pouring so much into creating such a fun and welcoming start to the year for our Armstrong families. We are so lucky to have you!

🌟 **AND A VERY SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT ON OUR AMAZING MEET THE TEACHER SPONSOR, HAWKINS-WELWOOD!** 🌟

We are incredibly grateful to **Hawkins-Welwood** for being a champion of Armstrong and for generously sponsoring Meet the Teacher! Your support helps us create memorable experiences for our students, teachers, and families—and we are so thankful to have you in our Armstrong family.

Thank you, ALL for helping us start the year strong and keeping everyone WILD About Armstrong and WILD about learning! 💚💛

Safari Soirée

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Join the Herd! 🐘🌴

Get ready to stampede for a great cause! As we gear up for the **Safari Soirée**, our **Class Contest runs from September 14th–18th**, and our goal is **100% participation!**

Each year, parent-donated items drive the success of our online, silent, and live auctions—the main fundraiser for our school. If you prefer not to donate an item, families can contribute a monetary donation (suggested \$30 per child), which directly helps us enhance our live luxury packages with gift cards.

Let's rally our herd and make this year's contest a roaring success!

SAFARI SOIRÉE

A WILD NIGHT

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Sketch Artist

MIDNIGHT EXPEDITION

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THE WILD SIDE

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AVAILABLE The Watering Hole Martini Bar

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Faculty Table

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Valet

THE BIG FIVE

\$5,000

AVAILABLE Food Stations

AVAILABLE Specialty Drink

AVAILABLE Sweets on the Serengeti Dessert

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Silent Auction

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Swizzle Sticks

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Photography

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Table Numbers

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Table Centerpiece

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Wild Welcome

THE CANOPY CLUB

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QUESTIONS OR READY TO SPONSOR?

November 13, 2026 • armstrongauction2026@gmail.com

Get ready to go wild for Armstrong!

Safari Soirée: A Wild Night is coming to the Dallas Country Club on November 13—with festive drinks, delicious bites, incredible auction items and a wildly fun evening with our Armstrong community!

Want to help bring the adventure to life? Sponsorship opportunities are available for Armstrong families and local businesses, but several have already been claimed!

From Live Auction Bid Paddle and Reserved Lounges to Food Stations and Photo Booth, there are still [great opportunities](#) available at a variety of sponsorship levels.

Secure your spot before the remaining opportunities disappear.

Email armstrongauction2026@gmail.com

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We are so appreciative of your support
of our Armstrong tribe this year!

If you didn't pick up your yard sign during
Curriculum Night, they will be available for
pick up before school (7:30-8:00) on
Friday, September 11th!



Community Sponsorship Opportunities

We are currently seeking **Title Sponsors** for **Founder's Day Family Picnic on October 9** and **Family Movie Night on October 23**. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our Armstrong community. Interested in sponsoring? We'd love to partner with you! Please reach out to [Megan Morrow, VP Development](#), for more info!

Cafeteria Shifts Available

2nd Tuesday

2nd Wednesday

substitute sign up!

10:50am-12:50pm

please contact:

Jimmy Ogden
jimmy.ogden@gmail.com



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Your last two opportunities for a regular shift in the cafeteria are the 2nd Tuesday and 2nd Wednesday of the month, if either of those works for you please let me know.

We will have plenty of need for substitutes this year. Please sign up here to put yourself on the Cafeteria Sub list. Sign up for each day that might work for you. As a reminder we need everyone who is signed up for the cafeteria to complete the Cafeteria Volunteer Guidelines and Handwashing Procedures. To volunteer at any HPISD campus, you need to complete the HPISD background check form. When you arrive at campus to sign in, always sign as a Volunteer, not a Visitor. If you have any cafeteria volunteering questions, please contact Jimmy at 214-998-9458 or jimmy.ogden@gmail.com.



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Community News

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2026 Fall Program
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Elite/Tournament Training
& Lower School



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September 10th, 5:15pm
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SISTERS BY FRINGE



The award-winning Highland Belles Drill Team will host its annual Spaghetti Supper and Online Auction/Raffle fundraiser on **Friday, September 11, 2026**, in the HPHS Cafeteria. A fun-filled family night is planned to rally Scots spirit before the Highland Park vs. Tyler football game at 7pm. Dinner and Raffle Tickets are available for purchase at SupportTheBelles.org.

This year's theme, Sisters by Fringe, builds on the team's 44-year tradition of the Spaghetti Supper, which is the Belles only fundraiser, and hosts hundreds of Highland Park ISD families for dinner and prizes. Proceeds from the event fund many of the drill team's essentials including bus transportation, props, sound systems and competition expenses.

The Highland Belles would like to thank the numerous friends and local businesses, including **Amore Italian Bistrot**, **Title Sponsor Origin Bank**, **Presenting Spaghetti Supper Sponsor Johnson Oral Facial Surgery**, and **Presenting Auction Sponsor Turtle Creek Lane** that have provided underwriting, 600 fantastic auction items, and numerous raffle basket items. Save the date for this memorable event!

The CANIAC SUPPER & AUCTION is back!
SAVE THE DATE for the 13th Annual Highland Park Football Supper on
September 25th, and the Auction will run September 20-27th!
Click the link below to grab your tickets and register for the auction!

<https://hpfootball.muradbid.com/>

Bring your friends for a fun night of food, community, and Scots spirit!
Takeout starts at 4:30 p.m. Dine-in begins at 5:00 p.m. in the HPHS Cafeteria.
Go Scots!!

CANIAC SUPPER 2026

Friday, September 25th
@4:30PM



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— HIGHLAND PARK —
FOOTBALL

Attention *HPISD* 3rd & 4th Grade Girls

**UP Elementary
Fall 2026**

Girls on the Run

Mon/Wed

3:30 - 5 pm

Starting Monday, 9/14



Cost \$195
Scholarships Available!



HPISD is excited to partner again with Girls on the Run to offer a 10-week program at UP Elementary for all HPISD third and fourth grade girls. Sessions begin Monday, September 14 and will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 - 5 pm. Participants build confidence, develop life skills such as being a good friend and including others, all while training for a celebratory 5K together in November. Runners and non-runners are encouraged! The cost is \$195, and scholarships are available. For more information, please reach out to Meredith Boyd at 972-898-2410.





Our practical talk series equips parents, educators, and ministers to navigate life's challenges with resilience and purpose—drawing on mental health insights, faith, and effective communication to inspire lasting transformation.

Youth & Difficult Thoughts: Suicide Prevention, Response, and Postvention | Tuesday, February 10, 6:30-8 pm
Nathaniel R. Strenger, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist

Talk of teen suicide is terrifying. But, few things are more protective than an informed and collaborating community. At this Inform talk, we will equip parents, ministers, educators, and caregivers to take on an uncomfortable subject with confidence. We'll discuss preventative communication and the role of faith and community in well-being. We'll practice difficult conversations about risk factors and help-seeking. These are the foundations of community suicide prevention, response, and postvention.

Empty Nest: Prepare for Launch | Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:00 pm

Carrie Davidson Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist and Clint Donaldson, LPC-S

As we prepare for an empty nest and the launch of kids, how can we have a sustainable relationship with our young adult/college child. When do we step in and when do we step back? How can we encourage our kids to apply faith and values independently of us and be resilient, confident, and self-sufficient.

The Mental Load for Moms | Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-8:00 pm

Katie Campbell, LCSW and Lindsey Parker, LPC

The "mental load" or the invisible, constant, and often exhausting cognitive and emotional labor many moms carry—planning, remembering, organizing, anticipating needs, managing schedules, and keeping the household and family running— is a burdensome weight on Moms. We will help shine a light on the unseen work mothers do, how it impacts mental health, and what healthier balance can look like. Moms will leave with practical resources how every aspect of their lives – relationships, faith, physical well-being, emotional lives – can sync together for contentment and resilience in life.

Holding On and Letting Go: Managing Holiday Grief After Loss | Tuesday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sandy Robinson, LPC-S

The holiday season can amplify feelings of grief, especially for empty nesters coping with the loss of parents or adjusting to new family dynamics. This discussion offers a compassionate space to explore how grief intersects with traditions, faith-life, expectations, and emotional well-being during the holidays. Participants will learn practical strategies for honoring memories, managing loneliness, and finding meaning in this season of change.

REGISTRATION

There is no fee to attend, but we ask that you RSVP so we can prepare seating and send you a reminder before the event. To register, go to TheCenterCounseling.org/Inform or scan QR.



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