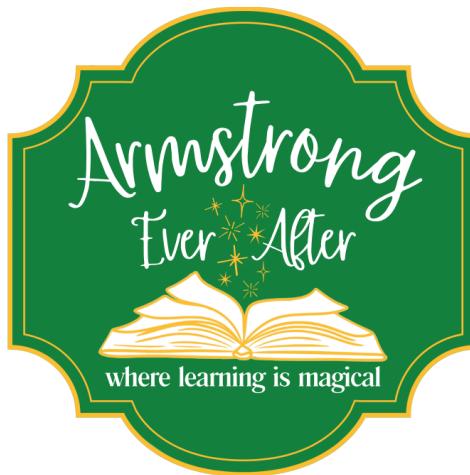




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Campus Newsletter



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January

- 12 - TAG Referral Window Closes at 4:30pm, No Late Referrals will be accepted
- 12 - 16 Texas Tech School Spirit Week
- 13 - 30 One School, One Book

15 - Dr. Rockwood at Armstrong, 8:00am - parents invited

23 - PNO with Ms. Walters and Mrs. Kuehn

February

4-5 Science Fair

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



January 12, 2026

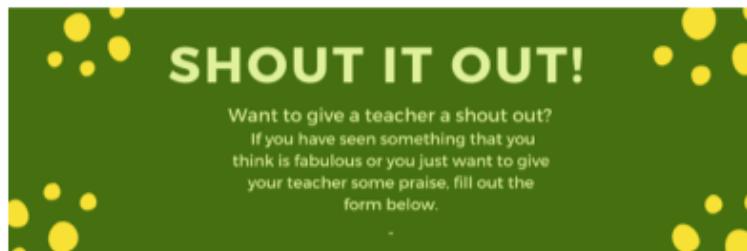
Dear Armstrong Families,

We are excited to kick off One School, One Book tomorrow! Students will have the opportunity to answer trivia questions on the announcements each day. Enjoy the special time reading together as a family! Also, please join us on Thursday, January 15 at 8:00 a.m. in our auditorium for an update from Dr. Rockwood about what is going on in the district.

Students and staff are working hard to complete a variety of middle of year assessments to measure growth and achievement. We look forward to sharing these results with you in the next couple of weeks.

We have a lot of other exciting things happening during this nine weeks, so please read emails and communication closely to stay connected.

Submit any shout outs at the link below! I will continue to share the great things happening each week in the newsletter.



[Form to Submit Shout Outs](#)

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

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins
Principal
cumminb@hisd.org



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Dr. Rockwood at Armstrong

**join us for an update of
what's going on in the
district!**

**Thursday, January 15th
at 8:00 am**

TAG Assessment Registration window is open till 4:30pm today!

The TAG Registration window is open. The window will close, Monday, January 12, at 4:30pm. Late registrations will not be accepted. Please fill out the form and register your child if you want them tested for TAG. If the registration has not been submitted by 4:30pm on Monday the form will automatically close and will not be submitted.

TAG Testing Registration Is Open

Highland Park ISD's Talented and Gifted (TAG)

Testing registration is open!

Testing conducted this spring will determine placement for the 2026–2027 school year. Registration is open to students in grades 1–11 and will remain available through January 12 at 4:30 p.m.

No late registrations will be accepted.

Parents are encouraged to review the resources available to learn more about the TAG program and testing requirements before beginning registration at HPISD.org/TAG.

Registration Form Here

Registration will begin Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30am in the front office!

Armstrong PNO

FRIDAY, January 23rd

with Ms. Walters and Mrs. Kuehn

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, January 23rd - 6:00pm-11:00pm

Where? Check in and pick up at the little gym doors @ St. Johns.

[PNO Registration Form](#)

Calling all Armstrong Scientists!

SCIENCE FAIR

SCIENCE FAIR
PACKET AND FORM



Due January 23rd to teacher

FEBRUARY 4TH-5TH 2026

Armstrong Small Gym

Fourth Graders Strongly Encouraged to Participate

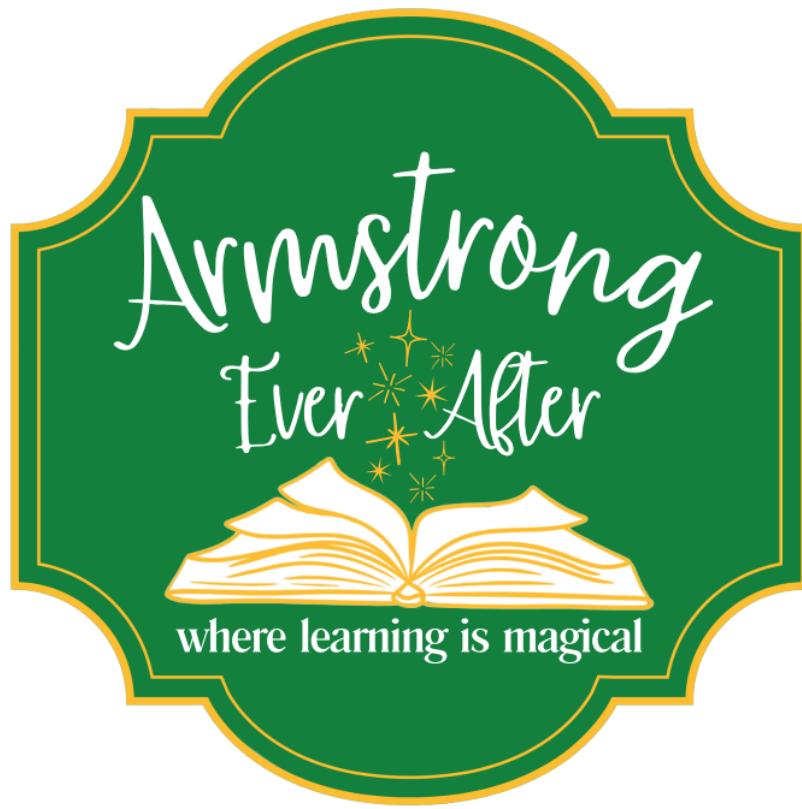
All Other Classes Welcome

Thank you to our Science Fair Sponsor



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PTA News





Show Your School Spirit Week: Texas Tech Edition - January 12th-16th!

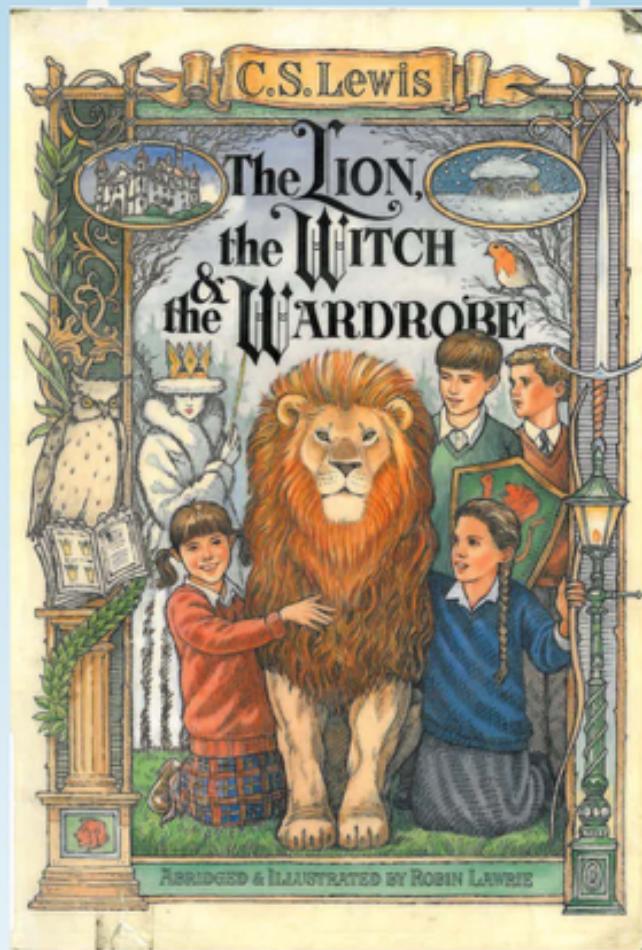
Raider pride takes over campus! Principal Cummins is kicking things off in a Texas Tech jersey while playing the fight song during morning greetings. All week long, students will hear fun Texas Tech facts on the morning announcements and we'll top it off with special Red Raider-themed cookies in the cafeteria. Guns Up!

January 13 - 30

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Who's ready to experience a beautifully written classic?! *One School, One Book* 2026 is another meaningful way to inspire our students to read, nurture creativity, and dream big — proudly sponsored by Comerica Bank.





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Reading Schedule

- January 13: Chapters 1 & 2
- January 14: Chapter 3
- January 15: Chapter 4
- January 16: Chapters 5 & 6
- January 19: Chapter 7
- January 20: Chapter 8
- January 21: Chapter 9
- January 22: Chapter 10
- January 23: Chapters 11 & 12
- January 26: Chapter 13
- January 27: Chapter 14
- January 28: Chapter 15
- January 29: Chapter 16
- January 30: Chapter 17

Books generously provided by:



Bookmark design by Lily Andrews - 3rd grade

YEARBOOK PHOTOS!

Don't forget to submit your photos from this fall
(Meet the Teacher, First Day of School,
Founder's Day Picnic, Hero, Pumkin Carving,
Bike Rodeo, Character Parade,
2nd and 3rd Grade Performances,
Veterans Day, Sports...)
to Armstrongeaglesyearbook@gmail.com

Please just include the grade and if applicable,
the class/teacher.

You do not need to include children's names!

[Upload photos here:](#)

Volunteers Needed!

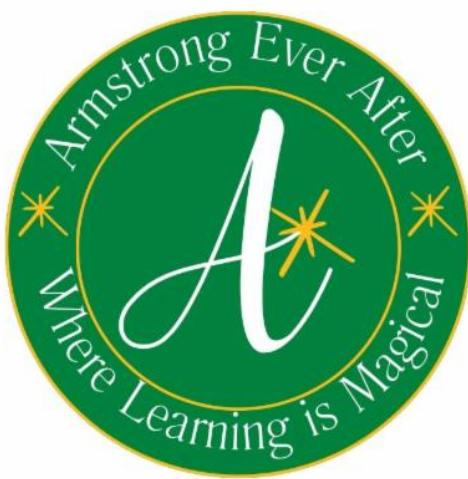


NEW SHIFTS ADDED

*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!](#)



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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**



[PTA Feedback Form](#)

Community News



HP BASEBALL



MEET THE SCOTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
1:00-3:00 PM
SCOTLAND YARD



Highland Park Baseball is hosting its annual **Meet the Scots** event to kick off the 2026 baseball season! Bring your families to Scotland Yard on **Saturday, January 24** from 1:00 - 3:00 PM for an afternoon of fun. Enjoy Goff's hamburgers, player autographs, on-field games with the HP Baseball teams, and special performances.

For burger tickets, raffle packages, and merchandise, click here:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mts2026/items>

Hey, Eagle parents! Mrs. Talley's son, Jackson, is on the the HPISD baseball team this year!



HP

Tennis Academy



2026 WinterSpring Program
January 12 – May 16

Green Ball
Orange Ball
Intermediate
Red Ball
Pee Wee



MAD FOR PLAID IS HERE! LET'S REACH 100% PARENT PARTICIPATION!



Mad for Plaid is the HP Education Foundation's districtwide annual campaign, which raises funds for HPISD's most critical budget needs. Currently, that need is support for teacher and staff salaries.

Parents! Let's show our support for the great educators in this District! All donors in the Park Cities will receive a yard sign.



Mad for Plaid is here! And YOU are an essential piece of the puzzle!

What is Mad for Plaid? Mad for Plaid is the HP Education Foundation's annual campaign, the only districtwide fundraiser for HPISD. It raises essential funds to support the District's most critical needs. This year, that need is clear: raising the bar for teacher and staff salaries across all campuses. Giving to Mad for Plaid is the best way to directly support our incredible educators!

Why Give? For 2025–26, HPISD is providing 7–10% salary increases to ensure our teachers rank in the top quartile for pay in North Texas. To help make this historic investment possible, our foundation has committed a \$1.8 million gift to HPISD - funded through the Mad for Plaid campaign. But we can't do it alone. We need YOUR support. Your gift to HPEF directly impacts every student, every teacher, and every school. Together, we can continue to attract, retain, and reward the exceptional educators who make HPISD a leader in education.

How to Give?

Visit: hpef.org/supportmadforplaid





HP Gymnastics

Spring 2026

Our 41st Year!

January 12th – March 25th

PHPS' Mark Sherman has led the Scot gymnasts to win 52 Individual State Championships. Our after-school program is designed for **ALL LEVELS, BOYS and GIRLS**, the very beginning to super advanced. And with our **NEW FACILITY** with **THREE PITS**, fun will be our foundation. ENJOY the embedded trampoline, tumble trak and more. Gain strength, flexibility....everything you need to help you in all sports!

ELIGIBILITY: Any boy or girl who has reached the **age of 5** is eligible. No previous experience is required!

DATES: **January 12 – March 25**

No Class Monday, January 19 (student holiday)

No Class Monday, Feb 16 (student holiday)

PLACE: Highland Park High School, HEGI FAMILY GYMNASTICS TRAINING CENTER

TIMES: **Monday 5:00-6:00 or 6:00-7:00**

OR

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 or Wednesday 6:00-7:00 TUMBLING ONLY

COST: \$325.00

Make checks payable to Highland Park Gymnastics and send to
Mark Sherman, 5607 Merrimac Ave., Dallas, TX 75206

Questions? Call or e-mail Mark Sherman 214-957-4299, mslexus1@airmail.net

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and mail before November 30th

Last Name _____ First _____

Age _____ Birthday _____ / _____ / _____ Circle One: Girl Boy

Address _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Emergency phone _____

School (circle one): MMS 5-6 7-8
Bradfield Armstrong UP Hyer BOONE Other

Put a check next to your class choice.

1. Monday 5:00-6:00 _____

2. Monday 6:00-7:00 _____

3. Wednesday 5:00-6:00 _____

4. Wednesday 6:00-7:00 _____

TUMBLING

I have enclosed my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____

In the event of accident or injury suffered by said child while enrolled in the Highland Park Gymnastics program, I hereby release and indemnify HP Gymnastics, Inc. and all instructors from all liability. Highland Park Gymnastics Inc. is owned and controlled by Mark Sherman who anticipates a profit and the camp and/or program is not owned or operated in any manner by H.P.I.S.D.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

E-Mail Address PRINT LEGIBLY _____

Person(s) you would like your child to be grouped _____



FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

"creativity takes courage" -henri matisse

"Use the following link to see the HPISD Fine Arts Department newsletter! <https://secure.smore.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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Highland Park ISD

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