



Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



September

- 17 - Scout meeting, 7:00pm, Auditorium
- 18 - Spirit Day
- 19 - HERO meeting 7:30am
- 20 - [Armstrong Founders Day Picnic](#)
- 20 - Dads Club Tailgate
- 27 - [Armstrong Book Fair Begins](#)
- 30 - All Things Armstrong

October

- 8-9 [Invention Convention](#)
- 9 - Armstrong PTA Meeting
- 18 - [Bike Rodeo](#)
- 23 - Armstrong PTA Volunteer Event

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



September 16, 2024

Dear Armstrong Families,

We have received numerous calls regarding a suspicious individual who has been seen throughout the community. Out of an abundance of caution and in coordination with HPISD police, we are taking additional measures to ensure the safety of our students. The secure protocol that was followed earlier in September was not connected to this situation.

This notification is to reassure all Armstrong families that we take all calls and comments regarding school safety seriously. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our Eagles safe.

The safety of your children will always be our top priority. If you see anything concerning, please report it to 911 immediately.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins
Principal

Our students in grades 1-4 completed the beginning of year MAP Assessments. The results of this assessment are now available in Skyward. Our students performed exceptionally well in all areas. Please see the following information regarding the MAP Growth Assessment and reports.



What is the MAP Growth assessment?

NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computer-adaptive test that assists teachers in accurately measuring what students know and are ready to learn next. Regardless of grade level, MAP allows educators to measure growth over time and supports parents in tracking their student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>

How often will my student take the MAP test?

Teachers administer the MAP assessment in the classroom during a testing window in the Fall (August) (Grades 1-8 only), Winter (January) (Grades K-8), and Spring (May) (Grades K-8).

MAP tests are given in the following subjects:

- Math (Number Sense, Computation, Algebraic Concepts, Geometry, Measurement, Statistics) (Grades K-8)
- Reading (Foundational Skills: Spelling and Vocabulary, Literary Concepts, Informational Concepts) (Grades K-8)
- Science (Life Science, Earth Sciences, Physical Sciences) (Grades 3-8)
- Language Usage (Mechanics, Parts of Speech, Grammar Usage, Writing Process) (Grades 2-8)

New for 2024 is the Language Usage test for grades 2-8. This is an assessment of the writing process, grammar, and mechanics, and is aligned with the district's Balanced Scorecard focus on improving writing through explicit instruction in grammar and the elements of the writing process.

Also new for 2024 is the Science test for grades 3-8. Along with adoption of new TEKS (state standards) and the implementation of new textbooks and instructional materials at all grade levels, this assessment will provide a view of student achievement and growth in science.

How can families find more information about student MAP Growth scores?

The MAP score report is posted in the student's Skyward Portfolio. Available information includes: RIT score and percentile, comparison to district grade-level average and national grade-level average, growth and growth projection.

Information from this [Sample Student Progress Report](#) will help families interpret student scores and performance.

Additional information about accessing your student's test scores in HPISD is available online at: https://www.hpsd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=987004&type=d&pREC_ID=1318072

How do teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use the scores to plan the next steps in instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level or school.

NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 10 million students across the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of these students allows teachers to compare where your student is to other students and help them grow.

NWEA also provides schools with a standards aligned Learning Continuum that allows teachers to plan appropriate instruction informed by student RIT score and student growth.

Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher with specific questions regarding your child's MAP scores.



[Form to Submit Shout Outs](#)

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

**Ms. Beber is amazing and always so friendly. We absolutely love how she has made our daughter LOVE school and learning. We love her weekly emails with details on what the kids are learning and/or what they can work on. It is helpful to be a parent to come alongside such an amazing teacher to ensure our children are thriving! We love you, Ms. Beber! _____*

I would love to hear from you! What topics or ideas do you want to learn about throughout this school year? We will be planning All Things Armstrong, parent education events, and digital communication topics. We want to ensure that the learning and information is meaningful for our families. ***Please take a few minutes to fill out this [Google Form](#) to share your ideas and needs with me so that we can plan accordingly.***

As always, I value your input and feedback. Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions.

Registration begins at 7:30am on Wednesday, September 18 in the front office!

Armstrong PNO Friday, September 27, 2024 *With Coach Rosenfeld, Señora Zelaya and Ms. Trenia*

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 27 - 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 Here!](#)

Safety Reminders:

Please do not bring your dogs to Walk-up pick up in the afternoons.

Please do not bring class snacks for birthdays.

Also, just a general reminder since we are having cool mornings, please put your child's name in their jackets and sweat shirts!

ATTENTION 4TH GRADE HERO MEMBERS

HERO

SEPTEMBER 19
@7:30
IN THE
AUDITORIUM

Join us for our first
meeting of the year.
Students from HPHS
Project Respect will be
here to lead.

Spirit Day

September 4 & 18



*Join Mrs. Cummins &
Leadership Team
for
All Things Armstrong*

with special guest...
Dr. Mike Rockwood
Wednesday, September 30
@8:15am
in the auditorium



[Register for Badge Here](#)

If you already have your volunteer badge, you can scan it when you enter the building for the event.




A note from the office:

If your child is absent from school, please email arattendance@hpsd.org. If you email your child's teacher, please copy the attendance email as well. A text to your child's teacher is not sufficient notification of a student's absence. Timely communication is very important for the state attendance coding that is required.

The attendance time is 10:00am. If you come in after 10:00am, please bring a doctor note so that we can code accordingly and still received funding for your student.

Thank you for your attention and communication with the office.

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PTA News

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

Reminder: The cafeteria will be closed. Your child must have a ticket or be sent with a lunch from home.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Buy a ticket, grab your picnic blanket and join us on the large field for our annual Founder's Day Picnic at Armstrong!

A DJ will be playing the hits while In-N-Out Burger serves up lunch (hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled cheese + chips and drink)!

Lunch times will be staggered, please check your child's time below:

Pre-K: 10:45am

Kindergarten:

Doremus 11:00am

Johnson 11:05am

Banks 11:10am

Veitenehimer 11:15am

First Grade:

Donham 11:20am

Gaubert 11:25am

Talley 11:30am

Stringer 11:35am

Second Grade:

Bierman 11:40am

Pence 11:45am

Beber 11:50am

Dunston 11:55am

Third Grade:

Bily 12:05pm

Davis 12:10pm

Massey 12:15pm

Rigg 12:20pm

Fourth Grade:

Kuehn 12:25pm

Green 12:30pm

Katz 12:35pm

Walters 12:40pm

****Deadline to order is September 16th****

No tickets will be sold at the event and the cafeteria will be closed.

Visit the [PTA Website](#) to [purchase tickets](#) or [check your order](#)!

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)

[Check for Your Order Here!](#)

Questions about Founder's Day Picnic? Contact Caroline Eastman and Lou Lehman, [Founder's Day Picnic Chairs](#).



Encourage your child's love of reading by shopping at [Armstrong's Book Fair](#)! This fall, the book fair will open September 27th and run through October 2nd. Students will be able to shop during the day, and parents may accompany them for shopping before school begins. Teacher wish lists for classroom books will also be available for purchase. Fill up your bookshelves and support the school at the same time! Check out your child's Book Fair time slot, volunteer and more on the [Armstrong PTA Website](#). Questions about Book Fair? Contact Sadia Shah, Laura Burkhart, Cydney Justice, [Book Fair Co-Chairs](#).



Want to get involved? We have [volunteers opportunities](#)!

Want to get involved with the Armstrong PTA? Check out our [volunteers opportunities](#)!

If you are looking to make a big impact in the Armstrong Community, check out the below immediate PTA opportunities and reach out to our [PTA President Kate Boatright](#).

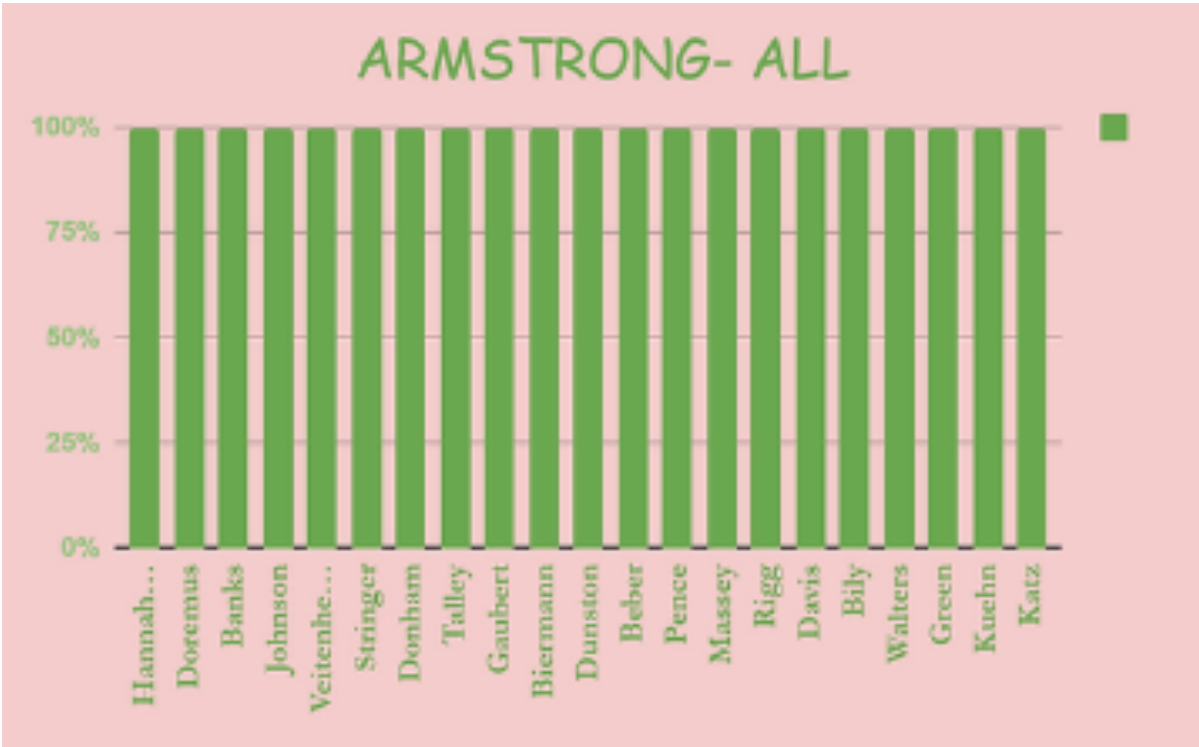
2024-25 Treasurer Elect: We are looking for a detail-oriented, organized parent to join our Executive Board as Treasurer Elect for this school year and serve as the PTA Treasurer for the 2025-26 school year. This is a big-impact role to help manage our funds, ensure smooth financial operations of the PTA and support our school's programs. It's a great way to get involved and make a positive impact in our school's community. Interested? Please reach out to [Kate Boatright](#) or [Monet Ball](#)!

2024-25 Yearbook Co-Chair: Do you ever wonder how our amazing Armstrong Yearbooks come together each year? Are you creative, organized and excited to help capture the spirit of Armstrong? We want your

help! In this fun and rewarding role, you will work with a team to design and create the school's yearbook, ensuring that our memories are well preserved for years to come. No prior experience necessary, just a passion for storytelling and a love for our Armstrong community! We would especially love help if you have a first-grade student to have our committee scale all grade years! Please reach out to [Tarin Frantz](#) if you are interested!



Seas the day! We reached 🎉 participation in our Armstrong Class Contests supporting the Armstrong Auction!



Thank you all for your generous support of Armstrong through our Class Contests supporting the Armstrong Auction! We received support from 100% of families, which means a Popsicle school wide party coming soon to celebrate!

A special thank you to our class contest chairs: Jenna Fry, Lindsay Barnes, Lauren Jordan and Thea Soul. More information about our Armstrong Auction is on our [website](#).



Visit the [Events section](#) of the PTA website for more information on all of the PTA events!

Archived Communications:
Find room parent newsletters, Armstrong Articles and much more on the amazing [Armstrong PTA website](#)!





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



Celebrate your 4th grader's final year at Armstrong!

Check out the September 4th grade newsletter and information on the [PTA website](#)! We have lots of fun events planned this year for our fourth graders and their families. We can't wait to celebrate these amazing Eagles with you this year!

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Armstrong Yearbook: we want your photos for the 2024-25 Armstrong Eagles Yearbook!

We love receiving group photos of our Eagles! We are working on a new way for you to upload photos for the 2024-25 yearbook; but until then you can email your photos to Armstrongeaglesyearbook@gmail.com. Group photos are preferred for the yearbook, and please include the class/teacher name or event. We do **not** need the children's names in the photos.

Community News

HPHS Cheerleading celebrates 100 years with community pep rally Oct. 17



100 YEARS OF CHEER COMMUNITY PEP RALLY

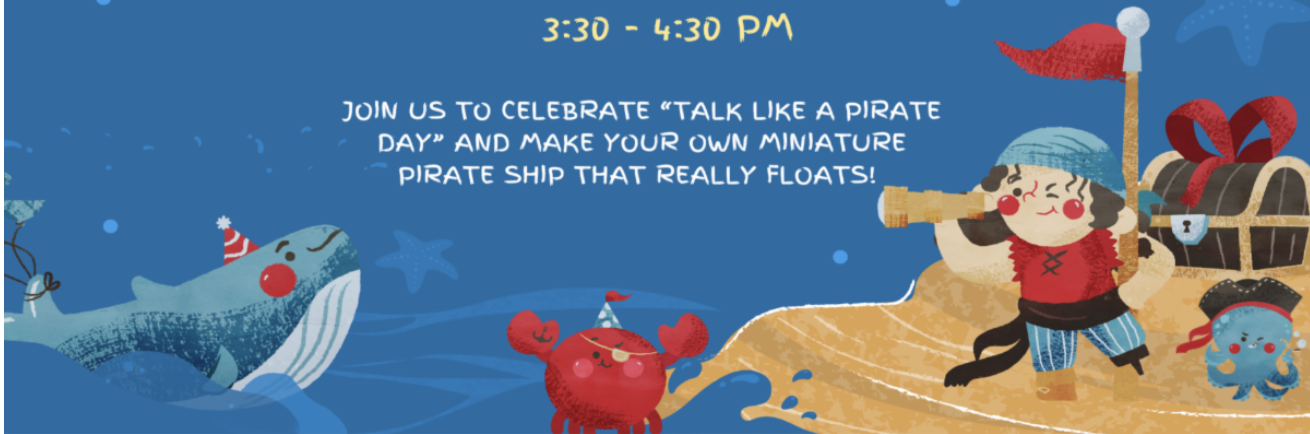
Celebrate a century of Scots spirit with the HP Cheer community pep rally. Join the HP Cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 in the HPHS Main Gym for a special 100 Years of Cheer Pep Rally. This exciting event includes a special viewing of the new "History of Highland Park Cheer" documentary. No tickets are necessary—come and be part of this historic celebration!

For sponsorship information, please [click here](#).

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
3:30 - 4:30 PM

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE "TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY" AND MAKE YOUR OWN MINIATURE PIRATE SHIP THAT REALLY FLOATS!



University Park Public Library
8383 Preston Center Plaza | Suite 200
Dallas, TX 75225 | 214-363-9095
<http://www.uptexas.org>

Elementary
Explorers

Ages 6+

Slime Making

Wednesday, September 25,
4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Miss Stacey from Play Play Play for
squishy, slimy fun!

Limited to 20 participants.

Please register by Saturday, September 21.



PLAY PLAY PLAY!



Learn more about Miss Stacey!

Register



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BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!



CLICK TO BUY SUPPER & RAFFLE TICKETS HERE!

**4:30-6:30 P.M. HPHS CAFETERIA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

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Please complete this form to be included in our PTA resource directory for parents.

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