



# Armstrong Article

## Campus Newsletter



- April 15 - Reading STAAR (No visitors)
- April 17 - HERO meeting 7:30am, Auditorium
- April 17 - Class Group Pictures
- April 18 and 21 No School
- April 25 - PNO with Mrs. Barbo and Ms. Johnson
- 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
- May 5 - Soaring into the next grade level parent meetings

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



# ARMSTRONG

E A G L E S

April 14, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

On Tuesday, April 15, third and fourth grade students will take the STAAR RLA Test (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness). The students will take the STAAR Math Test on Wednesday, April

30. Throughout the year, our children have worked hard to develop their reading and writing skills. Students will complete the STAAR test in classrooms throughout the building, and students have the entire school day to complete the test. We will begin testing immediately after announcements and conclude testing by the end of the school day.

Test security and confidentiality is an emphasis of the TEA with specific procedures that the school and district must have in place. Test sessions cannot be interrupted for any reason. ***In order to provide the best testing environment for our students, the campus will be closed to visitors on both Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 30.*** Cafeteria volunteers are permitted during their scheduled time, but we ask that other parents do not come eat lunch with their children on those two days.

We appreciate your encouragement and support of the student's success!

We are confident all of our students will continue to achieve at high levels because of our high expectations, high quality instruction, and strong parental support. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins Amanda Hollier

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Principal Counselor

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May 14, 2025

# Save the Date

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



4:00 PM





# SOARING INTO A NEW YEAR

Monday, May 5

In Auditorium

8:15-8:45- 1st grade

9:00-9:30- 3rdGrade

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!](#)

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ATTENTION 4TH GRADE HERO MEMBERS:

# HERO

APRIL 17TH @7:30  
IN THE  
AUDITORIUM

This is our last meeting  
with HPHS Project  
Respect students

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Registration will begin at 7:30am on Wednesday, April 16 in the front office.

**Armstrong PNO**  
**Friday April 25th *with Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Barbo (Doremus)***

**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, playground time, pizza, a movie and more!

**Who?** K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Armstrong students

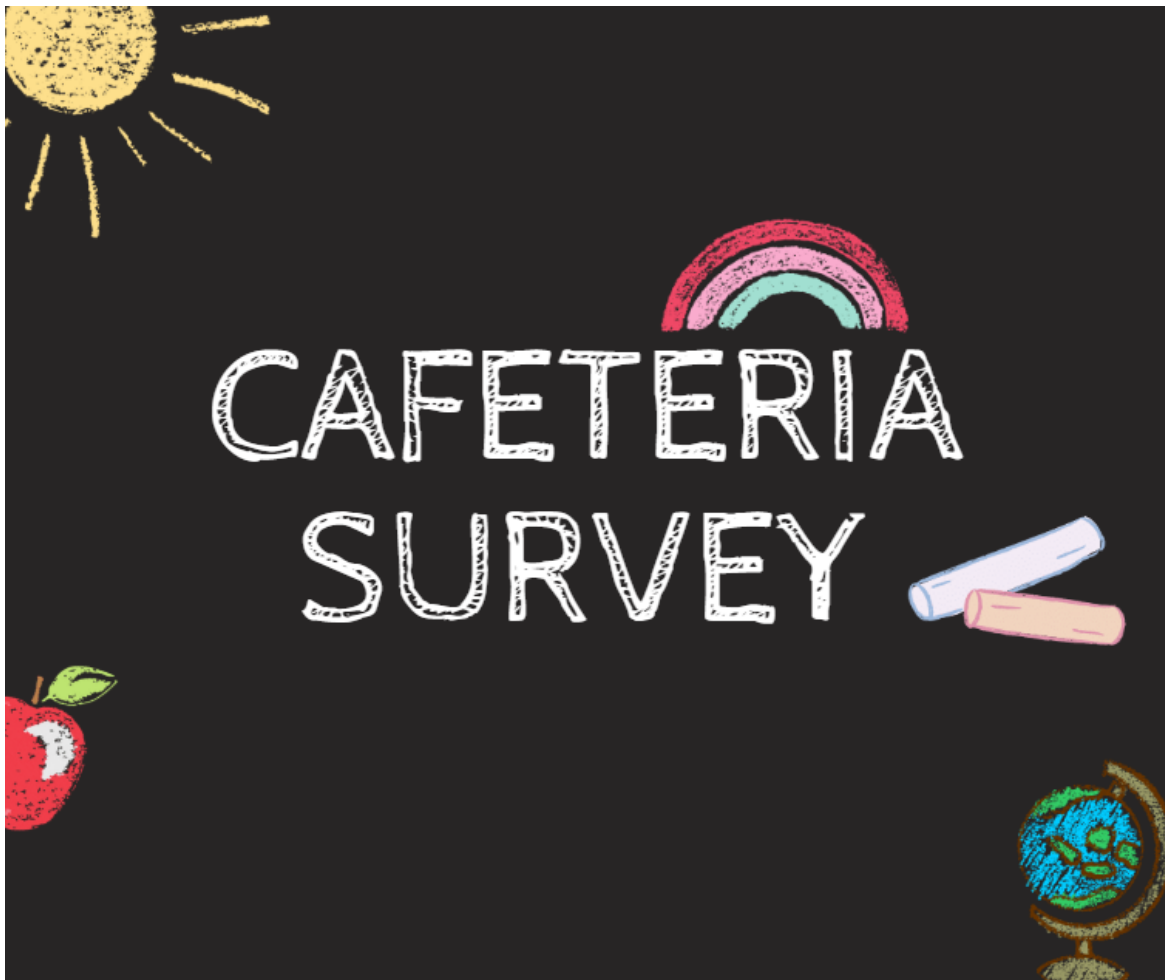
**When?** Friday April 25th - 6:00pm-11:00pm

**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.

PNO Registration Form

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## Cafeteria Survey


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**Thank you to our wonderful PTA for the staff lunch last Wednesday!**

**Also, a huge shout out to the Carnival Chairs for putting together a fabulous Armstrong Carnival this past Friday! What a treat for Armstrong Families!**

**From the Armstrong Faculty and Staff!**

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# 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.

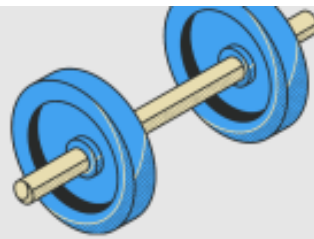
Sincerely,  
Amanda Reyes, Principal

5th Grade Form

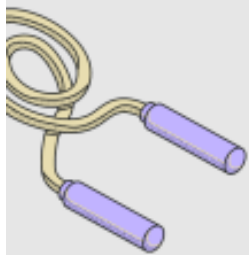
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PARENTS,  
CHECK FOR SKYWARD FAMILY  
ACCESS EMAIL REGARDING



# HEALTH LESSON INFO



PARENTS OF  
1ST-6TH GRADES STUDENTS

PREVIEW UPCOMING LESSONS  
& COMPLETE OPT IN FORM



CONTACT PE TEACHER  
FOR MORE INFORMATION



Armstrong Health Dates are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (during Specials time)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (during Specials time)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (during Specials time)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (during Specials time)

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# PTA News

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**Armstrong students and their families**

**Armstrong Cafeteria**

**Friday, April 25th at 3:15pm**

**Come pack birthday boxes and make birthday cards to go in them (all supplies provided) to benefit children served by Hope Supply Co.**



HOPE SUPPLY CO. was started by an Armstrong Alum and they provide basic supplies, diapers and Birthday Boxes to a lot of the big organizations like Salvation Army, Dallas CASA, Genesis Center, The Family Place and so many more that Armstrong families support!

All students and their families will have an opportunity to serve by assembling and decorating birthday boxes in the Armstrong cafeteria that will be delivered to Hope Supply for distribution. This is a fun and easy way to get your kids to volunteer in the community! We will also collect diapers leading up to this event, feel free to drop off Diapers even if you can't attend the event in the front office!

We request that child(ren) be accompanied by an adult for this event, please sign up [here](#)!

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### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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**Archived Communications:**

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

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# Community News

**Register here for Academy of Lifelong Learning Summer classes!**

**Register Online Here!**



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

Registration opens Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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](#)**

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## 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](mailto:bjorkc@hpisd.org) or [drillea@hpisd.org](mailto:drillea@hpisd.org).

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# Highland Park

LADY SCOTS SOFTBALL



## SENIOR NIGHT

**April 15<sup>th</sup> // 5:20pm**

**Please join us Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> as we  
celebrate our Lady Scots Softball Seniors!**

Ceremony 5:20pm

Varsity Game vs Newman Smith 6:00pm



### **TEACHER APPRECIATION NOMINATIONS**

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.

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# 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  
4<sup>th</sup> grader to MIS?

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

Claim shifts in VSP starting March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:katherine.issel@gmail.com)  
[portmelech@gmail.com](mailto: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.
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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](mailto:trentm@hpsd.org)

Coach Wager – [wagerr@hpisd.org](mailto:wagerr@hpisd.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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Amanda Hollier, Counselor

Betsy Cummins, Principal

Crystal Hunt, Nurse

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Annie Celestino, Cafeteria

[Lane Arnold](#)  
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Attendance Desk

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Cafeteria

[PTA Website](#)

PTA Auction

Armstrong Dad's Club

Volunteer  
Scheduler

Directory Spot

Skyward

COVID-19 Updates

[ARattendance@hpsd.org](mailto:ARattendance@hpsd.org)

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Armstrong Elementary Community Partners!



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