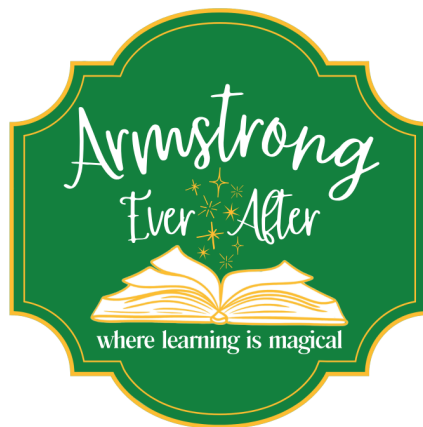




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



October

- 6- Dine-in at Olivella's - 10%proceeds to Park Cities Dads Club
- 8-9 - 3rd Grade Invention Convention
- 10 - Founders Day Picnic
- 10 - PNO with Ms. Amber and Ms. Parada
- 13 - Student Holiday
- 17 - Armstrong Movie Night
- 22 - PTA Volunteer Fair and Nominating Form released
- 23 - Individual Photo Retakes
- 24 - 2nd Grade International Dance Performance, 8:15am

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



October 6, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for your time and dedication to ensuring our Bike Rodeo was successful!

It is a great tradition at Armstrong! As we finish our first grading period, I wanted to remind you that Highland Park ISD's Family Curriculum Guides (FCGs) are ready and available for viewing [here](#). FCGs provide an overview of what students are learning in the current nine-weeks grading period. These parent-facing guides also provide information and access to additional information about steps that can be taken at home to help students achieve success by supporting their academic growth. Family Curriculum Guides are created with teachers and aligned to the HPISD Frameworks and curriculum documents. New documents will be posted each nine weeks grading period. Parents with questions or concerns are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher for additional details.



[Submit your Shoutout here!](#)

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

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins
Principal
cumminb@hpsid.org



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@armstrongeaglesHP
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@thearmstrongdadsclub

Dine in at Olivella's tonight!

Join us for
Dads Club Night
at

OLIVELLA'S

Dine-in This Monday, Oct 6th

3406 McFarlin Blvd by SMU

**Olivella's is donating 10% of all sales,
which will go to support our teachers!**





Armstrong PNO **Date October 10, 2025** **with Mrs. Parada & Ms. Amber**



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! We will also be having a Halloween bash with a (non-scary) costume contest and talent show!

Who? K – 4th grade Armstrong students

When? October 10, 2025 - 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.

Spots still available - Sign up now!

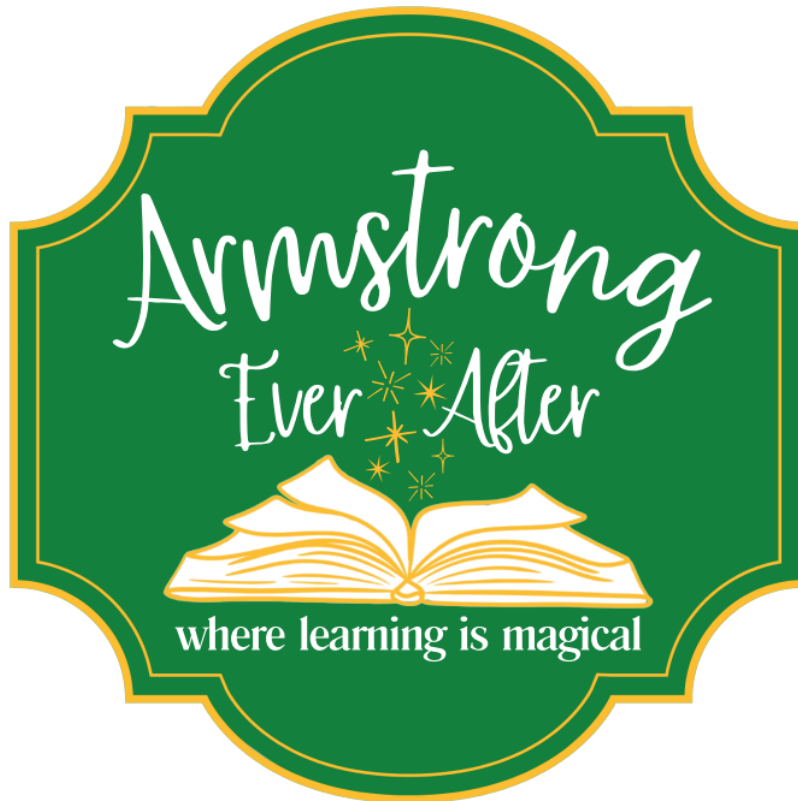
When your student is absent, please email us:

arattendance@hpisd.org

This helps us have a paper trail and get the absences coded correctly.

Thank you!

PTA News





We're back to being fully staffed, thanks to Cecilia, Gina, & Brett.

Per HPISD, please check in as a Volunteer anytime you visit the school, not as a Visitor. If you can't check in as a Volunteer, that means you need to [complete your HPISD background check](#).

Volunteer Background Check

If you are a regular volunteer in the cafeteria, and you have not been able to sign in as a "volunteer" please submit your background check at the above button. As stated above, you should not be signing in as a visitor if you are volunteering in the cafeteria. Hopefully, all volunteers will be uploaded into the Verkada system soon.

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!](#)

Invention Convention | Armstrong
Elementary
armstrongpta.org

CREATE SOMETHING NEW!

ANNUAL ARMSTRONG INVENTION CONVENTION

REQUIRED FOR ALL 3RD GRADERS
*OTHER GRADES MAY PARTICIPATE

INTENT-TO-INVENT FORM DUE: THURSDAY, SEPT 25TH
*PLEASE TURN FORMS IN TO YOUR TEACHER

PROJECTS DUE: WEDNESDAY, OCT 8TH
*PROJECTS DUE BETWEEN 7:30-7:50 AM | PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SMALL GYM

CLICK HERE
FOR MORE DETAILS, INTENT-TO-INVENT FORMS
& PARENT JUDGE SIGN UPS

QUESTIONS :
LINDSAY BARNES & JENNA FRY
INVENTIONCONVENTION@ARMSTRONGPTA.ORG

PRESENTED BY:

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Children's Hospital



3rd Grade: Tri-boards are available through the teachers.

Any other grade, Tri-boards are available in the Eagle Store.

 *Last Day to purchase tickets October 1*

FOUNDER'S DAY *Picnic*

*Buy a ticket, grab your picnic blanket
and join us on the Big Field for the 111st
annual Founder's Day Picnic!*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

In-N-Out hamburgers & cheese burgers, chips and drinks will be served with the purchase of a ticket along with a special treat from Principal Cummins!

REMINDER: THE CAFETERIA WILL BE CLOSED. YOUR CHILD
MUST HAVE A TICKET OR BRING A LUNCH FROM HOME.

PRE-K: 10:45AM

KINDERGARTEN:

JOHNSON: 11:00AM

BARBO: 11:05AM

BANKS: 11:10AM

MCCORMACK: 11:15AM

1ST GRADE:

PENA: 11:20AM

GAUBERT: 11:25AM

TALLEY: 11:30AM

ADELSBERG: 11:35AM

2ND GRADE:

PENCE: 11:40AM

KATZ: 11:45AM

EMERY: 11:50AM

BURROWS: 11:55AM

3RD GRADE:

BILY: 12:05PM

MASSEY: 12:10PM

RIGG: 12:15PM

4TH GRADE:

GREEN: 12:20PM

MORGA: 12:25PM

KUEHN: 12:30PM

WALTERS: 12:35PM

[Check here to see if you've purchased tickets!](#)

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)

Armstrong

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Oct 17
Pre-show 6:00 PM • Movie 7:00 PM



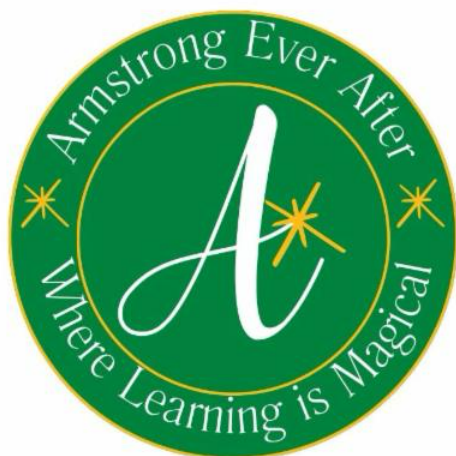
**RSVP below to enjoy a free
movie night under the stars in
Armstrong's Big Field!**

face painting ♦ balloon & airbrush artists ♦ crafts
glitter tattoos ♦ hula-hoop contest and more
Bring blankets/chairs ♦ PJs or costumes encouraged!

Volunteer to help here!



Please help us salute our nation's heroes during Armstrong's Veterans Day celebration by sending in photos of veterans and active-duty service members in your family! Photos will be displayed on Armstrong's Wall of Honor near the main entrance leading up to the celebration on Monday, November 11. **Please submit your photo(s) via email by 5:00PM on Friday October 24 to veteransday@armstrongpta.org.** Ideal submission is a military portrait or other solo photo in uniform. **Be sure to include: veteran's name, rank, branch, dates active (if known), and relationship to Armstrong student(s).** If you submitted pictures in the past, we still have them and will display them for the duration of your time at Armstrong.



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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



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AFTER-SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLUB – FALL 2025



WIZ
Computing Academy

GRADE K–2: SCRATCH JR – GAME DESIGN & CODING WITH MIT SCRATCH JR.

Introduce your child to coding through creativity and play!

In this beginner-friendly class, students will:

- Animate stories using visual, block-based coding
- Build logic and storytelling skills
- Create interactive digital projects
- Explore tech hands-on to build confidence

They'll bring stories to life, build problem-solving skills, and create interactive games using fun, age-appropriate, drag-and-drop coding tools.

ScratchJr is designed just for young learners. Making coding fun, visual, and easy to grasp.

info-sp@wizeacademy.com



REGISTER:
<https://tinyurl.com/HPISDK2>



**SESSIONS ARE OFF
IN PERSON AT
UNIVERSITY PARK
ELEMENTARY**



**TOTAL FOR 8
SESSIONS: \$320**

**WEDNESDAY
(04:15 PM– 05:15 PM)**

**OCT 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
NOV 5, 12, 19**



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AFTER-SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLUB

– FALL 2025



WIZ
Computing Academy

GRADE 3–5: MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT

Turn your child's ideas into real apps!

In this beginner-friendly class, students will:

- 💡 Learn how to go from idea to fully functional mobile app
- 🎨 Design user experience and interface (UX/UI)
- 🎵 Add animations, sounds, and interactivity
- 💻 Code and complete their own mobile app from scratch

They'll explore the entire app-building process—from brainstorming to coding—and leave with a real project they can show off.

This class blends creativity with real-world tech skills in a fun, age-appropriate way.

✉ Info-sp@wizeacademy.com



REGISTER:
<https://tinyurl.com/HPISD3-5>



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NOV 6, 13, 20**

CHEERLEADERS & SCOTSMEN



Hamburger Supper

2025 HP Cheer Hamburger Supper

The Highland Park Cheerleaders, Scotsmen and Spirited Scots are proud to announce the **Annual Hamburger Supper** which will be held on **Friday, October 24, 2025**. Hamburger Supper will be in the HPHS cafeteria before the Homecoming football game. Burger House will provide their famous burgers and even more famous fries! Dine in with us from 5:00-7:00 PM or take out from 4:30-6:00 PM. We hope you will support HP Cheer by purchasing dinner tickets, raffle tickets or by choosing one of our underwriting options. The money raised will help us cheer on our winning Scots teams by paying for bus rentals to and from athletic events, professional instruction, pep rally decorations, contributing to the new state of the art chemistry lab, gym and locker room, cheer camp and more!

Thank you for your generosity and we hope to see you at Hamburger Supper! **GO SCOTS!**

Follow @hp.cheer on Instagram for updates!

[Purchase Tickets, T-Shirts and Raffle Tickets Here](#)

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BOO Day!

at the Moody

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 3 - 6 PM

CANDY | CRAFTS | GAMES

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Costumes encouraged!



Moody Family YMCA, 6000 Preston Rd. Dallas, TX 75205

Contact for more info: Victoria Otterbine | votterbine@hplibrary.info | 214.559.9407



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OPPORTUNITIES





FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEW

"creativity takes courage" -henri matisse

"Use the following link to see the HPISD Fine Arts Department newsletter! <https://secure.smores.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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