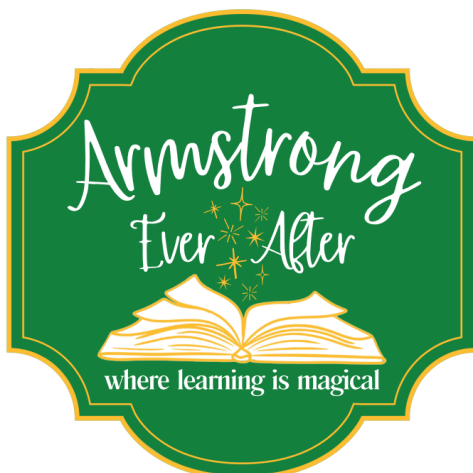




Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



November

5-7 Brother Bill's Food Donation Drive, happening now!

11 - Veteran's Day Program

17 - Deadline for PTA Volunteer Form, see below

24 - 28 Student and Staff Holiday

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



November 4, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

I hope you had a nice extended weekend! Our teachers and staff spent Monday and Tuesday engaged in professional learning including a focus on supporting and challenging high achieving students in the math classroom, effectively incorporating grammar instruction and accountability into responding to reading and higher-level thinking and phenomenon in the science classroom. We are committed to focusing on rigorous instruction and purposeful practice during this last month of the semester.

HPISD is continuing to accept Heart at Work nominations for the current school year. We are looking for the “unsung heroes” who are going the “extra mile” in serving our students, staff, families and community. Nominate [Here!](#)



[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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Bring in your Brother Bill's Bags starting tomorrow!

Armstrong Elementary

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

Benefiting Brother Bill's Helping Hand

Your generous donations will support Brother Bill's Helping Hand by supplying food to more than 500 households in the Dallas area!

Requested Food Items (per bag)

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Box of Stuffing Mix• 1 Can of Sweet Potatoes• 1 Can of Green Beans• 1 Can of Fruit (mixed fruit cocktail or single) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Bag of Rice• 1 Bag of Pinto Beans• 1 Bag of Kidney Beans• 1 Bag of Elbow Macaroni• 1 Can of Pie Filling (pumpkin, apple, etc.) |
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Items Will Be Collected

NOVEMBER

5-7

Drop Off in the Auditorium

Please fill a brown paper grocery bag with each of the food items mentioned above and have your child drop it off at the Armstrong Auditorium.

Let's get to 100% Participation!

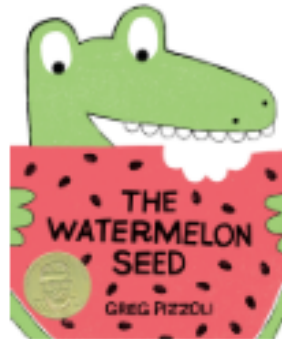
**STUFF THOSE BAGS
AND FILL THOSE
SHELVES!**

The class with the most donations will feast on a fun surprise during Family Lunch!

Time sensitive:

Due

Thursday, November 20th



Award winning author and illustrator Greg Pizzoli will be visiting with Armstrong Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade students

*Autographed books can be purchased by clicking on this link:

<https://interabangbooks.com/wishlist/shaupachucho>

*All presentations will be held in the Armstrong Library

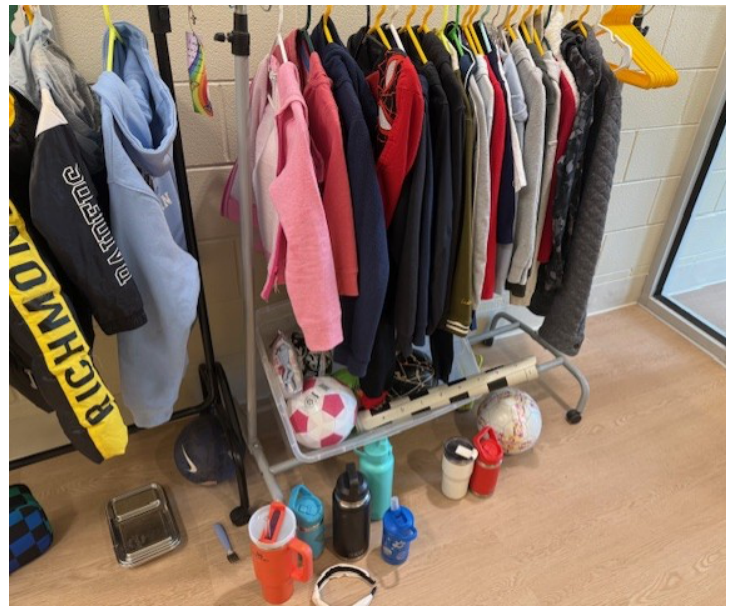
*Parents are invited to attend!

*Grade level times with author are as follows:

Preschool- 8:30-9:00

Kindergarten- 11:50-12:50

1st grade- 12:55-1:55



It's that time of year! Cool in the morning, warm in the afternoon! Please label coats and sweatshirts!

Here is the Lost and Found "Haul" so far!

Registration begins 7:30am tomorrow!

Armstrong PNO

November 14, 2025

with Ms. Massey, Ms. Rigg & Ms. Billy

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? November 14, 2025, 6:00pm-12:00pm

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 12:01 and an additional \$10 will be assessed at 12:15 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). **Please leave snacks and electronic devices at home.**

Deadline to Register: Registration begins Wednesday, November 5th. All forms must be brought to the front office completed and with a check. Your spot is not guaranteed until your form and payment are received. We will not accept any forms for anyone other than your student. Space is limited to the first 50 students. There will be a 10 person wait list if needed. If fewer than 20 students sign up by noon on Wednesday, November 12th, the PNO may be canceled. After registration, if your child is unable to attend, please contact Mercedes Trent (trentm@hpsd.org).

[PNO Form Here!](#)



BLOOD *Drive*



Receive a
blanket.*



Officer J.T. from Waxahachie, TX
Blood Recipient

Tuesday, December 9, 2025
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Schedule an
appointment



CarterBloodCare.org
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

*While supplies last. Appreciation gifts may be substituted for a different gift.

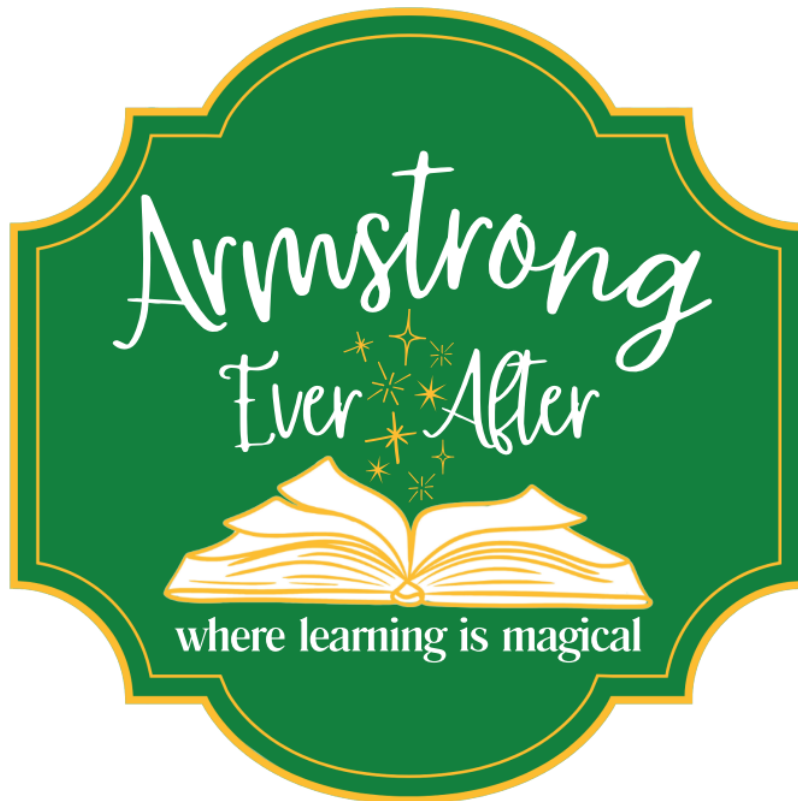
John S. Armstrong Elementary
Carter BloodCare Bus
3600 Cornell Avenue
Dallas, TX 75205

Third Grade Explorations is excited to announce that Armstrong is hosting a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, December 9th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and help save lives.

We warmly invite you to sign up and participate. Your donation can make a big difference! Please sign up to reserve your time slot.

[Sign Up Here](#)

PTA News





Want to get involved? We have volunteers opportunities!

Dear Armstrong Families,

We invite you to explore the many opportunities within the PTA to match your unique skills and interests. Whether you have a few hours a week or just occasional availability, there is a role for everyone! With over 200 positions to fill, every contribution matters, every position matters and your involvement makes a lasting impact on our students, teachers and staff, and community.

The Nominating Committee is committed to thoughtfully matching each role to create a strong volunteer force. Our goal is for every volunteer to feel supported, valued, and inspired by their contributions. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet other parents, set an example for your children, and help Armstrong continue to thrive.

The deadline to submit your Armstrong PTA Interest Form for the 2026 - 2027 school year is Monday, November 17th.

So, grab a friend, sign up, and join us in making a difference! Your efforts, big or small, are deeply appreciated and help create a positive, enriching environment for everyone at Armstrong.

If you have any questions, please reach out to PTA President-Elect Natalie Lesikar at 214.621.8002 or presidentelect@armstrongpta.org. Additionally, feel free to contact the current lead of any role you're considering to learn more. Helpful documents are linked in the form to guide you.

Thank you!

Link if you need it for the email a different way:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp3SpWfA41UtOZKVEYEgY-RmiyGDOFZNeVfVSzHHBTpkxVjg/viewform?usp=dialog>

Natalie Metzger Lesikar

Armstrong PTA President - Elect | 2025-2026

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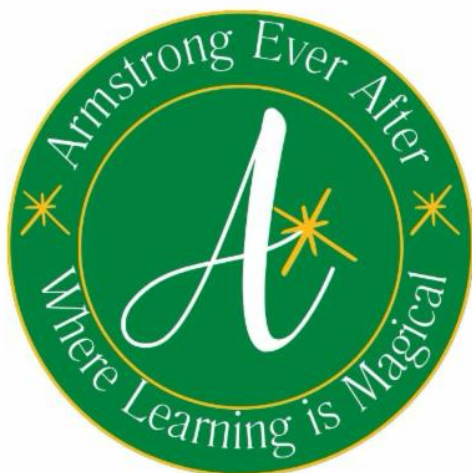


NEW SHIFTS ADDED

*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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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

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



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TEAM!

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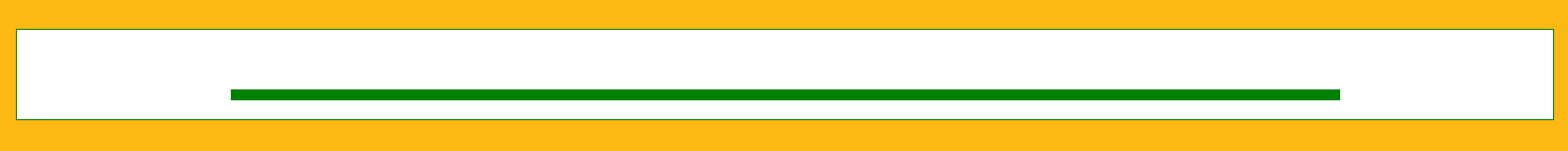
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

6:00PM - 7:30PM

**PURCHASE YOUR DINNER TICKETS,
RAFFLE TICKETS & MORE!**



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HP SOFTBALL PRESENTS

MEET THE SCOTS



GAMES

POPCORN

PICTURES

PLAYERS

SUNDAY

9 NOVEMBER 25

5 PM

HPHS Softball Field

330 Westchester Drive

5pm Kids Activities/ Games

6pm Movie in Outfield

Blankets and Chairs Welcome



MEET THE SCOTS/HOOPS & HOT SAUCE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH (6-8 PM)

**MEET THE PLAYERS-AUTOGRAPHS/PHOTOS
SHOOTING CONTEST FOR KIDS-MUST REGISTER BY QR CODE**



**HOOPS & HOT SAUCE SHIRT,
BASKETBALLS, RAFFLE & TACOS**

ORDER ONLINE USING QR CODE

HPHS MAIN GYM





FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

"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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