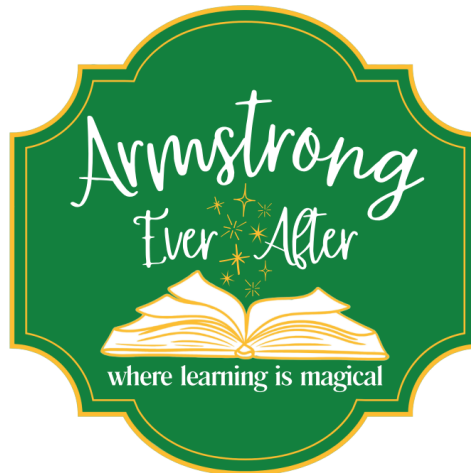




# Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



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**December**

10 - TAG Referral Window Opens  
19 - Classroom Holiday Parties - **Early Release 1:00pm**

**January**

7 - Students Return to school  
14-26 One School, One Book

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

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December 15, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to extend warm wishes to each and every one of you. This time of year is truly special as it brings us together to celebrate the spirit of joy, kindness, and love. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or another beautiful tradition, may this holiday season bring you a sense of peace and happiness.

Our Armstrong community is a source of inspiration, and I am grateful for the privilege of working alongside such wonderful families. The support and enthusiasm you bring to our school create an environment where our students can thrive and grow.

The staff at Armstrong would like to extend our gratitude for the December Days activities, treats, and generous gifts. We are so incredibly grateful for your generosity.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our holiday parties on Friday! As a reminder, we have early dismissal at 1:00 on Friday, December 19.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Armstrong family. Your partnership is invaluable, and I look forward to the continued collaboration in the coming year. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins  
Principal  
[cumminb@hpsid.org](mailto:cumminb@hpsid.org)

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The Eagle Store will be closed Tuesday, and the last day to shop before the break is Wednesday, Dec. 17! We will reopen after the holidays, See you in 2026!



LET'S SAY THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED

# CROSSING GUARDS

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**TAG Assessment Registration window is from 12-10-25 8am to 1-12-2026 4pm!**

# **TAG Assessment Registration**

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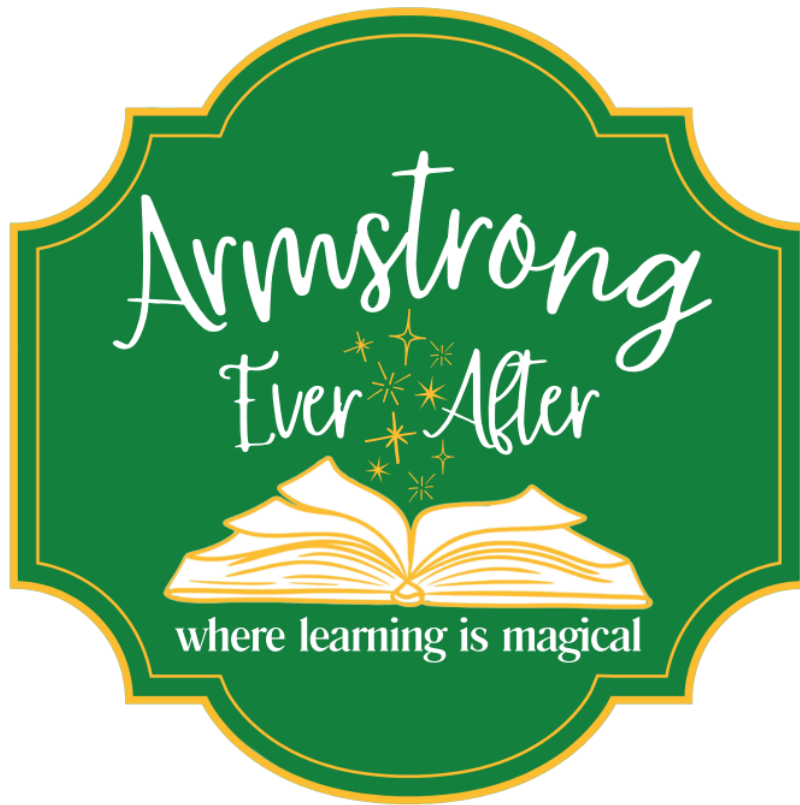
**Registration for assessment into HPISD TAG occurs once annually for current students.  
Registration is currently closed.**

A parent/guardian, principal, teacher, counselor, student, or community member may nominate a student for TAG Testing. Individuals that are not parents of a Highland Park student may reach out to the district TAG department to make a nomination. Parents of Highland Park students may complete a nomination by registering their child using the link below. TAG Testing Registration takes place once per academic year for students. New students that tested in the Fall are NOT eligible to test again this academic year. All registration deadlines are firm. Late registrations will not be accepted.

**TAG testing registration**

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**PTA News**





# 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](mailto: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:

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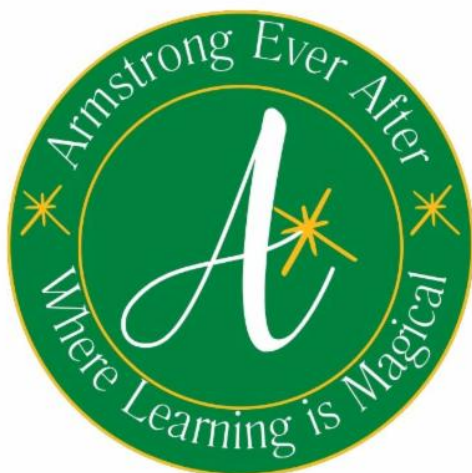


NEW SHIFTS ADDED

\*must commit to work entire shift, not just a  
class' assigned time

Questions? Email Meredith Clark  
[Meredithwclark@gmail.com](mailto:Meredithwclark@gmail.com)

Sign up for a shift here!



## COMMUNITY SPONSORS 2025-2026

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!

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**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](mailto:Directory@armstrongpta.org).

**Need your information in the Armstrong PTA  
Directory updated? Click Here**

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PTA Feedback Form

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# Community News

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# 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](https://hpef.org/supportmadforplaid)

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# HP Gymnastics Spring 2026

January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>

Our 41<sup>st</sup> Year!

**HPHS' 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](mailto:mslexus1@airmail.net)

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and mail before November 30<sup>th</sup>

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**



# 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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# WE ARE *Hiring*

## SUBSTITUTES

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Join Highland Park ISD as a Substitute Teacher and support student success – on your schedule!

### WHY JOIN HPISD?

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- Competitive Pay
- Supportive School Environment
- Great opportunity for retirees, college students and those exploring a rewarding career path

### REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Minimum 48 college hours

### SUBSTITUTE PAY RATES:

General Instructional Substitutes  
starting at:

\$125/day (non-certified teacher)

\$135/day (certified teacher)

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to learn more



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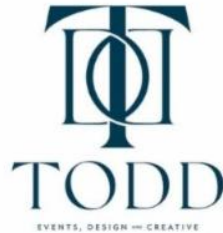


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