

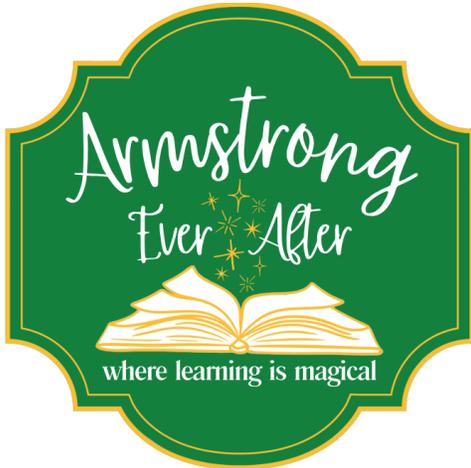


Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



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February

- 10 - Dads Club Breakfast - Scots Girl Captains, 7:15am
- 13 - Valentines parties
- 16 - Student Holiday

17 - Kindergarten Round Up, 9:00am, Enrollment Now Open!

20 - **Principal and Teacher for the Day! (New Date)**

27 - Spelling Bee - 3rd Grade

27 - Family Day of Service

March

4 - Daddy/Daughter Dance

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



February 9, 2026

Dear Armstrong Families,

Our teachers shared these links earlier in the school year, but I wanted to reiterate 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. Separate documents are posted for each nine weeks grading period. Parents with questions or concerns are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher for additional details.

We have several exciting school activities coming up, so mark your calendars for the important dates in February and March! These dates and events will be listed at the beginning of each Armstrong Article, and details will be included throughout the article. We are grateful for the support of our PTA and Dads Club in planning these exciting school events!



[Staff Shoutout Form Here](#)

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

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

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins
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Principal
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@thearmstrongdadsclub

There are a few spots left!

Armstrong PNO

Friday, February 13th

with Miss A, Miss Blevins, & Miss Luter

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 Valentine's activities, gym games, pizza, a movie, and more!

Who? K – 4th grade Armstrong students

When? Friday, February 13th - 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.

Deadline to Register: Registration begins Wednesday, February 4th. 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, February 11, the PNO may be canceled. After registration, if your child is unable to attend, please contact, Mercedes Trent (trentm@hpsid.org).

[PNO Form Here!](#)

Don't forget, Monday, February 16 is a student holiday!



Events for February 2026
armstrongdadsclub.com

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)



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Kindergarten ROUND-UP

Tuesday, February 17
9:00 am



Enrollment is Now Open!
← Learn More

If you have a student already registered in PreK (4) this year, you do not have to enroll for Kinderarten, they will automatically roll into Kindergarten. If your 4 year old (5 by 9/1/26) is not attending Kindergarten here at Armstrong, Please let us know. The earlier you register **completely**, the more accurate our count will be when the district is deciding how many sections we will have for 2026-2027. Please register **and** upload documents as soon as possible. We have already begun processing applications!

Thank you!





KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Enroll your 5-year-old in kindergarten today! Kindergarten enrollment opened on February 3, 2025, and will close soon. Secure your child's spot by enrolling today! Learn more at HPISD.org/kinder.



PROGRAM CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025
- ✓ Live in the City of UP or Town of HP (proof of residency required)
- ✓ Campus tours available upon request

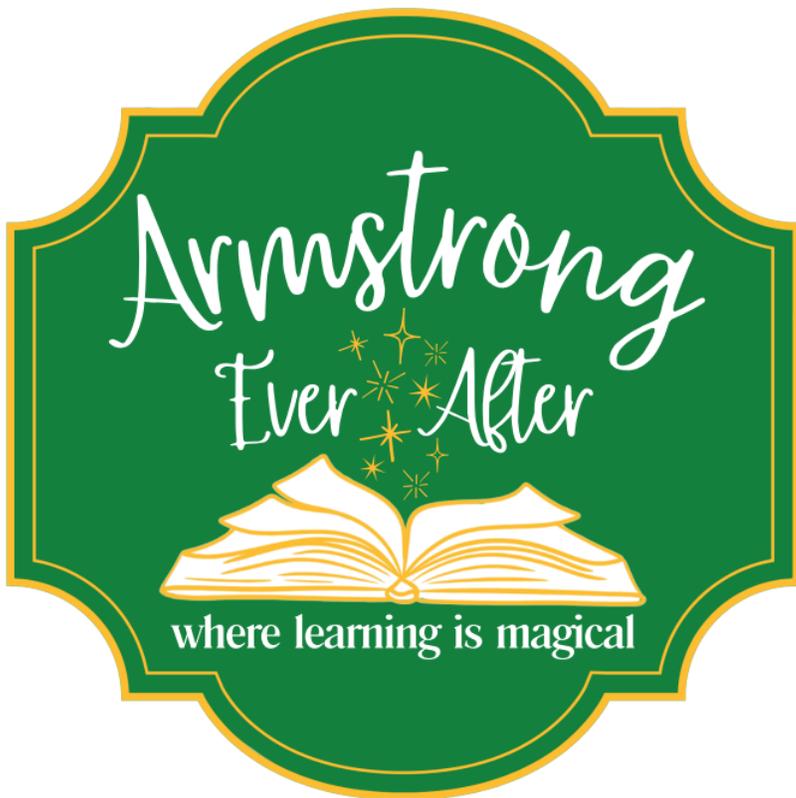
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PTA News





1st Grade Eagle Party. Sunday, February 22, 2026 5pm - 6:30pm. Westlake Skate Center. \$40/Ticket.

Grab your skates and your friends for an epic first grade bash at Westlake Skate Center! With music pumping, lights flashing, it's sure to be a party your first grader won't forget. Let's roll!

Get your tickets here!

<https://armstrong.muradbid.com>



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

Please just include the grade and if applicable,
the class/teacher.

You do not need to include children's names!

[Upload photos here:](#)

Volunteers Needed!

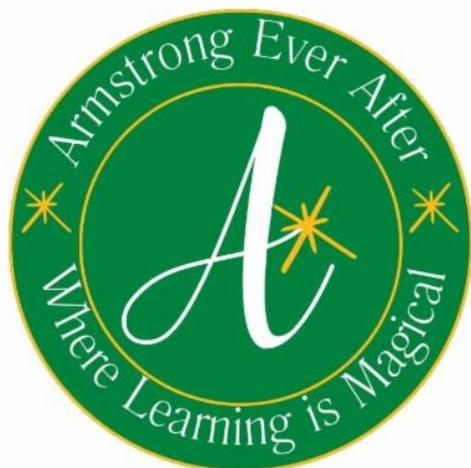


NEW SHIFTS ADDED

*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!](#)



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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.

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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

We'd like to invite **Armstrong families** to join the **Wize Computing Academy STEM Enrichment Club** at University Park Elementary this spring.

This semester, we're excited to offer two engaging, hands-on programs:

Grades K–2: Game Design & Coding with MIT Scratch Jr.

- Mondays, February 23 – April 27, 2026
- 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM
- (8 sessions)

Students will bring stories and characters to life with drag-and-drop coding, build creativity and early logic skills, and design their own interactive projects.

Grades 3–5: Mobile App Development

- Tuesdays, February 24 - April 21, 2026
- 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM
- (8 sessions)

Students will turn ideas into fully coded mobile apps, explore UX/UI with animations and interactivity, and share their final project with family and friends.

Location:

University Park Elementary, 3505 Amherst St, Dallas, TX 75225

Please enter through the Amherst side arches.

(Parents/guardians must sign students in and out daily.)

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/HPISD2026>

We'd be grateful if you could share this flyer and registration information with Armstrong families so their students don't miss out on this opportunity.

We've recently distributed flyers to families at University Park Elementary, and we'd be happy to drop off printed flyers at Armstrong Elementary School as well if that's helpful for your community.

Thank you for your support in helping us bring fun and future-ready STEM learning to HPISD students.

Warm Regards,

Yan Lawrence

Executive Director

Wize Computing Academy

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GRADE 3–4: 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



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ELEMENTARY**



TOTAL SESSIONS: 8

**TUESDAYS
(04:15 PM– 05:15 PM)**

**FEB 24
MAR 3, 10, 24, 31
APR 7, 14, 21**



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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.

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HP Lady Scots Soccer

YOUTH & CHARITY NIGHT

February 20, 2026 5:30 Pregame Presentation

Watch your Lady Scots vs Creekview at Highlander Stadium

All youth players wearing jerseys get in free!

Youth scrimmages at halftime,
along with fun giveaways!





Our practical talk series equips parents, educators, and ministers to navigate life's challenges with resilience and purpose—drawing on mental health insights, faith, and effective communication to inspire lasting transformation.

Youth & Difficult Thoughts: Suicide Prevention, Response, and Postvention | Tuesday, February 10, 6:30-8 pm
Nathaniel R. Strenger, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist

Talk of teen suicide is terrifying. But, few things are more protective than an informed and collaborating community. At this Inform talk, we will equip parents, ministers, educators, and caregivers to take on an uncomfortable subject with calm confidence. We'll discuss preventative communication and the role of faith and community in well-being. We'll practice difficult conversations about risk factors and help-seeking. These are the foundations of community suicide prevention, response, and postvention.

Empty Nest: Prepare for Launch | Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:00 pm

Carrie Davidson Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist and Clint Donaldson, LPC-S

As we prepare for an empty nest and the launch of kids, how can we have a sustainable relationship with our young adult/college child. When do we step in and when do we step back? How can we encourage our kids to apply faith and values independently of us and be resilient, confident, and self-sufficient.

The Mental Load for Moms | Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-8:00 pm

Katie Campbell, LCSW and Lindsey Parker, LPC

The "mental load" or the invisible, constant, and often exhausting cognitive and emotional labor many moms carry—planning, remembering, organizing, anticipating needs, managing schedules, and keeping the household and family running— is a burdensome weight on Moms. We will help shine a light on the unseen work mothers do, how it impacts mental health, and what healthier balance can look like. Moms will leave with practical resources how every aspect of their lives – relationships, faith, physical well-being, emotional lives – can sync together for contentment and resilience in life.

Holding On and Letting Go: Managing Holiday Grief After Loss | Tuesday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sandy Robinson, LPC-S

The holiday season can amplify feelings of grief, especially for empty nesters coping with the loss of parents or adjusting to new family dynamics. This discussion offers a compassionate space to explore how grief intersects with traditions, faith-life, expectations, and emotional well-being during the holidays. Participants will learn practical strategies for honoring memories, managing loneliness, and finding meaning in this season of change.

REGISTRATION

There is no fee to attend, but we ask that you RSVP so we can prepare seating and send you a reminder before the event. To register, go to TheCenterCounseling.org/Inform or scan QR.



Talks are on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Central Office location at 4305 MacArthur Ave, Dallas, Texas 75209.
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Dear Community Partner,

The Dallas County Elections Department is currently recruiting dedicated and community-minded individuals to serve as Regional Site Support Staff for the 2026 Dallas County Elections. As voter participation continues to grow, expanding our team is essential to meeting the needs of Dallas County voters.

This would be a great opportunity for your students to:

- Serve your community and support the democratic process
- Gain hands-on experience in election operations
- Work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment
- Develop transferable skills such as problem-solving, logistics support, and customer service
- Earn competitive pay for short-term, impactful work

We kindly ask your assistance in sharing this information with your students and staff. Attached, you will find a flyer with information pertaining to the upcoming virtual informational sessions.

During the informational session, we will discuss job responsibilities, expectations, pay, and the application process.

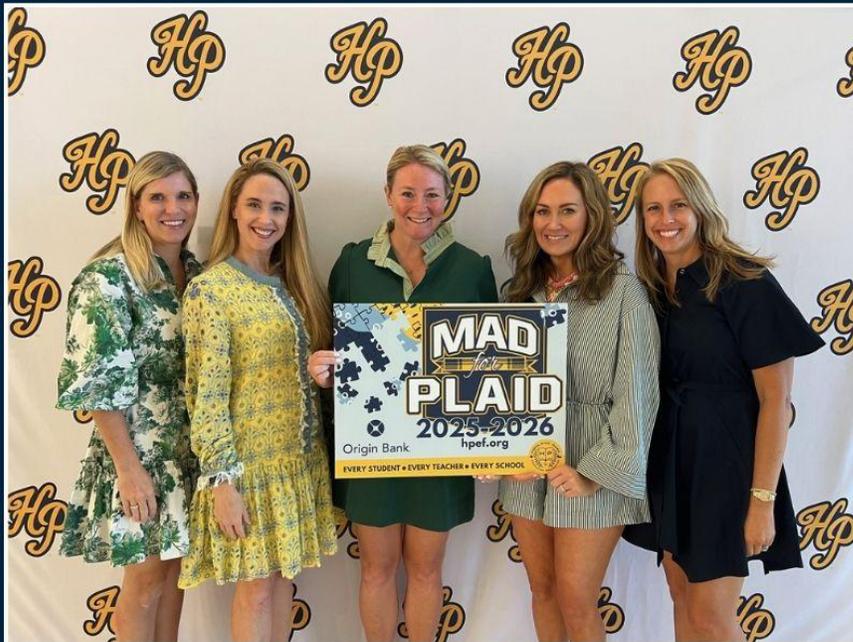
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Katina Prescott



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



FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

"creativity takes courage" -henri matisse

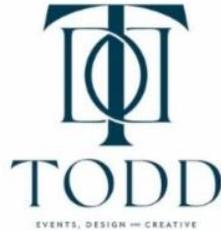
"Use the following link to see the HPISD Fine Arts Department newsletter! <https://secure.smores.com/n/hnr5a> At the bottom of the newsletter, hit "Subscribe" to be added to the mailing list for all future newsletters. Please share with family and friends so that all of our HP Community can be tuned into our fantastic Fine Arts programs!"

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