



Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



September 20 2021



September

- 7 - Oct 5 - PCLDA Flower Sale
- 20 - 24 Scholastic Book Fair
- 21 - Armstrong Dines Out - Fajita Pete's (details below)

October

- 1 - Popsicle Party - New Families (details below)
- 4 - PTA meeting w/ Dr. Trigg - Auditorium - 8:15am
- 13 - Invention Convention
- 15 - Bike Rodeo (details below)

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September 20, 2021

Dear Armstrong Families,

As we head into our fifth week of school, I am grateful for the efforts of students, families, staff and faculty in supporting a safe, in-person learning environment for our students. Last week the district had the lowest number of newly reported COVID cases since school started. While I'm optimistic that we can and will continue in the right direction, I'm also aware of the challenges we face entering the fall season.

As you know, the Delta variant is considerably more contagious than the original SARS COV2 strain that we were battling last year. In many cases, symptoms are the same as those seen with seasonal/environmental allergies or common colds. If your child has a cough, runny nose, congestion, or a sore throat, please keep him or her at home. In addition, if you receive a call because your child is in the clinic, please help us by coming to pick him or her up and scheduling a visit with your child's pediatrician to determine the cause. Unlike doctors, nurses are not able to diagnosis and treat. I apologize if this may cause work or schedule conflicts, but your assistance will help all of us during this time. I am so thankful for the work of our school nurse, Crystal Hunt. This has been a very challenging start to the school year for all of us but she, in particular, has risen to the occasion.

Let's continue to celebrate all the great things happening at Armstrong! Our amazing Armstrong staff has been working incredibly hard to meet the ever-changing needs of our current situation while keeping teaching and learning the focus each day. Please take a few minutes to fill out this [Google Form](#) to give a staff member a well-deserved Shout Out! I will include several Shout Outs for staff members each week in the Armstrong Article. As always, I value your input and feedback. Please let me know if you need anything. I am available by email or phone at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins
Principal
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SHOUT IT OUT!

Want to give a teacher a shout out?
If you have seen something that you think is fabulous or you just want to give your teacher some praise, fill out the form below.

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

~My son was late to Kindergarten after being out for several days already (kind of like starting over again). Since parents aren't allowed in the hall after the bell, we were struggling with how to make him feel comfortable getting to his classroom. Kristin Vernon happened to walk up to take care of some business in the office right then and announced "I can walk him to his classroom!" Her kind offer in that moment was everything. He just needed a few more days of someone holding his hand....Thank you.

~Mrs. Zvolanek goes above and beyond to communicate with her students and their families! It was evident on day one she has a true heart for teaching. She really goes the extra mile to ensure the success of each child and we feel so blessed to call her our teacher.

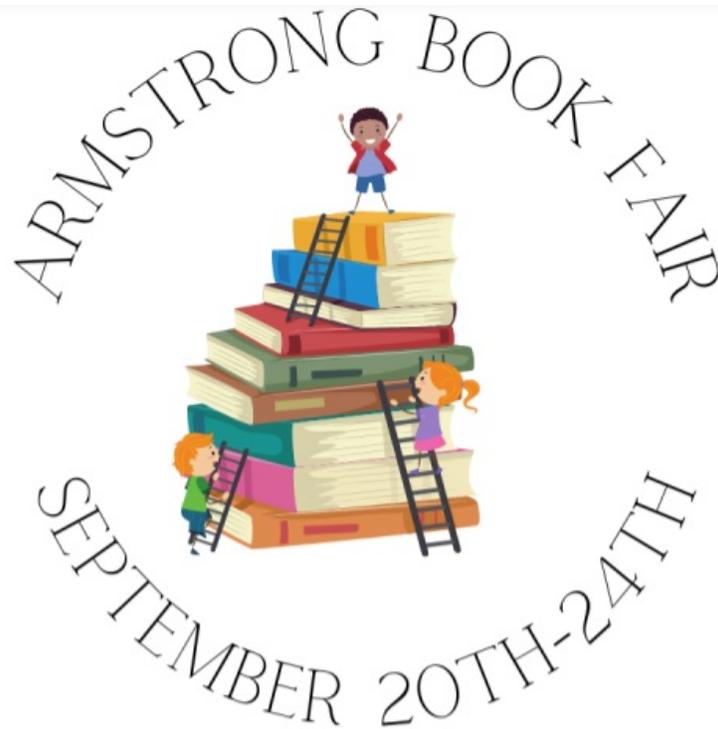
~My daughter comes home every day and tells me how funny Ms. Bily is! It's so refreshing and fun to know my daughter is laughing and learning at the same time. She is so positive and we feel so lucky to call her our teacher this year!

Armstrong Dines Out- **September 21st**
Order delivery or take out from Fajita Pete's. They will donate 10% back to Armstrong.





Armstrong Elementary PTA News



The Scholastic Book Fair is back! Our in-person student Book Fair will be at the library during your child's regularly scheduled library time; parents are welcome to come and shop along with their child! Only "E-wallet" and credit cards are accepted to purchase books. Sorry, no cash or checks will be accepted.

Please click the link below to add money to your "E-wallet".

Thank you to our volunteers!

[E-Wallet](#)

[Volunteer](#)



Friday, October 1st 3:15p.m.

Calling all NEW 1st-4th grade Armstrong families for a playdate! Join us for Popsicles on the Armstrong Playground and get to know other families new to Armstrong!



Those who purchased tickets during BSSU or received this as a Family Giving benefit have already received a Paperless Post invitation. **Please RSVP so we know to expect you!** **We have a few tickets available! Please click the link below to purchase!**

Thank you to our Sponsors:



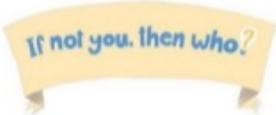
Purchase Tickets



Armstrong Eagle family, thank you for joining us for such a wonderful Campground Picnic! We hope you enjoyed your New York Subway sandwiches and time with your family and new and old friends!

Thank you to our Picnic co-chairs: Ashely Gray and Rebekah Brooker

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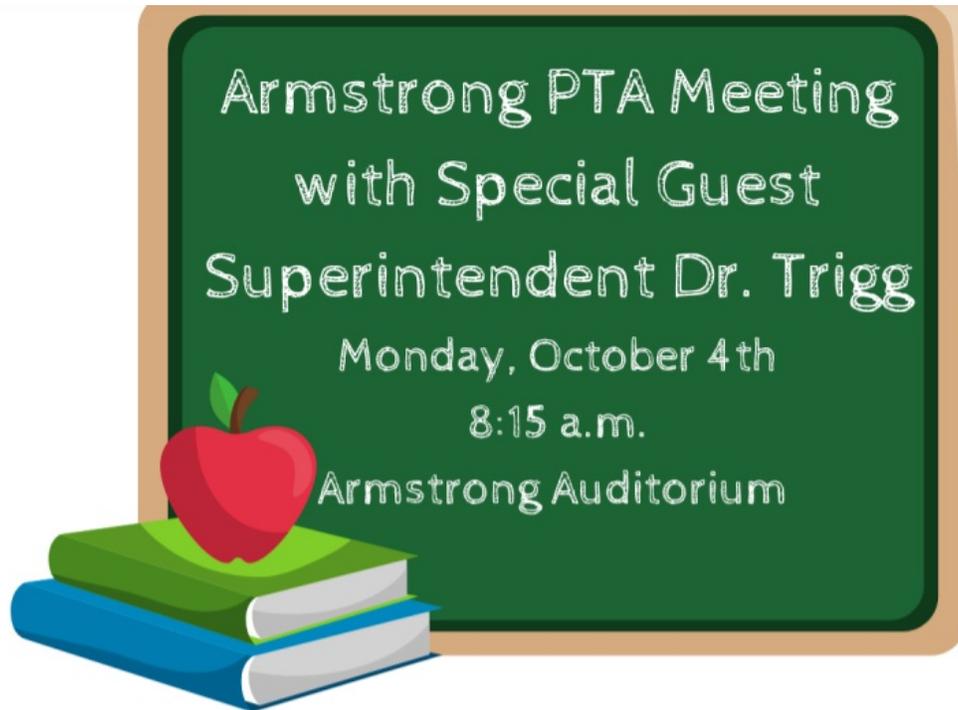


October 13th, 2021

Invention Convention packets will go home with students this Friday! We cannot wait to see the inventions our Eagles create!



Volunteer to help our Eagles as they dig and plant in Alice's Garden. This is a 1 1/2- 2 hour shift. Please click the links below to access the two sign ups.



Please join us at our PTA meeting with Superintendent Dr. Trigg to learn more about school funding and the upcoming VATRE vote.



Get PUMPED - Bike Rodeo is BACK – with a longer course and some fun additions. Mark your calendar for Friday October 15th.

- Plan for your child to bring a bike/scooter and helmet – NO electronic bikes or scooters, please.
- Park the bike/scooter at designated spot see signage day of
- Bring helmet (mandatory) to classroom

Be on the look out for more information to come about volunteering opportunities. We are also looking for a couple more sponsorships – contact Cortney (cortney.dicanio@gmail.com) or Leah (leah.s.ewing@gmail.com) if interested.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors that will help make the day a fun and active one for the kiddos!



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Join us for an enchanted evening at
the Dallas Country Club



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Please visit the new Armstrong PTA Website for
volunteer opportunities, sponsorship opportunities
and much more news!



www.armstrongpta.org



Don't forget to add money to your cafeteria account. We do not accept cash in the cafeteria. Please click the link below for instructions on how to add money to your e-funds account. You can also drop off a check or cash to the front office and we can deposit this money into your child's account. Please make the check out to "Armstrong Cafeteria".

Volunteer in the Armstrong Cafeteria



Did you know that the Armstrong PTA funds the cafeteria operations and the cafeteria staff salaries? We cannot afford to operate the cafeteria without our parent volunteers. **That is why it is vital that one member from every Armstrong family volunteers in the cafeteria at least once a month.** Volunteering in the cafeteria saves our district around \$400,000 annually.

Please join us in this 100-year-old Armstrong tradition and **sign up for a monthly recurring cafeteria shift.** It is a wonderful way to see your children at school, spend time with new and old friends, and connect with the school. We are grateful to our Armstrong parent volunteers who donate their time in the cafeteria as servers and cashiers; YOU make the cafeteria successful each and everyday!

Armstrong PTA website: armstrongpta.org
Cafeteria Questions?
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Are you interested in becoming a Community Partner or Sponsor for one of our Armstrong Events? We have several sponsorship opportunities including Auction, Bike Rodeo, Teacher Appreciation luncheons and gifts, STEAM events, Reading events, Picnic, Carnival, Graduation, and more. Thank you for supporting our Armstrong Eagles!

Questions? sponsorships@armstrongpta.org

www.armstrongpta.org/sponsorships

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Community News

Join today!



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Become a member of PC-TAG!

Your dues help promote our mission to serve gifted students in HPISD by funding classroom & educational enrichment materials, educational programs for parents & students, and more!

[CLICK HERE TO BECOME A MEMBER!](#)

Flower Sale

SUPPORTING HPISD SPECIAL EDUCATION & LEARNING DIFFERENCE PROGRAMS



Order online PCLDA.ORG
Sep 7th - Oct 5th

Delivery 2nd week of Oct
Holiday items first week of Dec

Have bulbs and annuals delivered right to your door while supporting PCLDA with their annual flower sale. Many varieties available... mums, pansies, kale, poinsettias, tulips, and more! Order by October 5 for delivery the week of October 13. Holiday items will be delivered in the first week of December.

Poinsettias & Rosemary Cones make great holiday gifts for Teachers, Office Staff, Hostess Gifts and Holiday decorations!

PCLDA supports children with learning differences and their parents.

In addition, PCLDA provides funding for HPISD teacher training, technology, equipment, and staff development requests.



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Support Local

Armstrong Eagles love to support our own!

**Do you own a local
business you would like
to include on our PTA
webpage?**

Please complete this form to be
included in our PTA resource
directory for parents.

GO EAGLES