



# Armstrong Article

## Campus Newsletter



### August

- 8 - Kinder Parent Coffee
- 10 - New Family Meet-Up, Grades 1-4
- 12 - Eagle's Nest, 4:00-5:00
- 13 - New Parent Coffee, 8am to 9am
- 13 - ABPA Kinder popscicle party, 9:30-10:30, Armstrong Playground
- 13 - Pre K Play Date, 8:30am, Armstrong Playground
- 14 - First Day of School! Starting time at 7:55!
- 27 - Curriculum Night, Session 1 4:00-4:30, Session 2 4:45 - 5:15



# ARMSTRONG

E A G L E S

August 5, 2024

Dear Armstrong Families,

We are excited to welcome you back from the summer and start another great year of learning and fun at Armstrong! Thank you to our teachers and staff who have been working very hard during the summer to get ready for the start of the year. We appreciate our PTA and Dads Club for providing great support for the beginning of the year. We are very excited for a fun year of activities!

Please join us in welcoming a few new faces to our staff this year. They bring passion, energy, and enthusiasm to Armstrong. They are going to be a great addition to our Armstrong family

as they love your children and help them grow as learners. Several returning staff members are also serving in new roles this year, so you will see their familiar faces in a new place. Meet our new staff and find out about new roles [here](#).

We hope you are planning to join us on **Monday, August 12th from 4:00pm-5:00pm, to Find Your Place in the Eagle's Nest**. The class lists will be posted by grade level at school on the Cornell side and St. John's side at 3:50 p.m. (and through your Skyward login if you are not able to attend) and you will be able to visit your classroom to meet your teacher and classmates. Our PTA has arranged for the Pop Popcorn Truck @poppopcornlh to have treats such as shaved ice, popcorn, and candy available for purchase during this community celebration to welcome everyone back to the school year.

Remember, the first day of school is Wednesday, August 14th. School doors open at 7:30am, and students should wait in their grade level hallway. If parents are accompanying the students, they should wait in the tiled areas on the Cornell or St. John's side of the school. **Students and parents will be able to walk to the classrooms at 7:45am before the tardy bell rings at 7:55am. Remember this is a new start time this year!** School begins with video announcements and parents should exit the building promptly at 7:55. Preschool will exit at the preschool door on Cornell, Kindergarten and Second grades dismiss at 3:15 at the door on the corner of Cornell and St. John's. First, Third, and Fourth grades dismiss at the door on the corner of St. John's and Byron. At **Find Your Place in the Eagle's Nest**, you will be asked to complete a Google Form to designate your child's dismissal procedures.

We encourage families to walk to school, or to carpool, to help with traffic around the campus. Please review the daily procedures and safety information located [here](#) to help us keep everyone safe during morning drop off, afternoon pickup and throughout the day.

As we start the year, I would like to remind you about the guidelines in the HPISD student handbook regarding cell phones and smart watches.

**\*Students with cell phones, smart watches, and other internet enabled electronic devices should have them stored in lockers and turned off during the school day, from 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.**

We depend on every family contributing through volunteering and financial assistance, however you can, to continue the excellent education we provide. **We need YOU as volunteers!** Please visit our PTA volunteer website at [www.armstrongpta.org](http://www.armstrongpta.org) to find your place to volunteer in the cafeteria, classroom, or garden, and continue to watch for other special opportunities to contribute to our mission through our PTA family giving, auction, readathon for students, and carnival.

It is important to actively communicate with your classroom teacher and stay informed about school activities to support your student's learning. Subscribe to the classroom teacher's webpage and find other important information on our campus website at [armstrong.hpisd.org](http://armstrong.hpisd.org). Subscribe to our weekly campus email newsletter that arrives each Monday afternoon. If you did not subscribe during Back to School Sign Up or are not receiving weekly emails, please contact Jamie Condon in the Armstrong front office at [condonj@hpisd.org](mailto:condonj@hpisd.org) or 214-780-3100 for instructions.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education, and welcome to another great year at Armstrong Elementary! I look forward to seeing each of you.

Sincerely,

**Betsy Cummins**

Betsy Cummins  
Principal

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Armstrong Eagles PTA



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# AHOY, ARMSTRONG!

We are excited to set sail on the 110th year of the Armstrong PTA! The Armstrong PTA has been charting the course for the 2024-2025 school year, and we're ready for a grand voyage with our Armstrong Eagles!

# ANCHORS AWEIGH!

**Check out the redesigned and updated Armstrong PTA website!**

**[armstrongpta.org](http://armstrongpta.org)**

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**AT THE HOME OF ASHLEY GRAY**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 8:30AM**

Kinder Coffee: 2813 Frondren Dr.

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**The New Family Popsicle Party is for new families with students in grades 1 - 4  
(not PreSchool or Kindergarten).**



**Armstrong Elementary**  
**New Family Popsicle Party!**

Join us for popsicles on the playground!

Saturday, August 10th

9am - 10am

Armstrong Elementary Playground

Please RSVP to [kelly.hohertz@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.hohertz@gmail.com)



# **EAGLE'S NEST**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH  
4-5PM**

**SHAVED ICE, POPCORN AND CANDY  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**



ARMSTRONG



NEW PARENTS COFFEE  
ARMSTRONG SKY FLEX SPACE

AUGUST 13TH, 8AM

MEET OTHER NEW PARENTS AND HEAR FROM  
CURRENT PARENTS AND OUR PRINCIPAL.  
KINDLY, NO CHILDREN.



**Join incoming Pre-K families for donut  
Tuesday, 8/13 at 8:30am  
Armstrong Playground**

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### **A note from the office:**

\*If you have a change of address, please upload all new residency documents or email them to me at [condonj@hpsd.org](mailto:condonj@hpsd.org). You will not be able to change your own address in Skyward.

\*The email address for absences is [arattendance@hpsd.org](mailto:arattendance@hpsd.org). Please email the attendance desk with any absence information. It is important that you communicate with the office regarding absences. You may also email your teacher and copy the



attendance email. A text to your teacher is not sufficient notification of an absence. You may call the office with absence notification, but we prefer the email so that we have written confirmation.

\*If a student arrives in the building after 7:55am they will need to come through the office for tardy passes and sign in. Due to the new start time and in order to lessen class interruption, we will be monitoring tardies closely.

**\* If you are coming into school for "Mystery Reader", career week, etc. Please do not bring classroom snacks. Please do not send snacks for student birthdays. These will not be distributed to students, due to allergic restrictions, known or unknown, these snacks will not be permitted.**

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Another school year is here! If your student has medications and/or medical forms that need to be kept in the clinic , please start bringing them next week.

Also, a friendly reminder to be aware of possible food allergies in your student's classroom. If any student in your class does have a food allergy, a letter from your student's teacher will be sent out the first week of school.

Please keep in mind that snacks you bring for any class school wide must be approved by administration.

See you all soon, Armstrong Eagles!

Best,  
Nurse Hunt



**JOIN OUR HIGH-ENERGY CHESS TEAM FOR FALL TERM AND  
WE LAUGH OUR WAY TO DEVASTATING CHESS WITH OUR  
KID-ORIENTED, SUPER FUN, REVOLUTIONARY APPROACH  
THAT MAKES EACH CLASS A TRUE CHESS PARTY!**

Hi Parents,

Armstrong Elementary School has a fun kid-centric chess program, The Knight School! This revolutionary, party-based approach to chess has had amazing success because of our unique and unprecedented educational philosophy, "the chess party," is the perfect way to transform a complete beginner into a devastating chess machine. Our unique model swept across America because it has never been seen before: we simply invite every beginner to join our school chess team and we use only super-fun teaching methods such as super-fast chess clock-slapping chess games, zany chess videos, a strict bully-free environment, silicone wristbands for tactics mastery, chess puzzlers for candy, driving music, hilarious tactics-lesson videos, and Mardi-Gras bead chess tournaments each day we practice.

This revolutionary curriculum results in a profoundly intellectual, chess-focused class that is also intensely thrilling for all my kids!

In this kid-centered classroom environment, we teach our kids every cool trick, strategy, opening, and tactic in chessdom and our kids soon learn to love and master chess and to masterfully control their classrooms, sports fields, and home lives as well! Laughter, fast-clocks, and compelling teaching approaches make this class the week's highlight for the current 8000 Chess Party members who make up the awesome network of The Knight School's chess teams. The Knight School charges \$90 per month and when kids sign up, they get their own chess set, t-shirt, weekly tactics belts, access to our Virtual Saturday Chess Tournaments, and access to our Bi-Annual Tournaparty held in December and May.

Please feel free to check out our website [www.theknightschool.com](http://www.theknightschool.com). For more info, contact Coach Burnes at (205) 541-2729 or at [delaurance@theknightschool.com](mailto:delaurance@theknightschool.com). We would love to have you in our amazingly effective and popular chess party! --Coach Burnes

**Location: Armstrong Elementary School**  
**Days: Thursdays 7:00-7:50am**  
**First Day: September 5, 2024**

**Please Note, that this year as a condition of registration, we are asking each family to watch the front door during arrival and then help with class for one week during the semester.**

**CLICK HERE** to register for chess club!

Sign up for your front door volunteer shift here: <https://signup.com/go/WbVZwzc>

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**Thank you to the 2022 - 2023  
Armstrong Elementary Community Partners!**



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REVIVAL DERMATOLOGY



A NEW EARTH  
PROJECT



# 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

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