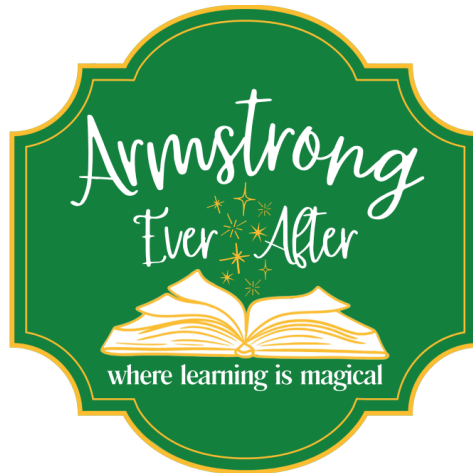




# Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



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## January

7 - Students Return to school

9 - 4th Grade Eagle Party

12 - **TAG Referral Window Closes at 4:00pm**, No Late Referrals will be accepted

12 - 16 Texas Tech School Spirit Week

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



January 7, 2026

Dear Armstrong Families,

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a joyful holiday season! We completed our first semester of this school year, and we have a lot to celebrate. I would like to express my gratitude for your consistent dedication to our school, families, and children. It has been an exciting first semester of the 2025-26 school year. Students are continually engaged in reading and writing instruction, math and science investigations, and collaboration with their peers. Students and staff continue to build strong relationships with each other, and I truly hope that your children come home each day excited about their learning and memorable school experiences!

As you know, Highland Park ISD utilizes a standards-based report card for students in elementary schools. The report card measures a child's progress toward mastery of key objectives/standards of the HPISD curriculum. Standards-based reporting articulates clear, subject-specific grade-level objectives for learning to which a child is striving. The measured objectives and standards including details about the updated reporting scale are outlined in a parent letter available on HPISD's curriculum website found under the Education Services Department ([link](#)).

On Friday afternoon, parents will be able to view your child's second nine weeks report card on Skyward. To view the standards-based report card, access your child's **profile page** in Skyward. On the left side, select **portfolio** and then select **attachments**. Your child's report cards and scores will populate under available student attachments. Highlight **standards-report card** for the appropriate grading period and then **view attachment**. You will be required to sign with an electronic signature before the report card will populate. As teachers administer middle of year assessments, the individual student assessment data will be shared with families in the coming weeks. For more information about your child's progress, contact his/her classroom teacher.

Let's start the New Year with more staff shout outs! Please use the following [link](#) to share the great things happening across Armstrong!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins

Principal

[cumminb@hpsd.org](mailto:cumminb@hpsd.org)

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**TAG Assessment Registration window is open till 1-12-2026 4pm!**

## TAG Assessment Registration

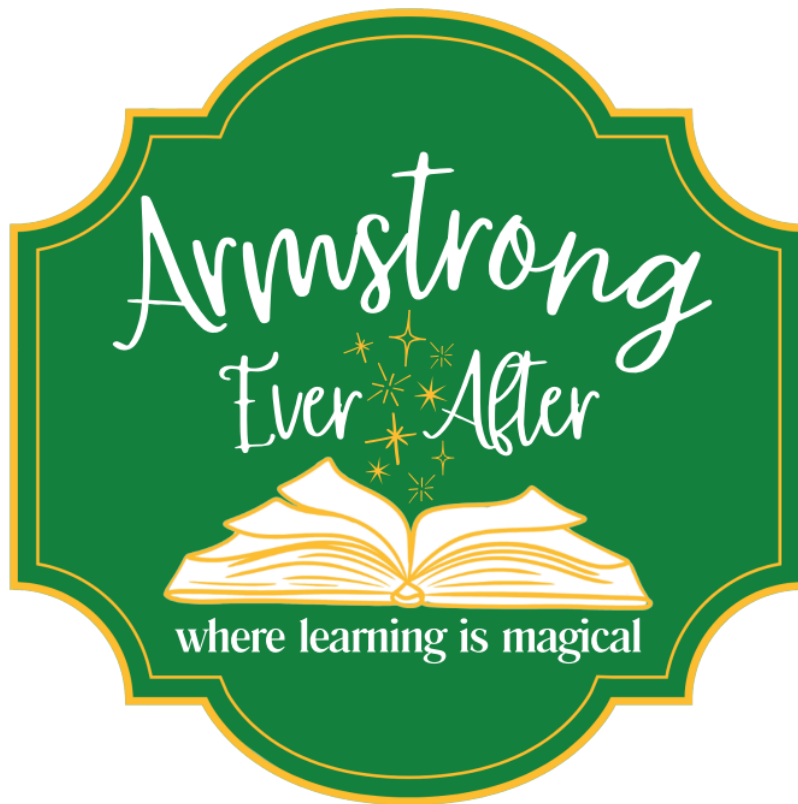
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**Registration for assessment into HPISD TAG occurs once annually for current students.  
Registration is currently closed.**

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](#)

# PTA News





#### **4th Grade Eagle Party - This Friday!**

What could be cooler than hanging out at school...after hours? 4th grade students will have a blast at an exclusive PNO packed with activities, treats, and memories that last long after the bell rings. January 9, 2026. 6pm-9pm. \$40/ticket. Don't miss your chance! Purchase tickets now if you haven't already!

<https://armstrong.muradbid.com>







### **Show Your School Spirit Week: Texas Tech Edition - January 12th-16th!**

Raider pride takes over campus! Principal Cummins is kicking things off in a Texas Tech jersey while playing the fight song during morning greetings. All week long, students will hear fun Texas Tech facts on the morning announcements and we'll top it off with special Red Raider-themed cookies in the cafeteria. Guns Up!

**January 14 - 26**

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presents:

## One School, One Book



Who's ready to experience a beautifully written classic?! *One School, One Book 2026* is another meaningful way to inspire our students to read, nurture creativity, and dream big — proudly sponsored by Comerica Bank.





# 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:](#)

# Volunteers Needed!

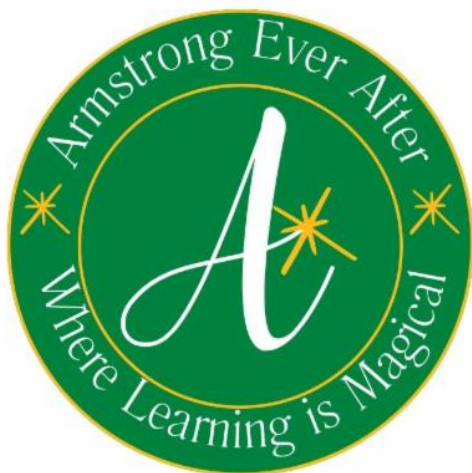


## NEW SHIFTS ADDED

\*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!](#)



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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.

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!

**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**



[PTA Feedback Form](#)

Community News

# HP

## Tennis Academy



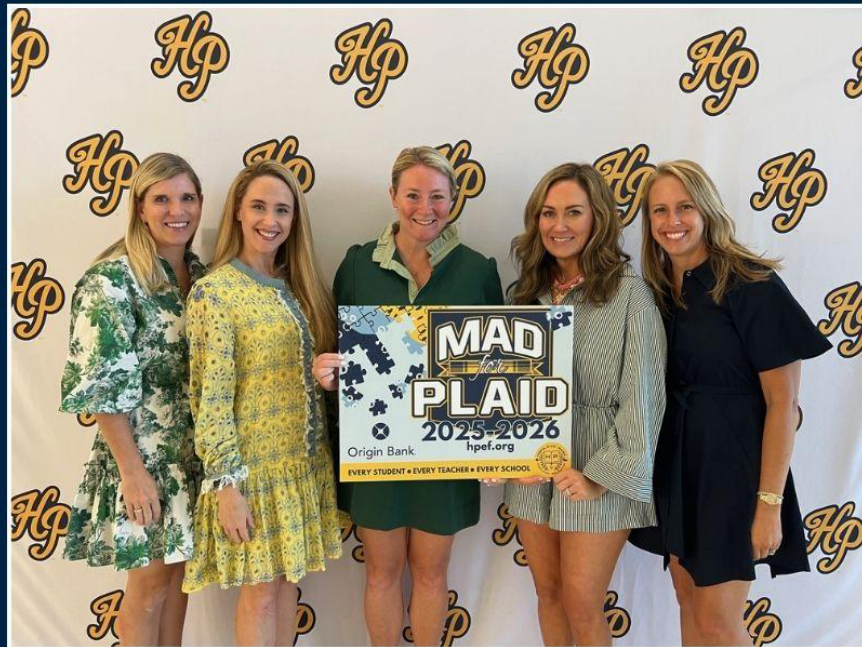
**2026 WinterSpring Program**  
**January 12 – May 16**

**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)





# 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!"*



# WE ARE *Hiring*

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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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- 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  
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