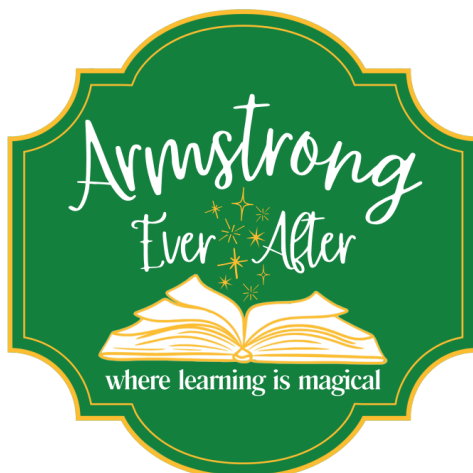




# Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



## August

- 26 - Curriculum Night (two sessions 4:00 and 4:45pm)
- 28 - Donuts with Dad 7:20am

## September

- 1 - Student Holiday
- 8 - 12 - Class Contest for Auction
- 11 - Individual Picture Day
- 15 - 19 - Book Fair



August 18, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the school year! We truly love having your children at Armstrong each day. It's great to see our Eagles back at school learning routines and expectations for the year. Greeting your children each morning at the front door and seeing them engaged in learning during the day reminds me of the importance of having an Armstrong family that has dedicated ourselves to serving our children and families. I hope you have enjoyed getting to know the teachers and staff members as we kicked off this new school year. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and service to our Armstrong community.

**Please review the following carpool reminders to ensure the safety of our students and families:**

\*Do not park and get out of your car in the queuing lane at drop-off or pickup.

\*Do not walk between cars.

\*Do not use cell phones in the school zone.

Let's celebrate all the great things happening at Armstrong! Our amazing Armstrong staff has been working incredibly hard to meet the individual needs of all students 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.

### **MAP Testing**

Our students in grades 1-4 will take the MAP test beginning this week. Please see the following information regarding MAP and how the data is used for student success.



### **What is the MAP Growth assessment?**

NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computer-adaptive test that assists teachers in accurately measuring what students know and are ready to learn next. Regardless of grade level, MAP allows educators to measure growth over time and supports parents in tracking their student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years.

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>

### **How often will my student take the MAP test?**

Teachers administer the MAP assessment in the classroom during a testing window in the Fall (August) (Grades 1-8 only), Winter (January) (Grades K-8), and Spring (May) (Grades K-8).

MAP tests are given in the following subjects:

- Math (Number Sense, Computation, Algebraic Concepts, Geometry, Measurement, Statistics) (Grades K-8)
- Reading (Foundational Skills: Spelling and Vocabulary, Literary Concepts, Informational Concepts) (Grades K-8)
- Science (Life Science, Earth Sciences, Physical Sciences) (Grades 3-8)
- Language Usage (Mechanics, Parts of Speech, Grammar Usage, Writing Process) (Grades 2-8)

This language usage test is an assessment of writing process, grammar, and mechanics, and is aligned with the district's Balanced Scorecard focus on improving writing through explicit instruction in grammar and the elements of the writing process.

The Science test is given for grades 3-8. Along with adoption of new TEKS (state standards) and the implementation of new textbooks and instructional materials at all grade levels, this assessment will provide a view of student achievement and growth in science.

### **How do teachers use MAP Growth scores?**

Teachers can use the scores to plan the next steps in instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level or school.

NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 10 million students across the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of these students allows teachers to compare where your student is to other students and help them grow.

### **How can families find more information about student MAP Growth scores?**

As soon as the MAP testing window is completed, the MAP score report is posted in the student's Skyward Portfolio. Available information includes: RIT score and percentile, comparison to district grade-level average and national grade-level average, growth and growth projection.

### **How can families help students prepare to do their best on MAP assessments?**

Although the MAP test is not a test that you study for, like all tests students can be best prepared by being well rested, eating a healthy breakfast, and having the mindset to do their best. These tests are untimed, so students should take their time to read the reading passages and test questions carefully and give their best effort. This will give the best chance for a valid achievement and growth measure on the assessment.

Likewise, consistent school attendance and engagement in classroom instruction has the greatest impact on learning the language arts, math, and science standards tested on the assessments.

In addition to achievement and growth scores and percentiles reported, other information is also available: time spent on the test, percentage of guessing, and percent of items correct.

### **[What it is Like to Take a MAP Growth Test - Michael's Story \(video\)](#)**

Please contact the classroom teacher for more information or to discuss your student's scores or school progress.

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**

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### Annual Proof of Residency

**Please upload your current electricity or water bill, if you have not completed your annual proof of residency.**

**Thank you!**

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We're looking forward to a smooth year of service in the Armstrong cafeteria. There are 155 possible shifts a month. Only two remain:

3rd Tuesday & 3rd Wednesday

If you don't have a recurring shift, or if you may be available to help additional days, please add your name to the Cafeteria Sub list for one or more days.

<https://signup.com/go/QASwjLs>

Please contact Jimmy Ogden at [cafevolunteer@armstrongpta.org](mailto:cafevolunteer@armstrongpta.org) or 214-998-9458 to claim one of the final two shifts or with any questions. Thank you for serving with us!

Please complete the Armstrong 2025-26 Cafeteria Volunteer Guidelines and Hand Washing Acknowledgment as soon as you

can: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsUYRBfTpi\\_lTVF4woRg-IdPSApZMp-wXIWo0te8Se-mf2Jg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsUYRBfTpi_lTVF4woRg-IdPSApZMp-wXIWo0te8Se-mf2Jg/viewform)

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Please do not bring your pets  
to arrival and dismissal!

Thank You

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**Community News**

# HP

## Tennis Academy



**2025 Fall Program**  
**August 25 – December 6**

**Elite/Tournament Training**  
**& Lower School**

HP Tennis Academy Website

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# Grow with Girl Scouts

Get ready to have fun, make friends,  
and go on big adventures!



**Join Armstrong Girl Scouts Troop 4226!**

**1st Grade Girls & Parents Info Session  
Wednesday (9/3) at 7:30 AM  
Armstrong Cafeteria**

**For more info:  
Amy Gad (972-256-6166)  
Kate Mangona (816-564-3802)**



**Scan the QR code  
to learn more!**

[girlscouts.org/join](https://girlscouts.org/join)

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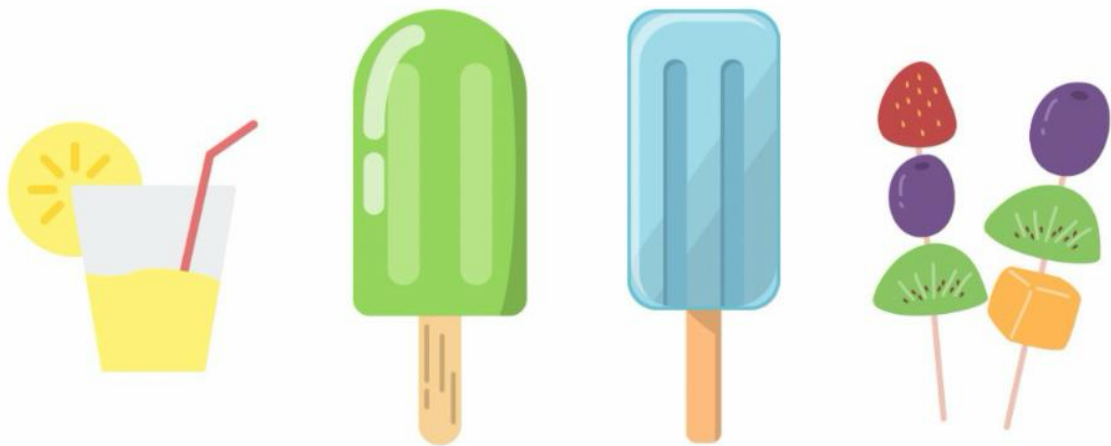
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Questions? Name, email, phone

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CHILL WITH US

*back to school*  
CULTURE-  
POP



FREE POPSICLES &  
POTLUCK\* OF SWEET & SAVORY BITES  
\*BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE OR COME AS YOU ARE!

SEPT 7

4:00-6:00PM  
CURTIS PARK

HOSTED BY HP CULTUREFEST

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HP Bombers Youth Softball Program  
Offering 8U, 10U, and 12U Options to feed into the  
Middle and High School Programs!

### **Team Formation Schedule**

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2pm - 3pm

12 and Under : 3:30pm - 5pm

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2pm - 3pm

12 and Under: 3:30pm - 5pm

No experience required! Come out and have fun  
learning and trying softball!

HP Bombers Website can be  
accessed here!



# 12th Annual Highland Park Football Auction



**SEPTEMBER 14-21, 2025**  
**EARLY AUCTION**  
**SEPTEMBER 2-10**

Go to: <https://hpfootball.muradbid.com> or scan QR code to bid



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