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Campus Newsletter

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September

7 - Oct 5 - PCLDA Flower Sale

October

1 - Popsicle Party - New Families (details below)
1 - 15 - Class Donor Contest
4 - PTA meeting w/ Dr. Trigg - Auditorium - 8:15am
4 - Invention Convention Forms Due
8 - 3rd Grade Square Dance Performance, 8:15am, Gym
8 - Early Release 1:00pm
13 - Invention Convention
15 - Bike Rodeo (details below)

JOHN S. ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HIGHLAND PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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September 27, 2021

Dear Armstrong Families,

At Armstrong Elementary School, we believe in supporting students across the entire school day. This year, we have created a 45 minute period (1st-4th grades) and 30 minute period (Kindergarten) at the beginning of each school day for our students to participate in targeted instruction that meets their individual needs. We will refer to this as Eagle Time.

The goal is to provide students with the support and enrichment, during their scheduled classroom time, that they need to be independently successful. Teachers and staff use various forms of data to determine student groups and needs. Students may spend Eagle time with another grade level teacher or intervention class. Students receiving extra support or enrichment will not be missing any scheduled curriculum time. Some students will be working independently while other students will be working in small groups with a teacher or grade level assistant. We will continue to monitor student progress on a regular basis in order to ensure student success. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions regarding Eagle Time.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins
Principal
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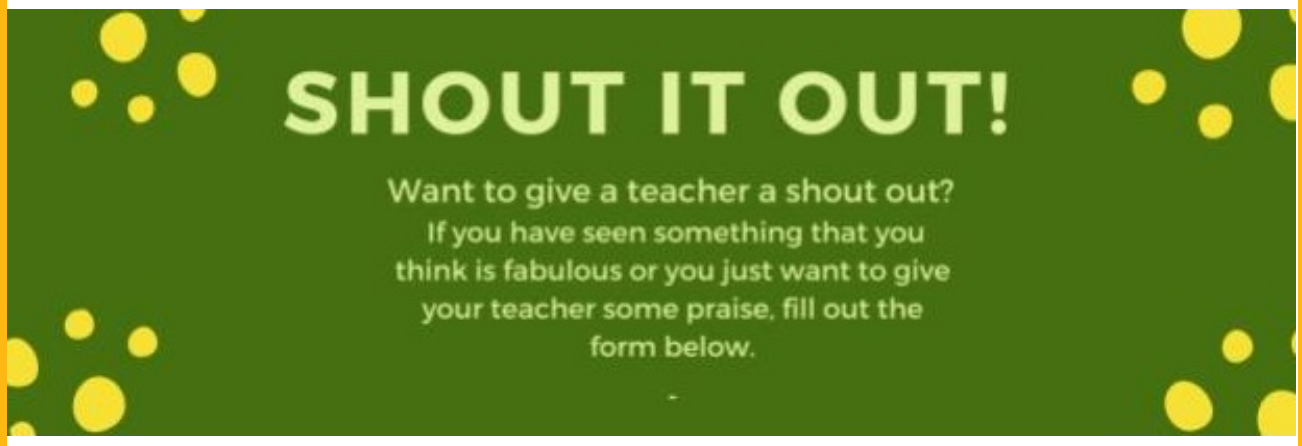

Form to Submit Shout Outs

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

Our daughter loves Grace Restrepo! And as parents, Grace has been so helpful and amazing to us because she has such good communication and already knows and cares about our daughter so much. Thank you, Ms. Restrepo!

Mrs. Ray has made it evident from the very first day of school that she truly loves our children and her profession. She somehow finds the time to send handwritten notes of love and encouragement home with our son that he absolutely delights in reading. She is a very special person who makes our children also feel special, safe, and excited to learn! Armstrong is fortunate to have this gem of a teacher!

Hailey Dalrymple and Jamie Condon couldn't be more welcoming, and they are full of knowledge, especially for the new families! Thank you both! Mrs. Mead deserves a shout out, too. We don't feel like it is our first year at Armstrong ...she has been so incredible at making our son feel welcome and finding the right place for him in the curriculum. Xo

Ms. Restrepo invited all of her class parents into the classroom for coffee and conversation. What a great way to build community in the classroom. Ms. Restrepo is such a joy!

Congratulations to Mrs. Hollier on the arrival of her baby boy!

WHILE MRS. HOLLIER IS OUT ON MATERNITY LEAVE, ***TERRI FITZSIMMONS*** WILL BE OUR COUNSELOR SUBSTITUTE! FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OR CALL HER IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!

MRS. FITZSIMMONS HAS MANY YEARS OF PRIOR COUNSELING EXPERIENCE AND IS EXCITED TO SERVE ARMSTRONG THIS SEMESTER.

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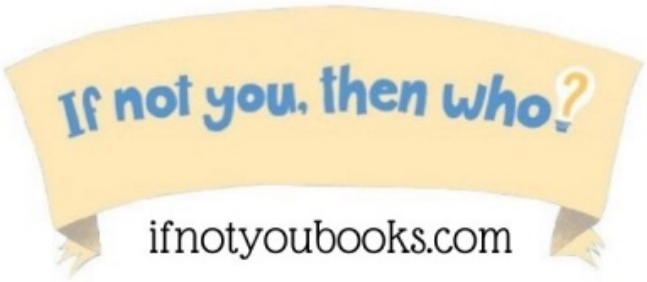
Armstrong Elementary PTA News

Thank you to our 2021-2022 Golden Eagle Community Sponsors



Thank you for a wonderful evening with Armstrong friends!

We look forward to our auction on November 5th!

Thank you to our sponsors!

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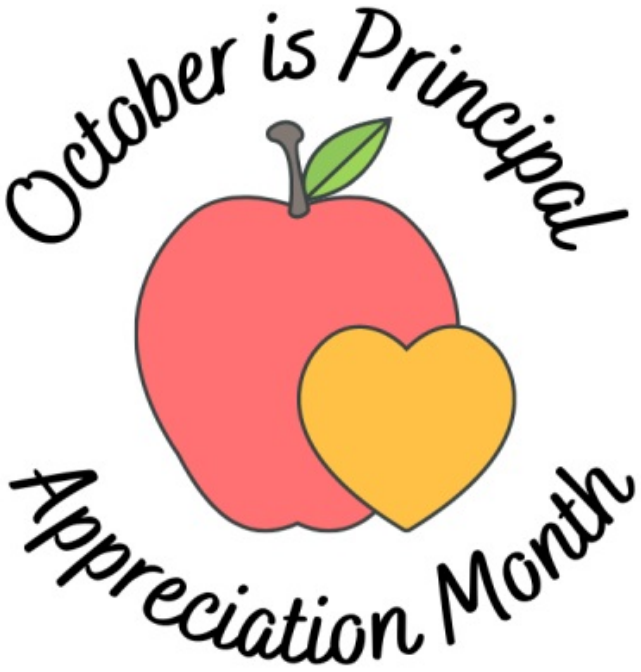


Let's show Principal Cummins how much Armstrong loves and appreciates her throughout the month of October!

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!

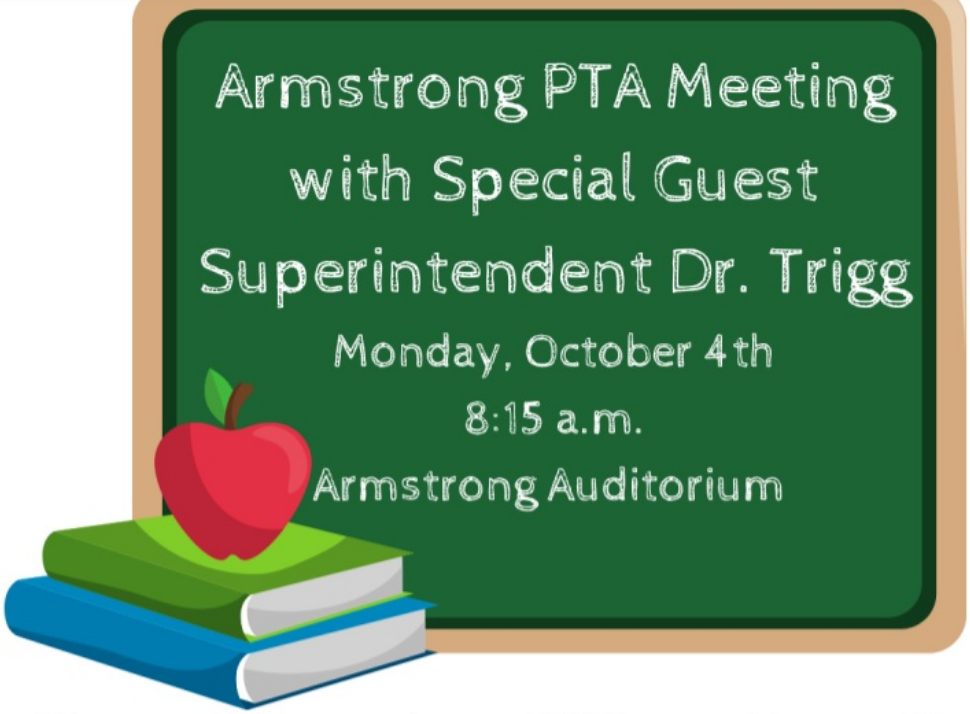
2021 Class Contest
October 1st-15th

The Armstrong class contest is quickly approaching! Each year we ask parents to donate items for our online, silent and live auctions since this is the main fundraiser for the school.

This year's class contest will kick off on October 1st and run through October 15th. A donation form will come home with your child on October 1st - be on the lookout!

Each class is asked to bring in auctions items and/or monetary donations. So start getting your class contest and auctions items ready for an awesome fundraiser!

Donor Contract



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

October 13th, 2021

Invention Convention forms due Monday, October 4th. We cannot wait to see the inventions our Eagles create!

Volunteer to be a Judge

Third Grade Square Dance Performance

Friday, October 8th

8:15 a.m.

Armstrong Gymnaisum

Friday, October 8th
Early Release at 1:00 p.m.

No School

ARMSTRONG BIKE RODEO

OCTOBER 15TH, 2021

Our Armstrong Eagles will learn how to safely soar on their bicycles at this learning and fun filled event!

Thank you to our sponsors:

Sign Up to Volunteer Here!

Auction Sponsorships

Last chance to become an auction sponsor and share your generosity and name with the Armstrong community at this memorable event!

Sponsorship Packet

Auction Tickets

Join your Armstrong friends at this memorable evening and support our Eagles! You will enjoy delicious food, drinks, dancing, and bidding on fabulous items at our Enchanted Forest Auction!

Tickets

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.

Group A

Group B

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".

How to add money to e-fund account

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?
volunteers@armstrongpta.org
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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

Sponsorship Email | Armstrongpta.org

Community News

Calling all Eagle Parents!

At the Highland Park Education Foundation, we are fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers that help us execute many important, district-wide initiatives throughout the year. We would love to have parent volunteers! If you are interested in learning more, please email Meredith Jones at meredith.jones@hpef.org. Below are some examples of opportunities we have.

- **Mad for Plaid Administrative Volunteers**
  - Assist with stuffing, sealing, and stamping the week's batch of donor thank you letters.
  - Location & Time: HPEF office (4201 Grassmere, next to the stadium) on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings.
  - Sign Up Genius is used to sign up for shifts.
  - Need is from Nov. thru early Jan. COVID precautions will be in place.
- **Alumni Association Volunteers**
  - Help with a variety of needs throughout the year, including assisting with mailings for alumni membership drive, HPHS class reunions, Golden Scots luncheon, and Distinguished Alumni Awards
  - Distribute "Go Scots" stickers before home football games
  - Location: HPEF office
  - Dates and times vary; COVID precautions will be in place

Thank you for your consideration to help the Foundation in addition to all the important work you do for Armstrong!

Join today! pc::tag Join today!

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!

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.

School Zone Expansion Information

Armstrong Elementary | 214.780.3100 | 3600 Cornell Ave | Armstrong.hpisd.org

Amanda Hollier, Counselor **214.780.3140**	**Betsy Cummins, Principal** **214.780.3100**	**Crystal Hunt, Nurse** **214.780.3120**	
Jamie Condon, Admin Asst **214.780.3103**	**Annie Celestino, Cafeteria** **214.780.3125**	**Hailey Dalrymple Admin Asst** **214.780.3102**	**Attendance Desk** **214.780.3100**

Cafeteria | **PTA Website** | **PTA Auction** | **Armstrong Dad's Club** | **Volunteer Scheduler**

Directory Spot | **Skyward** | **COVID-19 Updates**

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Armstrong Eagles love to supoort 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