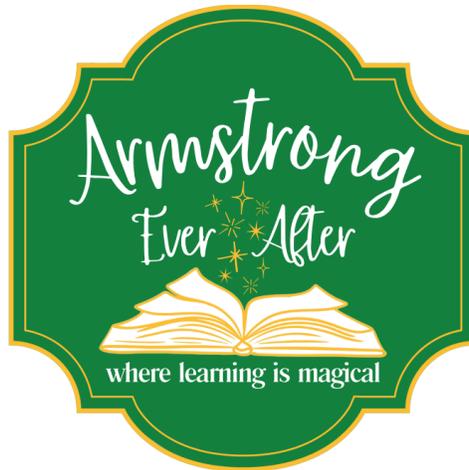




# Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



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**February**

- 27 - Spelling Bee - 3rd and 4th Grade, 8:15am - Auditorium
- 27 - Family Day of Service, 3:15pm - Cafeteria

## March

4 - Daddy/Daughter Dance

12 - 3rd Grade Performance - Thwacked!, 8:15, Auditorium

13 - 22 - Student Holiday - Spring Break

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



February 23, 2026

Dear Armstrong Families,

I want to remind our 3rd and 4th grade parents that our students will be completing the STAAR Interim assessments next week. On Monday, March 1, the 3rd and 4th graders will complete the ELAR Interim assessment, on Thursday, March 4, the students will complete the Math Interim assessment. STAAR Interim assessments are designed to help our educators monitor student progress, predict performance on the end of year STAAR, and identify learning gaps in a low-stakes environment. This assessment also serves as an opportunity for students to practice completing assessments on the digital testing platform. The students will be starting at the beginning of the school day, so please have students at school by 7:55 a.m.

Armstrong Elementary received a donation of Ten Commandment posters. In accordance with Senate Bill 10, these posters were posted in learning spaces prior to school starting today.

Let's celebrate our teachers with shoutouts!

*\*Mrs. Storment has been a blessing for our son this year. She is very engaging with both students and parents, and she is a great communicator. It is clear she really understands our son and the best ways to teach and encourage him. She goes above and beyond by offering weekly tutoring, and she is even gracious enough to include our other son who is in a different class in tutoring. My son loves reading, and I think this is in part due to the way Mrs. Storment encourages and empowers students' learning.*

*\*We are so grateful for the wonderful year Ms. Johnson has crafted and created for our son. He is so happy and has learned so much this year! His exact words were, "I wish I could stay in kindergarten forever." What a blessing it is to have a teacher like Ms. Johnson!*

Submit any shoutouts at the link below. I will continue to share the great things happening each week in the newsletter



[Staff Shoutout Form Here](#)

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

Have a fantastic week! As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

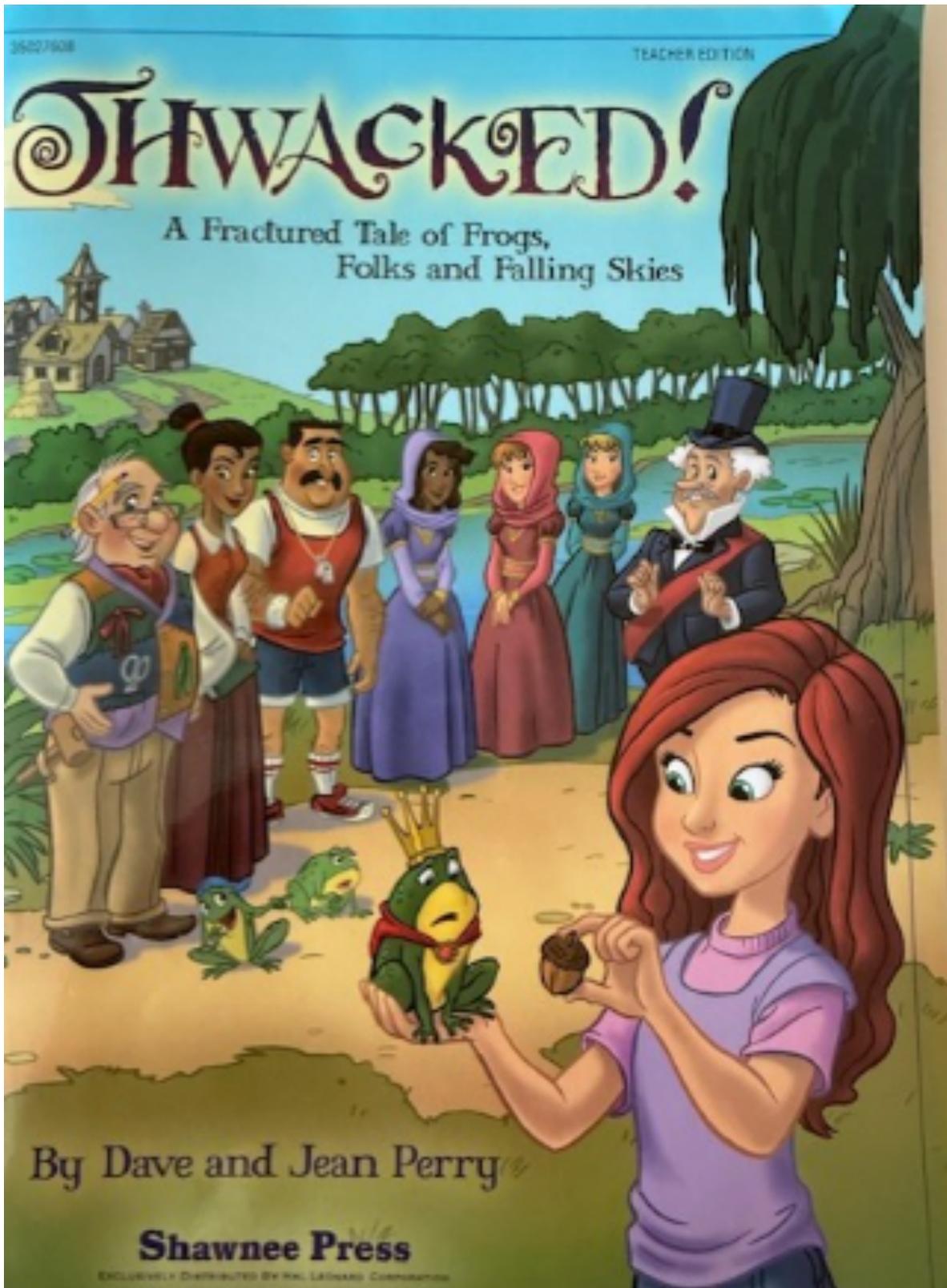
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Betsy Cummins  
Betsy Cummins  
Principal  
[cumminb@hpsd.org](mailto:cumminb@hpsd.org)



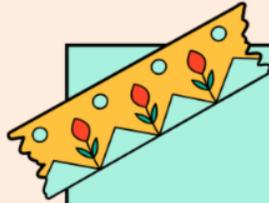
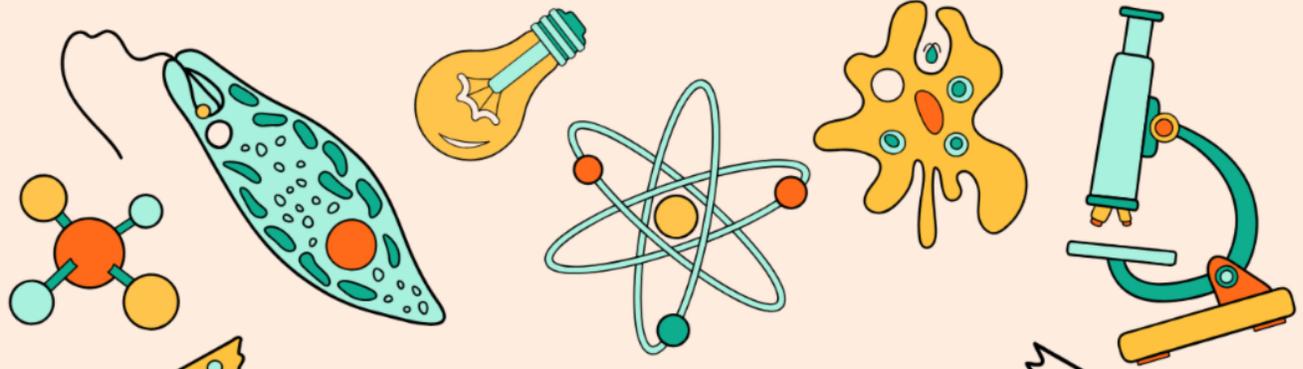
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@armstrongeaglesHP  
@armstrongptapresident  
@thearmstrongdadsclub





Thank you to all students who participated in this year's Science Fair!  
Here are the awards presented:

**Thursday, March 12, 8:15am is the 3rd grade performance for Thwacked! Don't miss it!**



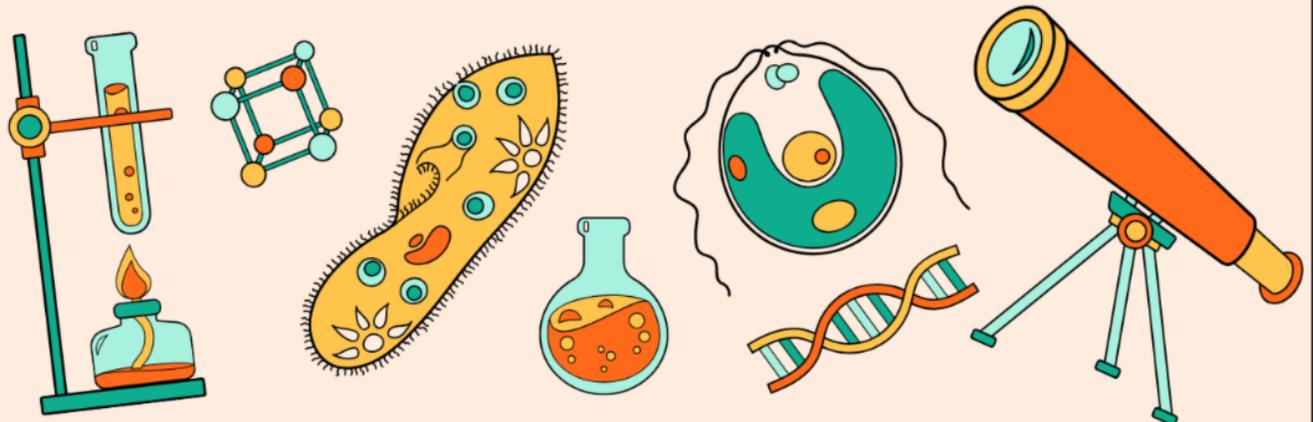
Magic Slipper Award:  
Lucas Qiu

Glass Slipper Award:  
TJ Ahn and Cooper Knox

Enchanted Arcitect Award:  
Preston Francis



Congratulations to these students for their  
exemplary Science Fair projects!



Daddy Daughter Dance  
March 4, 2026



Events for February 2026  
[armstrongdadsclub.com](http://armstrongdadsclub.com)

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)



If you have a student already registered in PreK (4) this year, you do not have to enroll for Kinderarten, they will automatically roll into Kindergarten. If your 4 year old (5 by 9/1/26) is not attending Kindergarten here at Armstrong, Please let us know. The earlier you register **completely**, the more accurate our count will be when the district is deciding how many sections we will have for 2026-2027. Please register **and** upload documents as soon as possible. We have already begun processing applications!

Thank you!





# KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

*Enroll your 5-year-old in kindergarten today! Kindergarten enrollment opened on February 3, 2025, and will close soon. Secure your child's spot by enrolling today! Learn more at [HPISD.org/kinder](https://HPISD.org/kinder).*



## PROGRAM CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025
- ✓ Live in the City of UP or Town of HP (proof of residency required)
- ✓ Campus tours available upon request

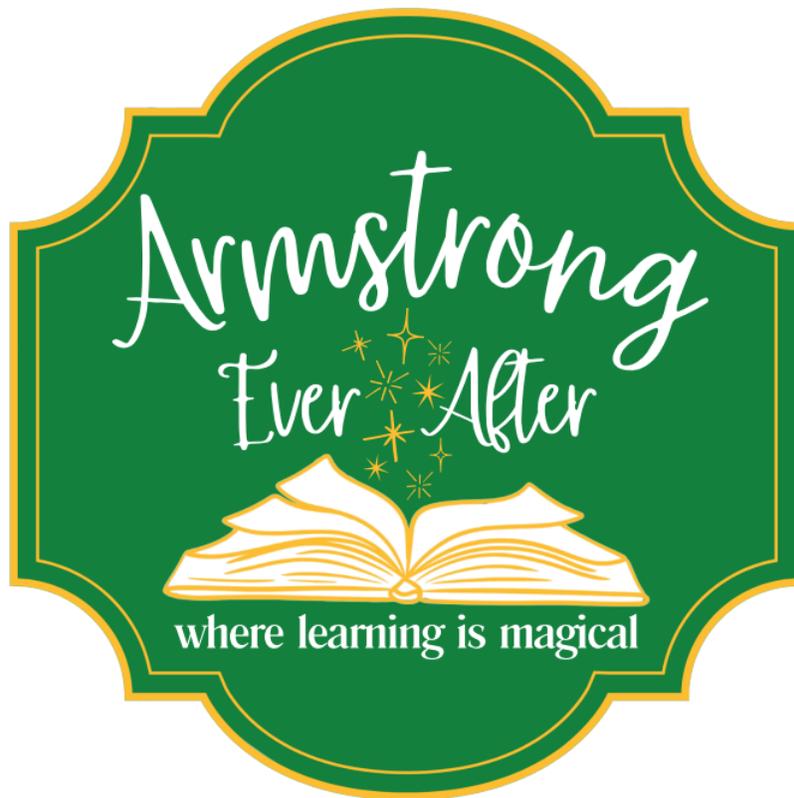
**ENROLL NOW**

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 [hpisd.org/enrollment](https://hpisd.org/enrollment)



# PTA News



**Please Bring Diapers for the Armstrong Family Day of Service! These can be dropped off in the office.**

# Armstrong Family Day of Service

## Benefiting Hope Supply Co.

Hope Supply Co. supplies diapers, basic supplies, and Birthday Boxes to larger organizations like the Salvation Army, Dallas CASA, Genesis Center, the Family Place, and more.



Date: Friday,  
February 27th  
3:15 pm  
Armstrong  
Cafeteria



Snack and Supplies are provided!



### Help Us Pack Joy Into Boxes!

No experience necessary — bring your kindness to the Cafeteria!

#### What We're Doing:

Come volunteer with your family!  
We need help sorting, packing, decorating, and preparing the boxes for delivery.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Drop diapers off in the front office between now and February 27th, or bring to the event!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Bring a Smile to a Child's Birthday! 🎉

Help Us Pack Joy into Boxes!

👉 Sign Up / Learn More: [Family Day of Giving](#)

An Armstrong Alum started Hope Supply Co., which supplies diapers, basic supplies, and Birthday Boxes to larger organizations like the Salvation Army, Dallas CASA, Genesis Center, the Family Place, and more.

#### What We're Doing:

We're packing **toys, treats, and birthday surprises** into gift boxes for children in need and collecting diapers.

Drop diapers off in the front office between now and February 27th, or bring to the event!

#### How You Can Help:

Come volunteer with your family! We need help sorting, packing, decorating, and preparing the boxes for delivery. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

📅 **Date:** Friday, February 27th

🕒 **Time:** 3:15 pm

📍 **Location:** Armstrong Cafeteria

**No experience necessary — bring your kindness and creativity!**

We provide supplies and snacks — you bring the heart.

 **Let's make every child feel seen and celebrated.**

Join us in spreading birthday joy!

 Questions? Contact Amanda Toussaint, Amanda Phillips, or Carrie Woodward





## **Park Cities Dads Club Family Picnic & Barbecue Competition**

Please join us for family friendly picnic and BBQ competition! This event is fun for the whole family and is for ALL Dads Clubs and Park Cities families. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the HP Endowment Fund.

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This event is fun for the whole family and is for ALL Dads Clubs and Park Cities families. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the HP Education Foundation Tartan Endowment Fund.

We will have a tailgate trailer with Saturday's college football games, kids activities, food, games and more. Bring the whole family.

Family tickets are \$100.

**If you want to participate in the BBQ cooking competition, each elementary school is being allocated 5 team spots. Competition tickets are \$250 and includes a ticket for 3-4 people on your team (and their families). Please make sure to buy a ticket for your elementary school.**

## **PCDC Family Picnic & BBQ Competition**

March 7 @ 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

**\$100.00 – \$250.00**





The Annual Park Cities Dads Club Pickleball Event  
March 28  
Royal Oaks Country Club  
1pm - 6pm

<https://pcdcpickleball.com/event/2026-pickleball/>



**Prek Eagle Party:** Saturday February 28, 2026 10am-12pm \$40/ticket

Our youngest learners get their own special celebration! Join your favorite teachers for a playful party at Down to Play, filled with adventure and endless fun. A day designed just for Pre-K — because big fun comes in little packages!

Get your tickets here!

<https://armstrong.murabid.com>



# 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!

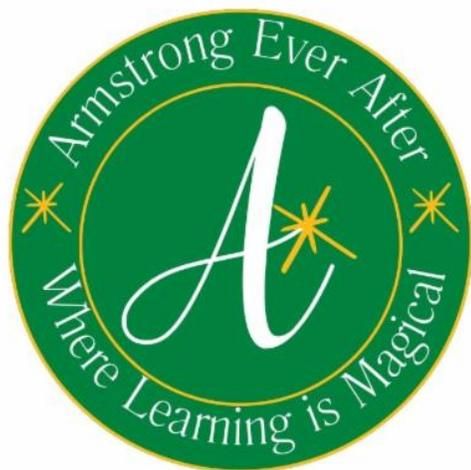


## NEW SHIFTS ADDED

\*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!](#)



## COMMUNITY SPONSORS 2025-2026

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

We'd like to invite **Armstrong families** to join the **Wize Computing Academy STEM Enrichment Club** at University Park Elementary this spring.

**This semester, we're excited to offer two engaging, hands-on programs:**

**Grades K–2: Game Design & Coding with MIT Scratch Jr.**

- Mondays, February 23 – April 27, 2026
- 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM
- (8 sessions)

Students will bring stories and characters to life with drag-and-drop coding, build creativity and early logic skills, and design their own interactive projects.

**Grades 3–5: Mobile App Development**

- Tuesdays, February 24 - April 21, 2026
- 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM
- (8 sessions)

Students will turn ideas into fully coded mobile apps, explore UX/UI with animations and interactivity, and share their final project with family and friends.

**Location:**

**University Park Elementary, 3505 Amherst St, Dallas, TX 75225**

**Please enter through the Amherst side arches.**

(Parents/guardians must sign students in and out daily.)

**Registration Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/HPISD2026>

We'd be grateful if you could share this flyer and registration information with Armstrong families so their students don't miss out on this opportunity.

We've recently distributed flyers to families at University Park Elementary, and we'd be happy to drop off printed flyers at Armstrong Elementary School as well if that's helpful for your community.

Thank you for your support in helping us bring fun and future-ready STEM learning to HPISD students.

Warm Regards,

**Yan Lawrence**

Executive Director

Wize Computing Academy

 Email: [yan.lawrence@wizeacademy.com](mailto:yan.lawrence@wizeacademy.com)

 Phone: 3479240360

 Website: <http://www.wizeacademy.com/>



**ORGANIZED BY HIGHLAND PARK ISD**  
**AFTER-SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLUB**  
**– SPRING 2026**



**GRADE 3–4: MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT**

**Turn your child's ideas into real apps!**

In this beginner-friendly class, students will:

- 💡 Learn how to go from idea to fully functional mobile app
- 🎨 Design user experience and interface (UX/UI)
- 🎵 Add animations, sounds, and interactivity
- 💻 Code and complete their own mobile app from scratch

They'll explore the entire app-building process—from brainstorming to coding—and leave with a real project they can show off.

**This class blends creativity with real-world tech skills in a fun, age-appropriate way.**

✉ [Info-sp@wizeacademy.com](mailto:Info-sp@wizeacademy.com)



**SESSIONS ARE OFFERED  
IN PERSON AT**

**UNIVERSITY PARK  
ELEMENTARY**



**TOTAL SESSIONS: 8**

**TUESDAYS  
( 04:15 PM– 05:15 PM)**

**FEB 24  
MAR 3, 10, 24, 31  
APR 7, 14, 21**



**REGISTER:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/HPISD2026>



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**SPRING 2026**



**GRADE K–2: SCRATCH JR –**  
**GAME DESIGN & CODING**  
**WITH MIT SCRATCH JR.**

**Introduce your child to coding through creativity and play!**

In this beginner-friendly class, students will:

- Animate stories using visual, block-based coding
- Build logic and storytelling skills
- Create interactive digital projects
- Explore tech hands-on to build confidence

They'll bring stories to life, build problem-solving skills, and create interactive games using fun, age-appropriate, drag-and-drop coding tools.

**ScratchJr is designed just for young learners. Making coding fun, visual, and easy to grasp.**

[info-sp@wizeacademy.com](mailto:info-sp@wizeacademy.com)



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**ELEMENTARY**



**TOTAL SESSIONS: 8**

**MONDAY**  
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**FEB 23**  
**MAR 2, 9, 23, 30**  
**APR 13, 20, 27**



**REGISTER:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/HPISD2026>



# HP Lady Scots Soccer

## YOUTH & CHARITY NIGHT

**February 20, 2026 5:30 Pregame Presentation**

Watch your Lady Scots vs Creekview at Highlander Stadium

All youth players wearing jerseys get in free!

Youth scrimmages at halftime,  
along with fun giveaways!





Our practical talk series equips parents, educators, and ministers to navigate life's challenges with resilience and purpose—drawing on mental health insights, faith, and effective communication to inspire lasting transformation.

**Youth & Difficult Thoughts: Suicide Prevention, Response, and Postvention | Tuesday, February 10, 6:30-8 pm**  
*Nathaniel R. Strenger, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist*

Talk of teen suicide is terrifying. But, few things are more protective than an informed and collaborating community. At this Inform talk, we will equip parents, ministers, educators, and caregivers to take on an uncomfortable subject with calm confidence. We'll discuss preventative communication and the role of faith and community in well-being. We'll practice difficult conversations about risk factors and help-seeking. These are the foundations of community suicide prevention, response, and postvention.

**Empty Nest: Prepare for Launch | Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:00 pm**

*Carrie Davidson Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist and Clint Donaldson, LPC-S*

As we prepare for an empty nest and the launch of kids, how can we have a sustainable relationship with our young adult/college child. When do we step in and when do we step back? How can we encourage our kids to apply faith and values independently of us and be resilient, confident, and self-sufficient.

**The Mental Load for Moms | Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-8:00 pm**

*Katie Campbell, LCSW and Lindsey Parker, LPC*

The "mental load" or the invisible, constant, and often exhausting cognitive and emotional labor many moms carry—planning, remembering, organizing, anticipating needs, managing schedules, and keeping the household and family running— is a burdensome weight on Moms. We will help shine a light on the unseen work mothers do, how it impacts mental health, and what healthier balance can look like. Moms will leave with practical resources how every aspect of their lives – relationships, faith, physical well-being, emotional lives – can sync together for contentment and resilience in life.

**Holding On and Letting Go: Managing Holiday Grief After Loss | Tuesday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 pm**

*Sandy Robinson, LPC-S*

The holiday season can amplify feelings of grief, especially for empty nesters coping with the loss of parents or adjusting to new family dynamics. This discussion offers a compassionate space to explore how grief intersects with traditions, faith-life, expectations, and emotional well-being during the holidays. Participants will learn practical strategies for honoring memories, managing loneliness, and finding meaning in this season of change.

**REGISTRATION**

**There is no fee to attend, but we ask that you RSVP so we can prepare seating and send you a reminder before the event. To register, go to [TheCenterCounseling.org/Inform](https://TheCenterCounseling.org/Inform) or scan QR.**



**Talks are on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at our Central Office location at 4305 MacArthur Ave, Dallas, Texas 75209.**  
*Supported by a grant from La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas.*





**HP CultureFest**

Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate.

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# LUNARFEST

## CELEBRATING

Chinese New Year ◦ Korean Seollal ◦ Vietnamese Tết

FEBRUARY **21** 2:00 - 4:00PM

Moody Family YMCA Gym

Scan to register    To Volunteer

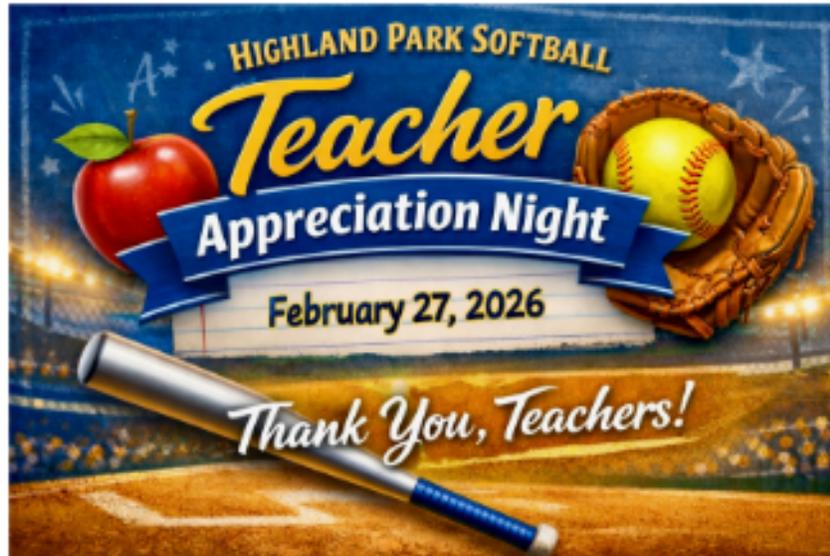


FREE EVENT

Hosted by: 

In partnership with: 

[Link: LunarFest: Celebrating Chinese New Year, Korean Seollal and Vietnamese Tet](#)



### **HP Softball Teacher Appreciation Night**

Please join us before the games against Berkner on Friday, February 27th as we honor and celebrate our wonderful teachers!

5:15pm Intro of JV players and teacher honorees

6:45pm Intro of Varsity players and teacher honorees

"Learning is a lifelong experience."

The Academy for Lifelong Learning provides:

- Community education and enrichment classes for adults and children
- Extended School Day programs

Register now for outstanding enrichment and learning opportunities for children and adults. There are interesting classes for everyone!

[Classes Here](#)



# MAX LEVELS ELITE

## SPRING BASKETBALL PROGRAM

NEXT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT STARTS HERE

### PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- **1st-3rd Grade**
  - Mondays & Wednesdays  
5:00 PM – 6:15 PM
- **4th-6th Grade**
  - Mondays & Wednesdays  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **5th Grade (Additional Session)**
  - Tuesdays  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

### PRACTICE LOCATION

6801 Roper St  
Dallas, TX 75209

### MORE INFORMATION

**CONTACT COACH**  
**JAYSON MARTINEZ**

 **945-364-6317**



### SEASON FEE

**\$850 + UNIFORM**  
(UNIFORM NOT INCLUDED)

Practice Begins: February 18  
Season Starts: March

### GAME LOCATION

Ryse Center  
2427 Carrick St  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

The practice location for this is the Polk Recreation Center on Roper St., only 2.5 miles from Armstrong! No tryouts necessary!



**DALLAS COUNTY  
ELECTIONS  
DEPARTMENT IS  
RECRUITING FOR  
PAID  
VOLUNTEERS!**

**SCAN QR CODE TO  
ACCESS VIRTUAL  
MEETING LINK**

**INFORMATION SESSION  
2/3/2026 AT 6PM**



**INFORMATION SESSION  
2/7/2026 AT 12PM**



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN**

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**GAINING HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE  
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FOR SHORT-TERM, IMPACTFUL  
WORK**

**DEVELOPING TRANSFERABLE  
SKILLS SUCH AS ELECTIONS  
LOGISTICS**

**WORKING IN A FAST-PACED, TEAM-  
ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT**

**IF YES, SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN  
ONE OF OUR VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

Dear Community Partner,

The Dallas County Elections Department is currently recruiting dedicated and community-minded individuals to serve as Regional Site Support Staff for the 2026 Dallas County Elections. As voter participation continues to grow, expanding our team is essential to meeting the needs of Dallas County voters.

This would be a great opportunity for your students to:

- Serve your community and support the democratic process
- Gain hands-on experience in election operations
- Work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment
- Develop transferable skills such as problem-solving, logistics support, and customer service
- Earn competitive pay for short-term, impactful work

We kindly ask your assistance in sharing this information with your students and staff. Attached, you will find a flyer with information pertaining to the upcoming virtual informational sessions.

During the informational session, we will discuss job responsibilities, expectations, pay, and the application process.

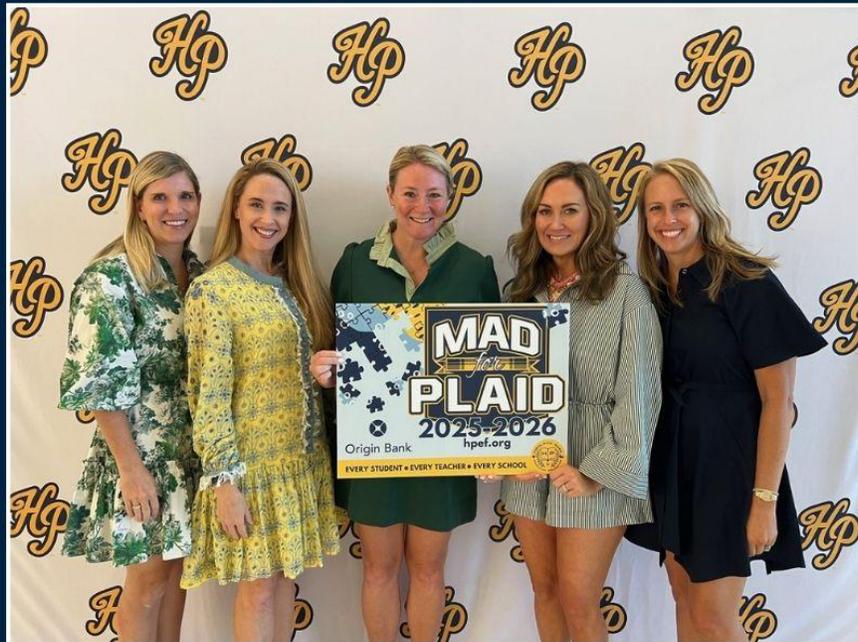
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Katina Prescott



**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)



# FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

*"creativity takes courage" -henri matisse*

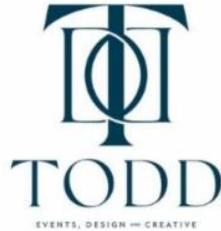
*"Use the following link to see the HPISD Fine Arts Department newsletter! <https://secure.smores.com/n/hnr5a> At the bottom of the newsletter, hit "Subscribe" to be added to the mailing list for all future newsletters. Please share with family and friends so that all of our HP Community can be tuned into our fantastic Fine Arts programs!"*

*A Royal Thank You to our Community Sponsors*



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Thank you to the 2022 - 2023  
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