



Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



- Feb 25 - March 6 - Collecting Change for Children
- Feb 26 - Spirit Day
- March 3-6 Show your School Spirit - "Notre Dame, Go Irish"
- March 4 - 3rd Grade Performance for K & 1, 9:05am
- March 5 - 3rd Grade Performance for 2 & 3, 9:05am
- March 6 - 3rd Grade Musical "Go Fish", 8:15am
- March 19 - April 2 - Armstrong Reads
- March 21 - 4th Grade Eagle Party, 6:00pm - 11:00pm
- March 26 - Open House 4PM
- March 27 - Grandfriend's Day

Find out about PTA events and subscribe to our calendar at the [Armstrong PTA website](#)



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E A G L E S

February 24, 2025

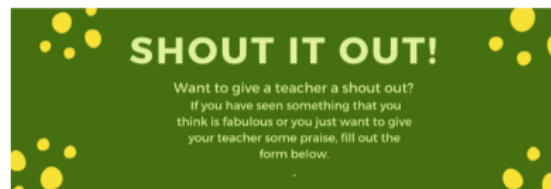
Dear Armstrong Families,

We have had a fun, busy few weeks at Armstrong! While the students were off last Monday, we started the week with our staff members engaged in professional learning. They learned new ideas and research-based best practices to positively impact our students. We have already seen the new ideas and teaching being implemented in the classrooms! We had Kindergarten Roundup where we welcomed the families of our incoming kindergartners for the next school year. It was incredible to see so much love for our school and the excitement of our new families.

Even with the chilly temperatures, our dads were committed and opening doors each morning. We are so grateful for our Dads Club volunteers! We even managed field trips and made the most of indoor recess.

We are ready for another week of learning and growing. Next week, we will announce our Extraordinary Eagle Winners for Honesty and Teacher and Paraprofessional of the Year at Armstrong Live, and we are looking forward to our 3rd graders performance of Go Fish!

Let's celebrate our teachers with shoutouts! Submit any shout outs at the link below! I will continue to share the great things happening each week in the newsletter.



[Form to Submit Shout Outs](#)

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.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

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Principal

cumminb@hpsid.org

Go Fish!

3rd Grade performance - Thursday, March 6 at 8:15am in the Armstrong Auditorium.

Please fill out the badge form below for your preprinted badge.

[Badge Sign In](#)

PTA News

PTA Roster

Dear Armstrong Families,

It is with great pleasure that I announce the [2025-2026 Armstrong PTA Roster!](#) Many thanks to these incredible volunteers for dedicating their time and energy to our wonderful school. We are so grateful for their service - and the support from our entire Armstrong community! Please visit the PTA website for more information about the PTA, who we are and how we help support our amazing school.

Sincerely,

Monet Ball

2025-26 Armstrong PTA President



School Spirit

Remember in the Palm Beach Yacht Club Silent Auction the package - "Show Your School Spirit?" Well **Suzie and Bunker Curnes** were the winners and we'll be the **Fighting Irish all next week (March 3-6) at Armstrong celebrating Notre Dame! GO IRISH!!**

All week students will be learning about Notre Dame! The Notre Dame flag will be flying high outside the school, college cookies in the cafeteria, Principal Cummins will even be seen in a Notre Dame shirt and so much more!

Landscaping Update

As many of you may have noticed, there have been further improvements to the parkways on the southwest corner of Cornell & Byron that were completed over Winter Break. This Fall, the PTA worked closely with The Town of Highland Park to address some unforeseen issues with the pebbles that were placed in the parkways during the town's extended parkway improvement project over summer 2024 (which included sidewalks, curb ramps, tree removal/replacements, sod/ground cover replacement and irrigation repairs). Together, with The Town of Highland Park, the PTA came up with a solution (replacing the existing

pebbles with flagstone and river rock) that would be most cost effective and lowest maintenance for all parties. These revisions marked Phase 1 of the parkway revisions with Phase 2 anticipated to be completed over Spring Break to address both the northeast and southeast corners of Cornell & Byron. Thank you for your feedback and support as we worked through the best solution for our community. If you have any questions, please contact **Lara Francis**, our **Buildings and Grounds Chair** at grounds@armstrongpta.org.





Recent PTA Events

The PTA hosted some fabulous events this past weekend! We hope that all of you who joined the **Mother Son Dance, 1st Grade Class Party and the 4th Grade Fellowship Retreat** had as much fun as we did! Thank you to our amazing volunteers who organized fun-filled memories for our students and families! **Visit our [Instagram](#)** for some photos and videos of the fun!

Grand Friends Day

Grand Friends Day is March 27!

Grand Friends Day is an Armstrong tradition when grandparents or a family friend can come visit your student(s) in their element! Students will prepare through the week for their Grand Friend's arrival and then have a chance to show off their work. Mark your calendars and be sure to let your Grand Friends know!

More details to come, but a few things to highlight now:

- To ensure a smoot entry, we **will send a link for you to register for a visitor pass in advance**. This is a huge help for our volunteers, school staff and our visitors! When that link comes, please complete for any Grand Friend who might join.

- **If you don't have a Grand Friend able to join - that's ok!** You are welcome to invite another special adult friend, attend yourself, or let your student enjoy the special friends of their classmates (many kids have been "adopted" by other's grandparents in the past!).
- **Many of us have multiple students at Armstrong; we will share more information on the timeline and how best to navigate multiple class visits in our next communication!**

Questions? Please contact our **Event Chairs Leslie Woodall or Megan Reynolds** at grandfriends@armstrongpta.org

ARMSTRONG READS

MARCH 19-
APRIL 2, 2025

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STEP RIGHT UP!

It's time for Armstrong in Paradise - Armstrong's Annual Carnival.

Armstrong in Paradise is the perfect gathering of family, friends, and neighbors! Save the date for Friday, April 11, 2025 from 3:15-6:00 pm.

Interested in being a sponsor? Great! We have a lot of options. We are still looking for ride sponsors. Your family or business can sponsor. See below for more sponsorship information.

Please contact Vanessa Renna with any sponsorship questions at nainai79@aol.com



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Armstrong Family Parties are still happening!

We have just a few family party tickets left! *[Come join in on the fun!](#)*

Mother Daughter Tea: Saturday, April 5, 1-3pm


Get Your Mahj On: Wednesday, April 30, 12-3pm

Two Class-Year Eagle Parties are still to come!

Calling all Eagles! Make sure you have secured your ticket for the Eagle Party of the Year for your child(ren)! **Here's the [link](#) to purchase!**

4th Grade PNO: Friday, March 21, 6:00pm to 11:00pm

Pre-K Eagle Party: Sunday, May 18th at 11:30am



Coming Soon:

change for children

Change Collection: February 24th to March 6th

Change for Children is a simple but powerful program benefiting Children's HealthSM while teaching our children the importance of giving back to their peers in need.

Each student received a Change for Children collection box. Please help your child come up with creative ways to collect change from family, friends and neighbors. Change, bills, checks (*make checks payable to the "Women's Auxiliary"*) and online donations at childrens.com/changeforchildren are welcome. Please return the collection box on **Thursday, March 6th**.

Proceeds benefit the Pet Therapy program at Children's Health.



COORDINATED BY THE ARMSTRONG OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Questions? Please contact Lizzy Brauer at lizzybrauer@gmail.com
or Brandi Chalmers at brandi.n.chalmers@gmail.com



Women's Auxiliary
to Children's Medical Center Dallas
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We are very short on cafeteria volunteers this month! We would really appreciate your help!

Thank You!

[Sign up to volunteer here!](#)



Follow us [@armstrong_eagles](#) on Instagram for real time updates and stories from Eagle Nation!



Archived Communications:

Fine room parent newsletters, Armstrong Articles and much more on the [Armstrong PTA website!](#)

Community News



Nervous about
sending your
4th grader to MIS?

Join us in the Raider
Cafeteria and see
them at school!

Claim shifts in VSP starting March 24th, 2025

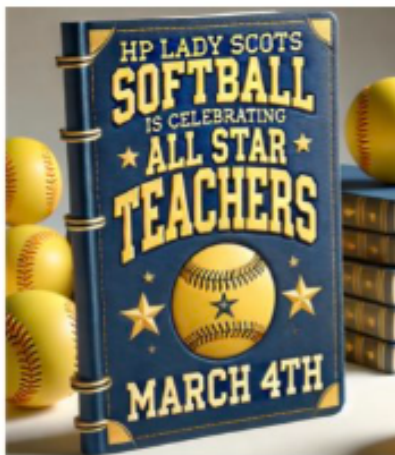
Try a shift before school ends!

If you want an inside glimpse or have any
questions regarding sign up for next year –

Contact Katherine & Tracy
to get on the schedule

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We hope to see you there!



Join us for Lady Scots Softball Teacher Appreciation!

Tuesday, March 4th

Lady Scots vs. Creekview

JV Ceremony 4:45pm; Game 5:00pm

Varsity Ceremony 6:30pm; Game 6:45pm





**THE MOODY FAMILY YMCA
AND THE GRACE LONCAR FOUNDATION
PRESENT A FREE MENTAL HEALTH
DISCUSSION:**

“What Our Teens Aren’t Telling Us”

Let’s explore the unspoken struggles, emotions, and pressures teens are facing in today’s world in an effort to develop strategies, foster deeper connections and support your teen in ways that truly matter.



Miki Johnston MSW, LCSW

Monday, March 3rd


5:30pm

MOODY FAMILY YMCA

HODGES HALL

Please scan QR code to
register and for more
information





Parents,

Do you have a child who loves to play golf and might be interested in playing on the high school team one day? If so, Coach Mercedes Trent (girls golf) and Coach Richard Wager (boys golf) would love to get to know who those kids are.

With most high school sports, coaches get to know their future players through middle school athletics/youth sports organizations. Golf is not one of those sports. Coach Trent and Coach Wager would like to get to know their future players earlier than right before their freshman year. If you think your child could be interested in playing high school and would like to know what you should do to help them prepare for that, please reach out.

Coach Trent – trentm@hpsid.org

Coach Wager – wagerr@hpsid.org

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!”



Save the Date

HP CultureFest



Saturday
5 April 2025

Highland Park Presbyterian Church
12-3PM



Activities

- Food
- Crafts
- Performances
- Raffles

For More Information
hpculturefest.com



Today:



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January 13 – May 17

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to include on our PTA
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