



Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



March 3-6 Show your School Spirit - "Notre Dame, Go Irish"

- March 3 - Armstrong Night at Olivella's sponsored by Dads Club
- March 4 - 3rd Grade Performance for K & 1, 9:05am
- March 5 - 3rd Grade Performance for 2 & 4, 9:05am
- March 6 - 3rd Grade Musical "Go Fish", 8:15am, please register below
- March 6 - Last day to turn in Change for Children's boxes
- March 7 - NO SCHOOL!
- March 17 - School resumes
- March 19 - April 2 - Armstrong Reads
- March 19 - Spirit Day
- March 20 - HERO meeting, 7:30am
- March 21 - 4th Grade Only PNO Eagle Party, 6:00pm - 11:00pm
- March 26 - Open House 4PM
- March 27 - Grandfriend's Day
- March 28 - PNO

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





March 3, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

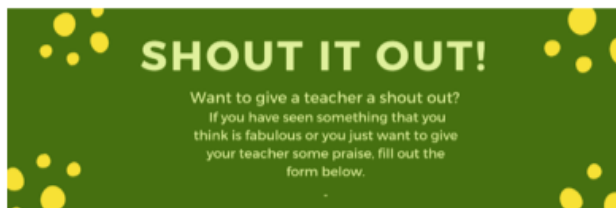
We have an exciting week at Armstrong! We will announce our Teacher and Paraprofessional of the Year on Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. during Armstrong LIVE in the cafeteria. **Please make a strong effort to have students at school before 7:55 a.m. on Wednesday because the HPHS band, cheerleaders, and other guests will be ready to make the exciting announcement at 8:00 a.m.**

As we approach Spring Break, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your loyalty and dedication to the Armstrong throughout this school year. It's hard to believe we will be entering the final nine weeks of the 2024-25 school year when we return from the break. Spring Break offers a great opportunity for our students, staff, and families to recharge, explore, and create memories with their families and friends. Whether you are traveling or staying in Dallas, I hope this break provides a chance for rest, relaxation, and precious memories. Our dedicated staff looks forward to welcoming our students back for the remainder of the year with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

Thanks for submitting the shoutouts for our teachers! I will continue to share the great things happening each week in the newsletter.

*Hannah Grace Veitenheimer has some sort of magical powers to get every single child in the class excited about reading. My daughter was not confident at all and then soon after school started, she was flying through her books. She sings and plays guitar each morning. She gives her all in the classroom and our daughter is so lucky to have Mrs. V as her teacher!

*Miss Katz has shown true caring for our child and a desire to ensure that the 4th grade fundamentals are understood and absorbed. She has been an amazing communicator about progress and any issues that arise. And we truly appreciate her even keeled demeanor and vigilance in ensuring our child gets the most out of class time.



[Form to Submit Shout Outs](#)

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

We hope to see all of our 3rd grade families at “Go Fish” this Thursday morning, March 6, at 8:15 a.m. Dianne Morgan, our Specials team, and many parent volunteers have dedicated many hours to this program, and we are excited to see our kids in action!

Have a fantastic week! Thank you for your dedication to our students and learning community. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cummins

Betsy Cummins
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](#)

Please check Lost and Found before you leave for spring break on Thursday!

Thank you!



*Join Us for
All Things Armstrong*



District updates provided by
Dr. Mike Rockwood, Superintendent and
Amy Wood, Executive Director of Curriculum,
Instruction and Professional Learning

Monday, March 31

8:15am

Armstrong Auditorium

RSVP Here



GRANDFRIENDS DAY

MARCH 27TH



Grandfriends Day is an Armstrong tradition when grandparents or a family friend can visit your student(s) in their element! Students will prepare through the week for their grandfriends arrival and then have a chance to show off their work. Mark your calendars for March 27th and be sure to let your grandfriends know. In an effort to get all grandfriends into the building on time, please pre-register any adult who will be in the building during school hours.

Volunteers will be at the front door to help guide our grandfriends into the auditorium where they will wait for their Grandchildren to meet them. We will have coffee and cookies in the auditorium while they wait. Our elevators will be available for use by grandfriends requiring additional assistance, and valet parking will be available at the front entrance on Cornell.

Preschool- 8:00-8:35am
1st- 8:40-9:15am
2nd- 9:20-9:55am
Kindergarten- 10:00-10:35am
3rd- 10:40-11:15am
4th- 11:20-11:55

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

[Pre-Register your Grand Friend Here!](#)

PTA News

Make plans to pick up or dine in with your Olivella's Pizza tonight!

Armstrong Families,

Looking for dinner plans on Monday, March 3rd? Join the **Armstrong Dad's Club at Olivella's Pizza** on McFarlin near SMU!

Not only will you enjoy a great meal, but **10% of all sales will be donated to the Dads Club in support of our wonderful Armstrong teachers.**

Bring the whole family, or grab your order to go and enjoy it at home—**just be sure to mention you're with Armstrong!**

Also, remember that next week is a short week as we countdown to Spring Break! **No school Friday, March 7!**



Join us for Gads Club night at

OLIVELLA'S

DINE IN THIS MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

3406 MCFARLIN BLVD BY SMU

OLIVELLA'S IS DONATING 10% OF ALL SALES, WHICH
WILL SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS!



School Spirit

Suzie and Bunker Curnes are pleased to host Fighting Irish Week at Armstrong celebrating Notre Dame all week!

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!





PTA giving back to our teachers and staff!

In February the PTA Exec Board voted unanimously to begin **funding cafeteria lunches for all Armstrong teachers and staff!** We are so grateful for our incredible teachers and staff - and to our wonderful community to help provide this initiative. This is one of the many examples of our fundraising in action!

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MARCH 19-
APRIL 2, 2025

ALL PROCEEDS
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TEACHERS & STAFF



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Carnival 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



CARNIVAL SPONSORSHIPS



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- TOP LISTING ON CARNIVAL SIGNAGE POSTED OUTSIDE OF ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY
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- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- WRISTBANDS FOR ALL OF SPONSOR'S CHILDREN





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

Pre-K and 4th Grade - your Eagle Parties are still to come!

Calling our youngest and oldest Eagles! Don't miss your first and last Eagle parties! [Secure your child's ticket here!](#)

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

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



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

DALLAS UNITED CREW SUMMER CAMPS

Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with rowing, paddle boarding, kayaking, and outdoor fun!

Hosted by Dallas United Crew, our summer camps offer young campers an opportunity to explore White Rock Lake, make new friends, and gain valuable skills on and off the water.

OUR CAMPS

- Learn to Row Camp
- Continuing Skills Camp
- Paddle Camp
- Small Boats Camp
- 2k Erg Camp
- High Performance Camp

LEARN MORE





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

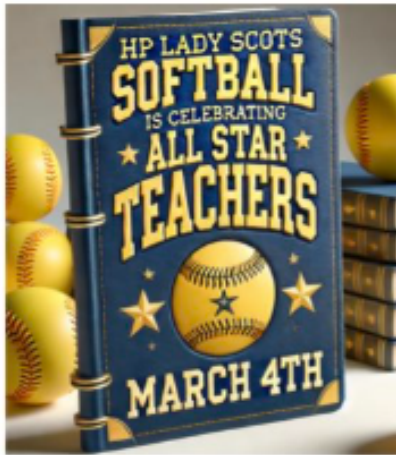
Try a shift before school ends!

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

Contact Katherine & Tracy
to get on the schedule

katherine.issel@gmail.com
portmelech@gmail.com

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





Highlander Summer Swim Team Registration is now open!

- **Registration is online through HPISD's hometown ticketing website - you can access the swim team registration directly [here](#)**
- The Highlander Summer Swim Team will practice Mondays - Thursdays at the HPISD Natatorium from 6/2 to 7/24
- There will be 3 practice groups in the program ranging from 5-19 years age. Groups are determined by skill level and age.
- Level 1 (ages ~ 5-10) - 10:15 - 11:00 am
- Level 2 (ages ~ 8-11) - 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Level 3 (ages ~ 11+) - 7:30 - 8:45 am
- Group descriptions and requirements can be found [here](#)
- **From now through April 14th, the cost for participation is \$350** for 8 weeks of practices (it goes up to \$375 on April 15th). Included in that price is...
 - -Facility & Insurance costs
 - -8 weeks of coaching instruction (31 practices ~ 23-39 hours of instruction depending on the group)
 - -Annual AAU Membership
 - -Entry Fees for 3 Swim Meets
 - -Team T-Shirt
 - -Team Latex Cap
- This summer HSST will compete against Frisco ISD's Iron Express AAU team. **Meet dates are 6/13, 6/20, and 7/10.** Meets will all take place in Frisco at the Bruce Eubanks Natatorium starting at 5:30 pm.
- **If an athlete wishes to train/participate but not compete in meets, the registration cost is \$250** (going up to \$275 on April 15th). Included in that price is...
 - -Facility & Insurance costs
 - -8 weeks of coaching instruction (31 practices ~ 23-39 hours of instruction depending on the group)
 - -Team T-Shirt
 - -Team Latex Cap
- **The Highlander Summer Swim Team website can be found here at: <http://bit.ly/highlanderswimteam>.**
- The website includes links to program information, practice/meet calendars, team communication, our coaching curriculum, online team store, team policies, and tryout 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



MAX LEVELS

COMING TO HIGHLAND PARK

SPRING SEASON
BEGINS MARCH 23RD
PLAYOFFS: MAY 19-23

TRYOUTS
COMING SOON

2ND-6TH
GRADE



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7900 NORTHAVEN RD
DALLAS, TX

GAME LOCATION:
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2400 PIKE ST
FARMERS BRANCH, TX

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Armstrong Elementary Community Partners!



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Please complete this form to be included in our PTA resource directory for parents.

GO EAGLES

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