



Armstrong Article

Campus Newsletter



- 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](#)



ARMSTRONG

E A G L E S

March 17, 2025

Dear Armstrong Families,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break! As we step into the last nine weeks, we are excited to refocus, reconnect, and finish strong! We are excited about all of the upcoming spring events at Armstrong and throughout HPISD. Our teachers and staff work diligently to meet the needs of all our wonderful students. It is a priority to recognize staff members who go above and beyond each and every day. One way that we do this is through the **Heart at Work Award**. Please take some time to nominate members of our Armstrong team. As this [link](#) explains, we are looking for the “unsung heroes” who are going the “extra mile” in serving our students, staff, families and community. Teachers, administrators, staff, students, parents, families and anyone interested in the well-being of our HPISD community can all nominate individuals for the Heart at Work award. **All nominations must be submitted on the “Heart At Work” award [nomination form](#) and sent electronically from now through March 31, 2025.**

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

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Principal

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Armstrong PNO March 28th 2025 with Ms. Heraty & Ms. Ashley

What Is It? It’s a chance for you to have a parents’ night out! Your child will have a blast at school with their friends and teachers. There will be gym games, pizza, crafts, a movie and more!

Who? K – 4th grade Armstrong students

When? Friday March 28th - 6:00pm-11:00pm

Where? Check in and pick up at the little gym doors @ St. Johns.

PNO Registration is this Wednesday, at 7:30am in the front office. Your child should bring home a PNO form today. If you still need one, here is the link:

[PNO Form Here!](#)

*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.

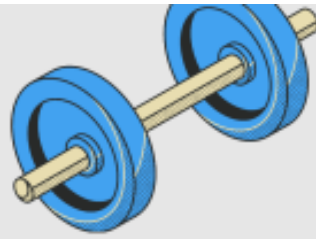
Preschool- 8:00-8:35am
1st- 8:40-9:15am
2nd- 9:20-9:55am
Kindergarten- 10:00-10:35am
3rd- 10:40-11:15am
4th- 11:20-11:55

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

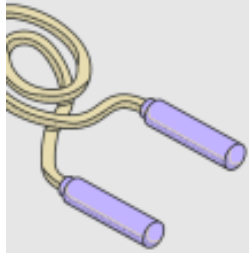
[Pre-Register your Grand Friend Here!](#)

Please pre-register your Grand Friends - It will make their entrance into the building much faster and easier. Only register them once, if they have been registered already, no need to register again.

Thank you!



PARENTS,
CHECK FOR SKYWARD FAMILY
ACCESS EMAIL REGARDING



HEALTH LESSON INFO



PARENTS OF
1ST-6TH GRADES STUDENTS

PREVIEW UPCOMING LESSONS
& COMPLETE OPT IN FORM



CONTACT PE TEACHER
FOR MORE INFORMATION



Armstrong Health Dates are as follows:

1st Grade: Tuesday, April 22nd (during Specials time)

2nd Grade: Wednesday, April 23rd (during Specials time)

3rd Grade: Thursday, April 24th (during Specials time)

4th Grade: Thursday, April 24th (during Specials time)



PTA News



ARRRGH YOU READY TO READ?

ARMSTRONG

READS

MARCH 19–APRIL 2

- MARCH 19: ARMSTRONG READS BEGINS!
- MARCH 21: REGISTER FOR ARMSTRONG READS BY WEDNESDAY TO EARN YOUR ARMSTRONG READS BRAG BADGE! (SEE LINK BELOW)
- APRIL 2: ARMSTRONG READS ENDS. LOG ALL MINUTES BY MIDNIGHT!

JOIN OUR READ-A-THON CAMPAIGN TO GROW A LOVE OF READING & RAISE **\$75,000** FOR OUR INCREDIBLE ARMSTRONG TEACHERS AND STAFF! IF EACH STUDENT RAISES **\$250**, WE WILL MEET OUR **\$75,000** FUNDRAISING GOAL, 100% OF WHICH WILL SUPPORT OUR AMAZING TEACHERS & STAFF. PLEASE HELP REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN IN OUR ONLINE PLEDGESTAR SYSTEM, TRACK MINUTES, RAISE FUNDS, AND READ AWAY!

[CLICK HERE](#)

VIEW OUR ONLINE
BROCHURE FOR PRIZES
AND READING GOALS!



REGISTER ON PLEDGESTAR BY APRIL 19TH FOR THE ARMSTRONG BRAG TAG!

REGISTER NOW

Visit the [Armstrong PTA website](#) for more information!

FAQS:

WHAT COUNTS AS READING? DO AUDIOBOOKS OR A PARENT/SIBLING READING ALOUD COUNT?

- ALL MINUTES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL COUNT! OUR GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE A LOVE OF READING!

DO I HAVE TO TRACK MY CHILD'S READING IN PLEDGESTAR EVERY DAY?

- DAILY TRACKING IS RECOMMENDED; ENSURE ALL MINUTES ARE LOGGED IN PLEDGESTAR BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 11:59 PPM!

WE HAVE MULTIPLE KIDS, HOW WILL DONATION REQUESTS WORK, AND HOW WILL DONATIONS BE SPLIT?

- PLEDGESTAR SENDS A SINGLE PLEDGE REQUEST FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR FAMILY. DONATIONS TO FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE PARTICIPANTS GET SPLIT EVENLY.

CAN FAMILY OR FRIENDS DONATE BY CASH/CHECK VS. ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH PLEDGESTAR?

- YES! THOSE WHO ELECT TO PAY BY CHECK WILL BE SENT INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DO SO.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- 100% OF THE FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT THE TEACHERS AND STAFF AT ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY!

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT ARMSTRONG READS CHAIRS:

- LINDSEY WILLIAMSON - LINDSEYPWILLIAMSON@GMAIL.COM
- MICHELLE JOYNER - MICHELLEKJOYNER@GMAIL.COM
- BLAIR JINDSEY - ADRIANABLAIR@GMAIL.COM

ARRGH YOU READY TO READ?

Park Place

VOLVO PRESENTS

ARMSTRONG READS

MARCH 19-
APRIL 2, 2025

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT ARMSTRONG TEACHERS & STAFF

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS & IN KIND DONORS!

PRESENTING SPONSOR:

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THE INBODEN FAMILY | THE WILLIAMSON FAMILY | SHYLA & ED VALENTINE

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OVERVIEW

GOALS OF ARMSTRONG READS

EACH STUDENT'S GOAL:

1. RAISE AT LEAST \$250 TO REACH OUR \$75,000 FUNDRAISING GOAL
 2. READ 30 MINUTES PER DAY OR MORE TO EARN AMAZING PRIZES!
- ALL FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT TEACHERS & STAFF!



STEP 1: REGISTER YOUR STUDENT

- GO TO WWW.PLEDGESTAR.COM/ARMSTRONGREAD OR SCAN HERE
- SIGN UP BY MARCH 19TH FOR THE 2025 ARMSTRONG READS BRAG TAG KEYCHAIN

STEP 2: ASK FOR DONATIONS

- LOG IN TO PLEDGESTAR TO ENTER FAMILY & FRIENDS' NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES
- PLEDGESTAR WILL SEND DONATION REQUESTS TO EACH EMAIL YOU SUBMIT
- DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND BENEFIT TEACHERS AND STAFF AT ARMSTRONG!
- ALL DONATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

STEP 3: READ AT HOME

- EACH STUDENT SHOULD AIM TO READ AT LEAST 420 MINUTES AT HOME (280 FOR PRE K)
 - THAT'S JUST 30 MINUTES A DAY OR 20 FOR PRE K!
- READ MORE THAN 30 MINUTES A DAY (25 MIN FOR PRE K) AND BE HONORED AS A TREASURE HUNTER READER...SEE BELOW
- ALL READING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL COUNTS! A PARENT OR SIBLING CAN READ TO OUR YOUNGEST EAGLE READERS, LOOK AT PICTURE BOOKS, OR LISTEN TO A BOOK

STEP 4: TRACK YOUR READING IN PLEDGESTAR

- EACH STUDENT SHOULD KEEP TRACK OF THE MINUTES THEY READ AT HOME
- PARENTS SHOULD RECORD THEIR STUDENT'S READING MINUTES ONLINE AT WWW.PLEDGESTAR.COM/ARMSTRONGREAD
- MINUTES MUST BE RECORDED ONLINE BY 11:59 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

PRIZES FOR READING:

TREASURE HUNTER READER

ALL READERS ACHIEVING TREASURE HUNTER STATUS RECEIVE:
NAME ON THE TREASURE HUNTER READER'S WALL IN THE LIBRARY
CLIP ON BOOK PLIGHT

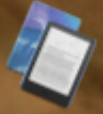
BEYOND THE SEA READER

THE 8 STUDENTS FROM EACH GRADE WHO READ THE MOST MINUTES WILL ADDITIONALLY RECEIVE:
NAME & PHOTO ON BEYOND THE SEA READER'S WALL IN THE LIBRARY
A COOKIE COUPON FROM POKEY Q'S
A CHICK-FIL-IL LUNCH OR DINNER ENTREE GIFT CARD
A \$15 KIDBIZ GIFT CARD



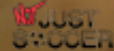
SAILING MASTER READER

THE STUDENT FROM EACH GRADE WHO READS THE MOST MINUTES WILL ADDITIONALLY RECEIVE:
\$80 TO NOT JUST SOCCER PLUS
A KINDLE KIDS PAPER WHITE (K-4TH) OR
A JONIE BOX (PRE K)



CAPTAIN READER

THE TOP 2 READERS AT ARMSTRONG WILL ADDITIONALLY RECEIVE:
A SEMESTER OF OPEN CHEER AT MUSTANG CHEER
OR TWO MONTHS OF CHESS AT THE KNIGHT SCHOOL,
AND ENJOY LUNCH WITH PRINCIPAL GUMMINS



LEGENDARY CREW:

ONE CLASS PER GRADE (K-4TH) THAT READS THE MOST MINUTES WINS:
A BREAKFAST PARTY IN THE ARMSTRONG CAFETERIA



TREASURE HUNTER READERS

WANT TO READ EVEN MORE?
ACHIEVE TREASURE HUNTER STATUS BY
READING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF MINUTES:

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 350 MINUTES	SECOND GRADE 510 MINUTES
KINDERGARTEN 420 MINUTES	THIRD GRADE 565 MINUTES
FIRST GRADE 480 MINUTES	FOURTH GRADE 625 MINUTES

CAPTAINS OF THE YEAR

- THE TEACHER OF THE CLASS WITH THE MOST MINUTES READ IN EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE A SPA CERTIFICATE FOR HAND AND STONE MASSAGE
- THE TEACHER OF THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST MONEY WILL ADDITIONALLY RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD TO DESPERADOS

PRIZES FOR FUNDRAISING

<p>RAISE \$250 ARMSTRONG STICKER SHEET & CARNIVAL SUGAR SHACK TICKET</p>	<p>RAISE \$500 \$250 LEVEL PRIZES + COLOR CHANGING ARMSTRONG CUP & CUPCAKE FROM SUSIE CAKES</p>	<p>RAISE \$750 \$500 LEVEL PRIZES + PIZZA FROM QM1'S PIZZERIA & LIMITED EDITION BOOK TOTE</p>	<p>RAISE \$1000 \$750 LEVEL PRIZES + GOLDEN EAGLE TROPHY, ARMSTRONG T-SHIRT, & LUNCH WITH PRINCIPAL GUMMINS</p>
<p>TOP FUNDRAISERS IN EACH GRADE: APPLICABLE PRIZES ABOVE PLUS A CARNIVAL GREAT CROSS</p>	<p>TOP 2 FUNDRAISERS AT ARMSTRONG: APPLICABLE PRIZES ABOVE PLUS CARNIVAL QM1'S WITH FAST PASS & ARMSTRONG CAP</p>	<p>THE TOP FUNDRAISING CLASS IN ARMSTRONG: ALL ELIGIBLE PRIZES ABOVE PLUS A PIZZA PARTY!</p>	



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



CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP \$10,000

SOLD

- RECOGNITION WITH LARGEST LOGO OR NAME AT CARNIVAL
- TOP LISTING ON CARNIVAL SIGNAGE POSTED OUTSIDE OF ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED BY DJ (3X)
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED IN E-NEWSLETTER TO ALL FAMILIES
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- SOLE LOGO OR NAME ON CARNIVAL BACKPACK PROVIDED TO ALL STUDENTS
- WRISTBANDS FOR ALL OF SPONSOR'S CHILDREN

EAGLEVILLE ISLAND \$5000

SOLD

- LISTING ON CARNIVAL SIGNAGE POSTED OUTSIDE OF ARMSTRONG
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED BY DJ (2X)
- SPONSOR RECOGNITION IN E-NEWSLETTER TO ALL FAMILIES
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- WRISTBANDS FOR ALL OF SPONSOR'S CHILDREN

PARROT HEADS \$2500

- RECOGNITION WITH LOGO OR NAME AT CARNIVAL AS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SOLD DJ SPONSOR	SOLD JAIL SPONSOR	SOLD CONCESSION SPONSOR
SOLD PHOTO BOOTH SPONSOR	SOLD CAKE BY THE OCEAN SPONSOR	SOLD ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR
SOLD WRISTBAND SPONSOR	SOLD DUNK TANK SPONSOR	SOLD DECOR SPONSOR

- LISTING ON CARNIVAL SIGNAGE POSTED OUTSIDE OF ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED BY DJ (1X)
- SPONSOR RECOGNITION IN E-NEWSLETTER TO ALL FAMILIES
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- WRISTBANDS FOR ALL OF SPONSOR'S CHILDREN

PERMANENT VACATION \$1000 UP TO 15

- RECOGNITION WITH LOGO OR NAME AT CARNIVAL AS AN INDIVIDUAL RIDE SPONSOR
- SPONSOR RECOGNITION IN E-NEWSLETTER TO ALL FAMILIES
- SPONSOR RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- WRISTBANDS FOR ALL OF SPONSOR'S CHILDREN

HEAVEN ON EARTH \$500 UNLIMITED

- RECOGNITION OF LOGO OR NAME AT CARNIVAL AS A FUEL STATION SPONSOR
- SPONSOR RECOGNITION IN E-NEWSLETTER TO ALL FAMILIES
- 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



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!



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



Earn
HPHS
Service
Hours!

Activities

- Food
- Crafts
- Performances
- Raffles



For More Information
hpculturefest.com



HIP

Tennis Academy



2025 Summer Program
May 27 – August 8

All Academy Brochure

MAX LEVELS

COMING TO HIGHLAND PARK

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

TRYOUTS
COMING SOON

2ND-6TH
GRADE



PRACTICE LOCATION:
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
7900 NORTHAVEN RD
DALLAS, TX

GAME LOCATION:
STARS MULTI SPORT
2400 PIKE ST
FARMERS BRANCH, TX

CONTACT US



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Highland Park Independent School District

CLASS SCHEDULE

SPRING 2025

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CLASSES FOR EVERYONE!**

CALL 214-780-3380 TO REGISTER

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Armstrong Eagles love to support our own!

**Do you own a local
business you would like
to include on our PTA
webpage?**

Please complete this form to be
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