



## Parent News from Armstrong Elementary

Main: 651-425-4100

Attendance: 651-425-4106

Website: [aes.sowashco.org](http://aes.sowashco.org)

School hours: 8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

January 16, 2020

### Armstrong Family Movie Night

Friday, January 24, 2020

#### "Abominable"

Doors open at 6:30 – Movie starts at 7:00 pm

Cost of movie - \$2.00      Concessions available for purchase

Sponsored by Armstrong's PTO

*All proceeds go towards helping the PTO fund the end of the year celebration for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.*

### Shout Outs

Armstrong students are focusing on "**KINDNESS**" in the month of January. Below are the students that received Shout Outs last week for their awesome work. Check out our Armstrong website for a picture of the kids. [https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest\\_news/shout\\_outs](https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest_news/shout_outs). The students receiving shout outs will be bringing home a little certificate to show off to family!

#### *Shout Outs from last week...*

- **Grace S.** – Mrs. Strander: "taking charge of her learning & helping others"
- **Kamillah B.H.** – Mrs. Fuller: "Being a great example for others"
- **Peyton S.** – Mrs. Fuller: "Always helpful to others"
- **Annabelle P.** – Mrs. Fuller (from Mrs. Theis): "Showing kindness to others"
- **Hayden E.** – Mrs. Ross: "Continuing to practice math until she understood it"
- **Jack D.** – Mrs. Strander: "Spreading kindness to everyone"
- **Brody J.** – Mrs. Fuglestad: "Being extra kind & letting a friend borrow his boots"
- **Audrey F.** – Mrs. Davis: "Good effort & a positive attitude"
- **Jayden F.** – Mrs. Larson: "Being kind for borrowing his boots to a classmate"
- **All 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders** – Mrs. McGuire: "Working so hard to get ready for BizTown"

### Pre-School Registration & Information Night

Pre-school registration is online for the 2020/21 school year. Parents of 3 & 4 year olds will be receiving a pre-school catalog in the mail on how to enroll. There will be a pre-school information night held on Wednesday, February 19 from 6-7:00 pm at two locations - the District Program Center in Cottage Grove and Valley Crossing Elementary in Woodbury. Please refer to your mailing for more information.

If you have questions, please contact the Community Education Office at 651-425-6600.

## Kindergarten Registration 2020/21

Kindergarten enrollment will be completed online this year beginning Monday, January 27. Children who are five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 are eligible to start kindergarten this September. Families of incoming kindergarten students have been sent a “Welcome to Kindergarten” brochure with all the information needed.

Dates to remember:

- Monday, January 27 through Friday, February 21 – Register your child online
- Tuesday, April 21 – Armstrong Open House for incoming Kindergarteners, 4:40-6:00 pm.

You can click on the following link for more kindergarten information :

[https://sowashco.org/departments/student\\_information/enrolling\\_your\\_student/kindergarten\\_enrollment](https://sowashco.org/departments/student_information/enrolling_your_student/kindergarten_enrollment)

If you have questions, please contact the Student Information Dept. at 651-425-6328.

## Box Tops for Education Changes

The Box Tops for Education program has raised thousands of dollars for Armstrong over the years. The program is phasing out clipping the Box Tops and moving towards scanning your receipts to earn money. It is super easy to do. Just download the Box Top app, sign-up for free and then select Armstrong Elementary as your school. Anyone can do it, so please tell your grandparents and relatives. Clipped Box tops will only be accepted at Armstrong until Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

## Volunteer Management System Change

Parents: In October we transitioned to a new visitor/volunteer management system. Thank you to those that have already create a new profile or transferred their old one. Here is a reminder on how to do these:

To create a new volunteer profile proceed here:

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MjlyODplbi1VUw==>

If you believe you have had a volunteer background check in the past two years and would like that transferred proceed here: <https://forms.gle/8yo2mjMRp7T6a7QW7>

A \$5 background check is required for chaperoning a field trip, volunteer academic/athletic coaching and any volunteer opportunity that a volunteer would be alone with students. These background checks are now good for two years and our volunteer management system will remind volunteers when it's close to expiration.

If you will be volunteering in a capacity that does not require a background check, please still create a volunteer profile.

District Volunteer Page for Q/A's: <https://sowashco.org/parents/volunteers>

Questions: Contact Jessica Johnson at [jjohnson21@sowashco.org](mailto:jjohnson21@sowashco.org)

## Message from District 833 Transportation Dept.

Our top priority is the safety of our students. With the winter season upon us, it is important to remind students and families that inclement weather may lead to transportation delays. While we make every effort to run our buses on time, there may be unavoidable delays resulting in your student having to wait outside for the bus longer than expected. Please ensure that your student is dressed appropriately for the weather.

In the event that buses are running extremely late, we encourage families to discuss and plan for these types of situations. Bus routes running more than 10 minutes late will be posted on our Transportation website <http://www.sowashco.org/services/transportation>.

Should you have any questions, our transportation staff can assist you at:  
651-425-5303 for general education busing  
651-425-5324 special education busing

## PTO News

- Join us for a PTO Carnival planning meeting January 28th at 6:30 in the media center. We will begin planning games, prizes, silent auction, entertainment and food. We would love to see you there!
- The PTO puts on a fun, family-friendly Carnival each year as way to bring our community together and earn funds for our school. Volunteers are needed to assist with planning: **Games and Prizes, Silent Auction, Entertainment, Food, Intercultural Café.**

If any of these sound like something you would like to help with, please contact Chenille Topp at [topp26bc@gmail.com](mailto:topp26bc@gmail.com). We will begin planning carnival at this week's PTO meeting. We will also be having Carnival Committee meetings in the near future.

**PTO Sign Up Genius:** [https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest\\_news](https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest_news)

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, January 16, 2020 – Orchestra Concert, Armstrong Gym, 7:00 pm
- Monday, January 20, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day**
- Friday, January 24, 2020 – Movie Night “Abominable”, 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30
- Friday, January 31, 2020 – School Store Day (during lunch/recess)
- Friday, January 31, 2020 - Class Color Day (sponsored by Student Council)  
*(K-red, Gr 1-orange, Gr 2-yellow, Gr 3-green, Gr 4-blue, Gr 5-purple)*
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – PTO Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – Wendy’s Night, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Friday, February 14, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workshop Day**
- Monday, February 17, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, President’s Day**
- Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, K-5 Teacher Work Day**
- Thursday, Feb. 27 – March 4, 2020 – Book Fair (before & after school & during conferences)
- Thursday, February 27, 2020 – Conferences (by appt only), 3:30-7:45 pm
- Friday, February 28, 2020 – Breakfast & Books, 7:45 am

- Friday, February 28, 2020 – School Store Day (during lunch/recess)
- Friday, February 28, 2020 – Workout Wear Day (sponsored by Student Council)
- Monday, March 2, 2020 – Conferences (by appt only), 3:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workshop Day**
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – Lifetouch Spring & Group Activity Photos
- Monday, March 9 – Friday, March 13, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**
- Monday, March 16, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workshop Day**