



## 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.

October 24, 2019

### Parent/Teacher Fall Conferences

**\*PLEASE NOTE: This is for Pre-K and Knd through Grade 5 conferences**

Parent/Teacher fall conferences are set for **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 7:45 pm AND Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 7:30 pm**. Instructions are below. If you haven't done so already, please click on the following link to get to online conference signup at

PTCFast.com [http://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Armstrong\\_Elementary](http://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Armstrong_Elementary)

Call Anne in the office at 651-425-4101 if you have any questions or need help signing up.

#### **\*\*Fall Conferences November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> Scheduling Information**

Armstrong Elementary uses an online conference scheduler to schedule conferences. Directions are provided below. Registration will be available starting today.

\*For those families who don't have internet you can schedule your conferences with your classroom teacher/s or with Anne Henseler 651-425-4101 in the office.

- To access the online scheduler go to [www.ptcfast.com/schools/Armstrong\\_Elementary](http://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Armstrong_Elementary) (note that there is an underscore between Armstrong\_Elementary)
- 1. Click on the teacher/s you need to set up conference/s with and then click submit.
- 2. If you are only scheduling for one student your next screen will have you type in your information for that student.
- 3. If you have more than one student at Armstrong you will have a few more questions to answer before you enter your student's information.
- 4. Once that is submitted the next screen will read **Thank you for registering. Please check your email at the address you provided. You will find an email with the subject header "Select Date/Time for Teacher Conference Now". Just press the link in the email and you will be able to pick a time slot for the conference.**
- If you have not received that follow-up email within about an hour we suggest you check your spam filter to see if it has put the email in a folder (typically called JUNK or SPAM.)
- Please leave at least 15 minutes between your student's conferences.  
Thank you for registering.

### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade MCA Test Results

MCA Test results will be sent home Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please check your child's backpack or folder for these results. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

## Lego League

Starting this school year we will be offering the opportunity to participate in LEGO League at Armstrong! LEGO League will meet before school on Wednesdays starting at 7:30 am until school starts at 8:30 am. It will begin Wednesday October 30th and ends Wednesday April 29th.

LEGO League is built around theme-based challenges that encourage skills in **problem solving, critical thinking, coding, engineering, innovation**, and **collaboration**. It is geared toward students in grades 3-5 that have interest in science, technology, robotics, and coding.

If you're interested in joining LEGO League, students can sign up in the library! Mrs. Sorenson can only select 10-12 students to join!

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## PTO News

**Breakfast and Books**- Breakfast and Books will be on **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** starting at **7:45 am**. Please join us in the cafeteria to enjoy breakfast with your student. The book fair will be open during Breakfast and Books. We are in need of volunteers to help with Breakfast and Books and the Book Fair. Please visit Sign up Genius if you are able to help.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**- We are looking for volunteers to help with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please visit Sign Up Genius if you are able to help.

## Shout Outs

Armstrong students are focusing on "**OPTIMISM**" in the month of October. "**RESPONSIBILITY**" was the rocket trait for September.

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. <http://aes.sowashco.org/>. The students receiving shout outs will be bringing home a little certificate to show off to family!

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

- **Noel T.** – Mrs. McGuire (from Mrs. Sorenson): "Being responsible & helping Mrs. Sorenson clean up the library"
- **Khrista T.** – Mrs. Festvog (from Recess Ladies): "Always helping out at recess"
- **Hailey S.** – Mrs. Festvog: "Being kind and responsible"
- **Addison S.** – Mrs. Haley: "Always being a team player"
- **Emma P.M.** – Mrs. Ross: "Reading at home every day"
- **Charlotte T.** – Mrs. Ross: "Always listening to instructions without talking"
- **Ayla P.** – Mrs. Strander: "Being a helpful friend & showing optimism"
- **Cristian J.** – Mrs. Strander: "Being on task & going above & beyond"
- **Matthew Y.** – Mrs. Ross (from Mrs. Nordstrom): "Never giving up & always trying his best in his math class"

- **Amaya R.D.** – Mrs. Berling: “Always being positive & doing what is asked of her”
- **Joey R.** – Mrs. Berling: “Always being sweet and helpful”
- **Abby D.** – Mrs. Fuglestad: “Being a hard worker & kind to everyone”
- **Otto A.** – Mrs. Kielsa: “Always having a positive attitude”
- **Megan A.** – Mrs. Davis (from Mrs. Martin): “Showing kindness & compassion to a classmate in need”
- **Amari G.** – Mrs. Marek (from Miss Lori): “Being an amazing friend & showing kindness”
- **Devon J.** – Mrs. Marek: “Always being positive & kind”
- **Keva S.** – Mrs. Davis: “Having a positive attitude”
- **Devin T.** – Mrs. Larson (from Mrs. Theis): “Having a positive attitude & working hard in school”
- **Summer V.** – Mrs. McGuire: “Being helpful and responsible”

## Winter Food Pack Program

**Food and winter clothing available at no charge for your child(ren) for the winter break.**

SoWashCo CARES (Community Action Reaching Every Student) through a partnership with Good in The ‘Hood and South Washington County Schools Community Education is offering a Winter Pack Program for families in District 833 to participate in over winter break. This Winter Pack Program offers a supply of nutritious meals and snacks for children, at no charge to families. Winter coats, snow pants, water proof gloves and boots are also available upon request.

If you believe your child will benefit from this program, we encourage you to sign them up by filling out the consent form by **Monday October 28th**. Forms are available on the Armstrong website at [https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest\\_news/winter\\_pack\\_program](https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest_news/winter_pack_program) or in the Armstrong office.

*Please indicate on the form whether you will be able to pick up your food at school on Wednesday, Dec. 18th or if you will need for it to be delivered to your home on Thursday, Dec. 19th.* There is also an online form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNG87G7>

If you request winter clothing items, they will be delivered to your school and you will be notified by your school social worker. We will do our best to fill each request, however it is not guaranteed. You have the option of completing the form online or returning this paper form to your school social worker or the front office at your school. For more information please contact [sowashcocares@gmail.com](mailto:sowashcocares@gmail.com) or call 651.425.6600

## Coats For Kids

The Salvation Army Coats For Kids program is happening next week.

**Where:** The Salvation Army – Chisago, 2080 Woodland Avenue, Maplewood, MN 55109

**When:** Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 12p.m. – 7p.m.\*

**Who:** Families with children ages 0-17 living in Zip codes: 55005, 55011, 55012, 55013, 55032, 55045, 55056, 55067, 55069, 55074, 55078, 55079, 55084, 55092

**The adult picking up coats must bring his/her picture ID, a current piece of mail and a form of ID for each child (medical card, social security card, birth certificate, etc.).**

\*Coats will be distributed based on availability

## Armstrong Movie Night

**Friday, October 25**

Armstrong Gym

Doors open at 6:30 pm

**Movie starts at 7:00 pm**

**Cost of movie: \$2**

Concessions available for purchase

## Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 25, 2019 – School Store open during recess times
- Friday, October 25, 2019 – Armstrong Movie Night, 6:30 pm doors open, 7 pm movie
- Thursday, October 31, 2019 – Student Council Wear Orange Day
- November 1 – 8, 2019 – Book Fair
- Monday, November 4, 2019 – Fall Conferences (by appt only)
- Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – **NO SCHOOL, Election Day**
- Thursday, November 7, 2019 – Fall Conferences (by appt only)
- Friday, November 8, 2019 – Breakfast & Books, 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – PTO Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – Wendy's Night, 5:00-7:00 pm

**Weekly newsletters can now also be found on the Armstrong website at**  
<https://aes.sowashco.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1217873&pageId=21575557>