



Parent News from Armstrong Elementary

Main: 651-425-4100

Attendance: 651-425-4106

Website: aes.sowashco.org

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

October 31, 2019

New Process for School Volunteers starting 10/28/19

Starting on October 28, there will be a new process for volunteers at District 833 schools. Volunteers will be required to [apply through an online application](#) to create their district profile. (See below if you have had a background check in the past two years)

In the application, volunteers who serve as academic or athletic coaches, chaperones on field trips or serve in a capacity where they will be alone with students will be able to complete background checks. The new process also requires those volunteers to renew their background checks every two years.

Volunteers who have had a background check through District 833 in the past **two years** will have until September 1, 2021 to get a new background check. However, due to security requirements for the new system, you will need to fill out this short form to transfer your information to the new system. If you have questions or are not sure if you have had a background check in the past two years contact Jessica Johnson, Youth Development & Volunteer Management Coordinator at jjohnson21@sowashco.org or 651-425-6630.

The background check will cost \$5, which will be paid online. Anyone who does not have access to a computer, or needs to pay in a different way should contact [Jessica Johnson](#).

[More information, including frequently asked questions, about the new volunteer process online at www.sowashco.org under Parents - Volunteers.](http://www.sowashco.org)

Parent/Teacher Fall Conferences Next Week

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

Parent/Teacher fall conferences are set for **Monday, November 4th from 3:30 - 7:45 pm AND Thursday, November 7th 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

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

****Fall Conferences November 4th and November 7th 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 (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.

PTO News

Breakfast and Books- Breakfast and Books will be on **Friday, November 8th** 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.

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

PTO Sign Up Genius: https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest_news

50th Anniversary Donations Needed

We are looking for donations of decorations for our upcoming Armstrong 50th Anniversary Celebration! Items donated should be in the colors of gold, dark blue, light blue, white, or black. Donations could include:

- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Streamers
- Helium tank
- Tape
- Tablecloths
- Centerpieces

Please bring donations to the main office. Thank you in advance for helping us out!

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...

- **Levi M.** – Mrs. Myers (from Recess Staff): “Helping with a spilled milk in the lunchroom”
- **Kaelyn N.** – Mrs. Festvog: “Working hard & being respectful”
- **Bryce N.** – Mrs. Festvog (from Mrs. Meek): “Keeping in the green zone; keeping problems small”
- **Dre S.** – Mrs. Haley: “Always being responsible & being kind to everyone”
- **Shirley F.** – Mrs. Ross: “Always smiling & being kind to everyone”
- **Soliyana Z.** – Mrs. Ross (from Mrs. Nordstrom): “Taking on challenges & never giving up”
- **Kameron B.H.** – Mrs. Fuller: “helping others”
- **Alanah P.** – Mrs. Fuller: “Working hard to be a good friend to others”
- **Hazel B.** – Mrs. Strander: “Sharing her great idea & thinking with the class”
- **Noel E.** – Mrs. Strander: “Being a helpful friend”
- **Ana C.** – Mrs. Berling: “Being a hard worker with a positive attitude”
- **Quincy M.** – Mrs. Berling: “Always being kind to classmates”
- **Brody J.** – Mrs. Fuglestad: “Being so enthusiastic & helpful every day”
- **Avery R.** – Mrs. Marek: “Being positive & working hard”
- **Tanner B.** – Mrs. Marek: “Having an amazing attitude”
- **Gavin F.** – Mrs. Marek (from Recess Staff): “Helping dry off playground for kindergartners”
- **Jonny E.** – Mrs. Marek (from Recess Staff): “Helping dry off playground for kindergartners”
- **Juli B.** – Mrs. Davis: “Good effort & having a positive attitude”
- **Luke M.** – Mrs. Larson: “Helping another student with his work”
- **Alex B.** – Mrs. McGuire: “Being responsible & helpful in class”
- **Allie T.** – Mrs. McGuire (from Mrs. Theis): “Showing optimism & being an amazing leader”

Upcoming Events

- 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