



## 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.

November 21, 2019

### PTO News

**Carnival Volunteers needed**- Have you wanted to help out the PTO but you just don't have the time? We have the perfect job for you! Our annual carnival fundraiser is happening in March and we need volunteers to request donations for silent auction items from local businesses. This could be done in your own time, for example while you are out prepping for your holidays or just doing daily errands. Please contact Chenille Topp at [topp26bc@gmail.com](mailto:topp26bc@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you for your consideration to assist in making this event happen!

**The School Store Fundraiser**- Packets were sent home this week with information about The School Store fundraiser. When the envelope is returned the students get a prize. Our **golden ticket** that is worth \$100 has not been claimed yet. Be sure to see if you are the golden ticket winner.

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

### Shout Outs

Armstrong students are focusing on "**COMPASSION**" in the month of November. 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...*

- **Khrista T.** – Mrs. Festvog (from Mrs. Meek): "Saying kind words to help a friend get to the green zone"
- **Justin L.** – Mrs. Festvog (from Mrs. Meek): "Helping staff by carrying paper around for teachers to use"
- **Koby P.** – Mrs. Festvog: "Being ready to learn & always working hard"
- **Levi G.** – Mrs. Haley: "Being kind to others & always working hard"
- **Mackenzie H.** – Mrs. Strander: "Showing determination & optimism"
- **Blake R.** – Mrs. Fuller (from Miss Deanna): "Being kind & helping out"
- **Evan D.** – Mrs. Ross: "Working extra hard on his writing project"
- **Scarlette H.A.** – Mrs. Ross: "Having a positive attitude for school"
- **Hazel B.** – Mrs. Strander (from Mrs. Dulka): "Being responsible for turning in a lost item"
- **Sam P., James K., Otto A.G., Grey M., Rich E., Asher Y.** – Mrs. Fugelstad & Mrs. Kielsa (from Mrs. H's Room): "For being a good friend in gym"
- **Shyanne B.** – Mrs. Berling: "Working hard with a positive attitude"
- **Natalia G.** – Mrs. Berling: "Having a positive attitude"

- **Nick M.** – Mrs. Kielsa: “Working hard on his reading. Way to go.”
- **Richie E.** – Mrs. Kielsa (from Mrs. Wilson): “Working hard & being responsible”
- **Morgan B.** – Mrs. Marek: “Being helpful in science class”
- **Natalie R.** – Mrs. Marek: “Being a kind student”
- **Jason T.** – Mrs. Davis (from Mrs. Nordstrom): “Being compassionate towards his brother”
- **Ruth A.** – Mrs. Larson (from Mrs. Theis): “Being an amazing friend & showing compassion”
- **Leo G.** – Mrs. McGuire: “Always being helpful & positive towards others”
- **Leo G.** – Mrs. McGuire (from Mrs. Nordstrom): “Always volunteering to help others”

## 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](mailto: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.](#)

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, November 26, 2019 – Gr 5 Field Trip to Target Field
- Wednesday, November 27, 2019 – **NO SCHOOL**
- Thursday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 – **NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving**
- December 2-6, 2019 – Star Lab
- Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – Wendy’s Night, 5:-00-7:00 pm
- Thursday, December 12, 2019 – Gr 1 Gingerbread House Day, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Thursday, December 19, 2019 – Knd Winter Art & Cookie Day, 1:45-3:00 pm
- December 22, 2019 – January 1, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, Winter break**
- Thursday, January 2, 2019 – **SCHOOL RESUMES**