



## 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 7, 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](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](http://www.sowashco.org) under Parents - Volunteers.

### 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094aafab22ab9-book8>

**PTO Meeting-** Please join us on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm for our November PTO meeting. We will be talking about the 50 Anniversary Celebration and we will start talking about the carnival. We are hoping to form the carnival committee, if you are interested in being part of the

committee and not able to attend the meeting please email [armstrongptopres@gmail.com](mailto:armstrongptopres@gmail.com) . All are welcome. We will have free childcare during our meeting.

**Wendy's Night**- Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> is Wendy's night. Join in on the fun, and help support Armstrong. Mention Armstrong while ordering from 5-7pm at the Cottage Grove Wendy's to support our school!

**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.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094aafab22ab9-armstrong1>

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

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Donations Needed

We are looking for donations of decorations for our upcoming Armstrong 50<sup>th</sup> 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. 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...*

- **Abel B.** – Mrs. Festvog (from Recess): "Helping pick up equipment that others left"
- **Jayden R.** – Mrs. Heavner (from Miss Cat): "Sticking up for a friend. You're so brave!"
- **Ryan B.** – Mrs. Haley (from Mrs. Nordstrom): "taking on challenges & trying his best every day"
- **Carter H.** – Mrs. Ross: "Making positive choices all week"
- **Layla G.** – Mrs. Strander: "Being a kind, helpful friend"
- **Grace S.** – Mrs. Strander: "Trying her best on classwork"
- **Christian M.H.** – Mrs. Fuller: "Always keeping a positive attitude"
- **Marissa P.** – Mrs. Fuller: "Working hard to complete class work"
- **Tiffany E., Alayna S., Memo S. & Abby D.** – Mrs. Fuglestad: "Helping a friend who was feeling sad"
- **Payton S.** – Mrs. Kielsa: "Always having a positive attitude & trying her best"
- **Davon M.** – Mrs. Marek (from Mrs. Theis): "Having an amazing attitude & being a great friend"
- **Kyleigh B.** – Mrs. Davis: "Having a growth mindset & not giving up"

- **Marissa K.** – Mrs. McGuire: “Always being positive”
- **Cody J.** – Mrs. McGuire (from Miss Cat): “Helping a friend get what they needed at lunch”
- **Beya G.C.** – Mrs. Larson: “Being considerate & sharing with a tablemate”

Shout Out photos are now available to see on the Armstrong website at [https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest\\_news/shout\\_outs](https://aes.sowashco.org/news/latest_news/shout_outs)

## Upcoming Events

- November 8, 2019 – Last day of Book Fair
- 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
- Wednesday, November 27, 2019 – **NO SCHOOL**
- Thursday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 – **NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving**