



## 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.

February 20, 2020

### Lifetouch Spring Photos

Lifetouch will be at Armstrong taking spring photos on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**. Only students that have purchased (online) or are planning to purchase pictures will be photographed for spring photos. Flyers/forms were sent home last week. To order online go to the following link and click on SHOP NOW. <http://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/pictureDayId/EVTT56SDX>

Photos will also be taken of the following groups for the yearbook: Student Council, Choir, Band, Orchestra, Safety Patrol, Gym Helpers, Announcers & Yearbook Committee. These photos are only for the yearbook and will not be available for purchase.

**Two parent volunteers are needed to help with photos on March 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please contact Anne in the office at 651-425-4101 or [ahensele@sowashco.org](mailto:ahensele@sowashco.org). Thank you!**

### Pennies for Patients

We are starting our kick-off for **Pennies for Patients** for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on Friday, Feb. 21! Please watch for flyers and coin boxes to come home. Here is the schedule for the week of Feb. 24-28:

- Monday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – **Bring your coinbox full** and receive a power ring.
- Tuesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – **Hallway Coin Challenge** (red/green halls vs. yellow/blue halls); Pennies add to your total, silver subtracts from your total.
- Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – **Jump or Run for coins during your PE time!** Top earning classrooms earn extra gym time.
- Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - **\$1 Hat Day** – Bring a dollar, wear a hat of your choice to support those battling cancer.

**\*\*Get everyone involved by sharing the link below. Join a classroom or make a donation to the school. Let's end blood cancer!!**

<https://events.lls.org/pages/mn/Armstrong-Elementary-School-2020>

**Our school goal is \$4,000! We can do it!! TOGETHER: A BETTER WAY TO FIGHT CANCER**

## Parent/Teacher Conferences Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Parent/Teacher winter conferences are set for **Thursday, February 27 from 3:30-7:45 pm AND Monday, March 2 from 3:30-7:30 pm**. Conferences are by appointment only. Instructions are below for signing up. Call Anne in the office at 651-425-4101 if you have any questions or need help signing up.

### **\*\*Winter Conferences Feb. 27 and March 2 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. (More than 1 teacher may be selected.)
- 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

- Volunteers are needed for the book fair during conferences Feb. 27 & March 2, and for Breakfast & Books coming up Feb. 28.
- Do you have unused gift cards in your wallet? Do you have new gifts you still haven't returned from the holidays? Are you a season ticket holder who can't make it to the game? Consider donating to the Armstrong Elementary Silent Auction! The auction will be held during the school carnival on March 27th. Items to consider for donation are:
  - Tickets to events
  - Signed Memorabilia
  - Gift cards (unused with full amounts on them)
  - New-in-box/New-with-tags items (electronics, toys, etc.)

Or if you have connections to a business that is willing to donate items or funds, please let us know! Donations are accepted until February 21<sup>st</sup>

*If you have a donation, please bring it to the Armstrong office.*

All the funds raised in the auction go towards things like computer software, field trip transportation, alternative seating for classrooms and other classroom supplies. Email [contactaep@gmail.com](mailto:contactaep@gmail.com) with questions. Thank you from the PTO.

PTO Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0CC7CEDCF8C4F6&cs=09B0BAD88FB88B167B0764035BC0&sortby=l.title>

## Upcoming Events

- Friday, February 21, 2020 – Pennies for Patients Kickoff
- Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – Noodles F/R Night, 4:00-8:00 pm, Cottage Grove Noodles
- 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**