



## 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.

January 30, 2020

### 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.

### Give Kids A Smile

Friday, February 7, 2020

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

1670 Beam Ave., #203, Maplewood, MN 55109

**\*By appointment only\*** Free dental care for kids ages 4-18 years – sealants, fillings, exams, cleanings  
Care will be provided by Metropolitan State University Dental Therapy Students under the supervision of a licensed dentist and advanced dental therapist.

## Pre-School Registration & Information Night

Pre-school registration is online for the 2020/21 school year. Parents of 3 & 4 year olds will be receiving a pre-school catalog in the mail on how to enroll. There will be a pre-school information night held on Wednesday, February 19 from 6-7:00 pm at two locations - the District Program Center in Cottage Grove and Valley Crossing Elementary in Woodbury. Please refer to your mailing for more information.

If you have questions, please contact the Community Education Office at 651-425-6600.

## Kindergarten Registration 2020/21

Kindergarten enrollment will be completed online this year beginning Monday, January 27. Children who are five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 are eligible to start kindergarten this September. Families of incoming kindergarten students have been sent a "Welcome to Kindergarten" brochure with all the information needed.

### Dates to remember:

- **Monday, January 27 through Friday, February 21 – Register your child online**
- **Tuesday, April 21 – Armstrong Open House for incoming Kindergarteners, 4:40-6:00 pm.**

You can click on the following link for more kindergarten information:

[https://sowashco.org/departments/student\\_information/enrolling\\_your\\_student/kindergarten\\_enrollment](https://sowashco.org/departments/student_information/enrolling_your_student/kindergarten_enrollment)

If you have questions, please contact the Student Information Dept. at 651-425-6328.

## Shout Outs

Armstrong students are focusing on "**KINDNESS**" in the month of January. 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...*

- **Brooklyn B.** – Mrs. Festvog: "Working hard & being responsible"
- **Lucas G.** – Mrs. Strander (from Mrs. Meek): "Being so kind to share special toy (Waddles) with a younger kid who was sad"
- **Romel G.V.** – Mrs. Strander (from Miss Deanna): "Being a good friend"
- **Romel G.V.** – Mrs. Strander (from Miss Cat): "Helping shoot some hoops & showing compassion"
- **Ella H.** – Mrs. Strander (from Mrs. H's room): "Being a great friend"
- **Graci G.** – Mrs. Ross: "Working hard on her math test & believing in herself"
- **Ava E.** – Mrs. Kielsa: "Being kind & helpful to her classmates"
- **Josh A.** – Mrs. Davis (from Miss Lori): "Showing responsibility & maturity every day in his crossing guard duties"
- **Megan A.** – Mrs. Davis: "Good attitude & effort"
- **Naima M.** – Mrs. McGuire (from Theis): "Being an amazing friend & showing kindness"
- **Maleah M.** – Mrs. McGuire: "Always being a hard worker"
- **Mackenzie H.** – Mrs. Allman: "Showing ROCKET traits"
- **Henry C.** – Mrs. Thompson: "Being so polite"

## PTO News

- Join us for the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Armstrong Media Center. We will discuss carnival plans as well as other happenings in our school. Childcare provided.
- 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 [contactaeppto@gmail.com](mailto:contactaeppto@gmail.com) with questions. Thank you from the PTO.

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

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – PTO Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – Wendy's Night, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Friday, February 14, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workshop Day**
- Monday, February 17, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, President's Day**
- Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – **NO SCHOOL, K-5 Teacher Work Day**
- Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – Chipotle F/R Night, 4:00-8:00 pm, Cottage Grove Chipotle
- 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**