



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.

September 5, 2019

School Information

School Hours: Knd-Gr 5 - 8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
PreK a.m. – 8:40 a.m.-11:10 a.m.
PreK p.m. – 12:40 pm-3:10 p.m.

Students are let into school at 8:25 a.m. to go to class

Breakfast: For students wishing to eat breakfast at school, they are allowed to come in at 8:20 a.m. Kindergarten eats as a group together after the 8:40 bell rings.

Attendance Line: 651-425-4106

Elementary Handbook

Hello Parents, below is the link for access to the elementary student handbook for 2019-2020.

https://www.sowashco.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1217353/File/About%20833/Policies%20and%20Handbooks/Elementary%20Handbook/ElementaryHandbook.pdf

PTO News

PTO Meeting-The first PTO meeting of the year is on Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30-7:30 in the library. Please join us to meet our 2019-2020 PTO board and learn about what the PTO does for Armstrong. We will have free childcare available.

Wendy's Night- Our first Wendy's night is on Wednesday, September 11th from 5-7 pm. Our 3rd grade teachers will be at Wendy's Night to welcome all of our families. When ordering, please make sure to mention Armstrong. We look forward to seeing you at our Cottage Grove Wendy's.

Spirit Wear- Our online ordering store for spirit wear is active until Tuesday, September 17th. Please click the following link to please your order. Orders will be sent to the school the week of October 7th.
<http://lettermensp.tuosystems.com/s.../armstrongelementary2019>

PTO Facebook page- "Like" our Facebook page to stay up to date on what the PTO is doing at Armstrong. <https://www.facebook.com/ArmstrongRocketsPTO/>

School Lunch Info

Looking for lunch menus? Lunch prices? Free/Reduced Information? The School Café is the place to go! Click on the link below to view lunch menus, apply for free/reduced lunches, add money to lunch accounts, etc. www.schoolcafe.com

NEW Visitor Management System

Dear Armstrong families,

Starting in the fall of 2019, South Washington County Schools will begin to use a new visitor management system to provide an additional layer of security for our schools. District 833 will continue to welcome all visitors and encourage all parents to be an active part of their children's educational experience. This change is simply to enhance the safety and security of both students and staff by prohibiting school access to those who pose a potential threat.

Upon entering a district building for the first time, visitors will be asked to present a valid government-issued ID, which will be checked against a national sex offender database to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings. We will only record the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with the national database. We will not share any information on the ID with any other agency or authority.

Once an entry is approved, we will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. Children who do not have a valid ID may be allowed to visit as long as they are accompanied by an adult who has completed the check-in process and been issued a badge. Substitute teachers, regular volunteers and all contractors or subcontractors will be subject to the same procedure as visitors at all times. If identity cannot be verified through an acceptable form of identification, they will not be allowed on district property.

A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork. In the event that a person does not have valid identification, he/she may still be given access to the building but will be escorted at all times by a school staff member.

The visitor management process will only be used during school hours. Attendees at after-hours events such as performances, ceremonies, or academic/athletic competitions will not be required to complete the process.

If you have any questions for district personnel regarding this new procedure, please Napoleon Genereux at ngenerex@sowashco.org or 651-425-6294. In addition, more information can be found online at www.sowashco.org under [Departments - Facilities](#).

Feel free to stop by Armstrong at any time to scan your ID. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in our district.

Sincerely, Andrew Caflisch, Principal, Armstrong Elementary

Transportation/Bus Information

Below is information from the Transportation Department regarding bus passes for students to ride a different bus than their own.

- Bus passes should be used for **emergency situations only** (bus passes are not to be used for social reasons i.e. play dates, birthday parties, school projects, etc.).
- All bus passes are temporary one-day passes.
- All bus pass requests must be made in advance (special consideration may be made for emergency situations).
- Students must also be issued a bus pass if they need to get on/off at a different stop on their already assigned route. Again, this should be for emergency situations only.
- Correspondence from parents/guardians (i.e. hand written notes, text message shown to drivers, etc.) will **NOT** be accepted by drivers as a valid bus pass.
- Bus passes can only be obtained by calling the Transportation Department. If the bus pass is approved, the Transportation Department will issue the pass to the school. The student will pick up the bus pass from the school office and present it to the bus driver.
- District 833 Transportation Department: #651-425-5303

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – School starts for Grades K-5
- Monday, September 9, 2019 – School starts for Pre-K
- Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – PTO Meeting, Media Center, 5:00-6:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – Wendy’s Night, 5:00-6:30 pm
- Monday, September 23, 2019 – Fall Picture Day
- Thursday, September 26, 2019 – Rocket Run Day