



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.

November 19, 2020

UPDATE: Elementary Grades (PreK-5) Must Now Shift to Distance Learning Nov. 30

Due to a surge in staff absences in key areas like transportation, nutrition services and teaching, **all elementary schools must shift to distance learning beginning Nov. 30.**

Last week, when we announced that elementary schools would shift to distance learning on Dec. 7, we expected that we would be able to cover staff absences due to quarantines and illness. Unfortunately this weekend, the community spread overwhelmed our ability to safely staff the hybrid learning model. We anticipate staff absences to increase in the coming days.

What This Means for Elementary Students (K-5) and Families

- **Elementary students (PreK-5) in the hybrid learning model** will shift to distance learning beginning on Monday, Nov. 30.
- **Elementary students (K-5) in the Virtual Learning Academy** will remain in their class with their current teacher.
- **Elementary teachers and staff** will be provided with planning days:
 - Hybrid learning teachers will have planning days on Nov. 20, Nov. 23-24 and Dec. 4.
 - Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) teachers will have planning days on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4.
- **Elementary students (K-5) in the current hybrid model will not have school** on Nov. 20, Nov. 23-24 and Dec. 4.
- **Elementary students (K-5) in the Virtual Learning Academy will not have school** on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4.

For more detailed information please visit our District website.

<https://sowashco.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1217437&pageId=29164859>

Fall Picture Ordering

Student fall pictures and re-takes are done. Here is the link and the Armstrong event code. Please call Anne in the office at 651-425-4101 if you have any questions.

<https://shop.jostenspix.com/login> **Armstrong Event Code: FE70920**

More info can be found on the Armstrong website at [Fall School Pictures at Armstrong Elementary](#)

PTO News: Armstrong Spirit Wear

Looking for some Armstrong apparel?!! Spirit Wear store is live! It will be open for ordering from now until 11:59pm on Tuesday, November 24th. If choosing to have it shipped to the school, those orders will be sent home or ready for pick up after Winter Break. Orders shipped directly to your house for a shipping fee will arrive after the holidays. If you have any questions, email the PTO at armstrongptopres@gmail.com. The link will also be on the PTO facebook page!

<https://lettermensp.tuosystems.com/stores/armstrongelementary2020>

Meals from District 833

Curbside meal delivery will continue while we are in distance learning. We will be having 6 sites open on various days and times in hopes we can reach as many families as possible. Meals are **free for everyone**, not just those in need or who qualified for free or reduced meals.

Beginning December 7th, the following sites will be open:

1. Lake – Tuesday morning from 9am-noon
2. Woodbury Middle – Wednesday morning from 9am-noon
3. Oltman Middle – Wednesday afternoon from noon-3:00pm
4. Woodbury High School – Thursday evening from 4:00-7:00pm
5. East Ridge High School – Friday morning from 9am-noon
6. Park High School – Friday morning from 9am –noon

Each site will be providing 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches along with milk for each student.

For meals prior to December 7th, please direct families to the district website for delivery calendars and locations. www.sowashco.org

Music Class Recorders

Armstrong 4th grade students are invited to purchase a recorder for music class. While it will look different this year, students still have the opportunity to learn an instrument.

To purchase, please login to SmartSchoolK12 at this link:

<https://lobby.wordwareinc.com/> Then, click the green "Go" button. Click "Armstrong Elem" on the left, then you will find the recorder and add it to your cart.

Let me know if you have any questions! -Mrs. Martin

Armstrong Masked Singer

Have you been keeping up with the weekly Masked Singer posts on Seesaw? (You can find them in your child's Activities tab in Music class every Friday.) In case you missed it, here is last Friday's link. The answer will be posted on Seesaw tomorrow, along with the new Masked Singer. Have fun guessing who's behind the mask!

<https://padlet.com/mallorymartin15/masksinger8>

Upcoming Events

- Monday, Nov. 23 & Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 – NO SCHOOL, Teacher Planning Days
- Wednesday, November 25, 2020 – NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day
- November 26 & 27, 2020 – NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving
- Monday, November 30, 2020 – District hybrid learners start Distance Learning today
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm – VIRTUAL
- Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – Wendy's Night, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 23, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021 – NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK
- Monday, January 4, 2021 – School Resumes