



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.

August 19, 2021

Important Update from Mr. Caflisch

Armstrong Families,

We are looking forward to the return of students and parents for our assessment days on Monday (8/23) and Tuesday (8/24). The plan for our assessment days has changed slightly since we do not have an open house scheduled this year. The plan for kindergarten and grades 1-5 is slightly different. Please follow the guidelines below:

- **Grade 1 – Grade 5** will report to the media center through the main entrance doors. Staff will be in the media center to assist students and parents. Your child's classroom teacher will come to the media center and escort the student and their parent(s) to the classroom for a brief introduction and room tour. The parents will then return to the media center during the time the teacher is meeting with the student. At the conclusion of the meeting, the teacher will escort the student back to the media center.
- **Kindergarten** students and parents will report directly to the kindergarten classrooms. Those rooms are located by the large parking lot. Signs will be posted to help parents find the right classrooms. Students and parents will meet the teacher and have a brief tour of the classroom. Parents will then wait outside the classroom for their child to finish the meeting with their teacher.

As a friendly reminder, all staff, students, and parents are required to wear a face mask when inside the building. Masks will be provided if you do not have one.

We are looking forward to the return of students and parents.

See you soon!
Principal Caflisch

Fall Assessments

Assessments will be held Monday, August 23 & Tuesday August 24, 2021 by appointment only. If you have not yet signed up for your child's fall assessment, please do so right away at

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Armstrong_Elementary

Classroom teachers and intervention teachers are looking forward to meeting with each student in their class or on their caseload for individual, one-on-one assessment times.

If you have any questions, please contact the Armstrong Elementary Office Coordinator (Anne Henseler) at ahensele@sowashco.org or (651)-425-4101.

Supply Lists

School supply lists are available on the Armstrong website at <https://aes.sowashco.org/>. Local businesses have been sent the lists to post for customers. If you would like to get a copy electronically, please feel free to email Anne at ahensele@sowashco.org or stop by the Armstrong office to get a copy.

**Pre-K students will get information about supplies from their classroom teacher.

Device Protection Plan

SoWashCo Schools is offering families the option of purchasing a device protection plan to protect district-issued devices from accidental damage from fire, flood, natural disasters, or power surges; and theft (with a filed police report).

The cost for the optional plan is \$20 annually per device. Families who qualify for federal educational benefits, such as [free and reduced-price meals](#), will also be eligible for reduced pricing (\$10 annually per device) or free coverage. Families can sign up and pay for the device protection plan through the SmartSchoolK12 website.

- [Learn more about the device protection plan](#)
- [Instructions for paying fees through SmartSchoolK12](#)

Please note that families who waive the device protection plan will be responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement of the device. If you have any issues signing up and paying for the device protection plan, please contact fees@sowashco.org.

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, August 23, 2021** – Assessments, by appt only
- **Tuesday, August 24, 2021** – Assessments, by appt only
- **Tuesday, August 31, 2021** – **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- **Friday, September 3, 2021** – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday, September 6, 2021** – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, September 7, 2021** – **First day of school for PreK**
- **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** – PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Armstrong Media Center
- **Wednesday, September 22, 2021** – Rocket Run
- **Thursday, September 23, 2021** – Fall Picture Day