



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 23, 2021

Fall Pictures & Ordering

Student fall pictures took place today Thursday, September 23rd. Photos should be available to view in the next three to five business days. To view your child's photos and order please follow the link below and use the Armstrong code to sign in. If your child missed pictures or you want them re-done, **Re-Take Day is Monday, October 4th**.

All photo ordering is done online at the Josten's link: <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

Please Note: There are no paper flyers or order envelopes.

Please use the following **Armstrong Event Code: FE16521** when you sign in to view photos.

Feel free to call Anne in the office at 651-425-4101 if you have any questions.

More information and a flyer can be found on the Armstrong website at <http://aes.sowashco.org/>

Rocket Run

The Armstrong Rocket Run will take place on **Wednesday, September 29 during the school day**. Students will get t-shirts again. HyVee donated water bottles. These will be sent home before the Rocket Run to be washed and should come back on Rocket Run day filled with water please.

Check out the Facebook page for Armstrong PTO for prize giveaway information.

Armstrong Sportswear

Advanced Sportswear is excited to be the local provider of apparel for Armstrong Elementary this school year. Please follow the link below to see the inventory and order. If you have any questions please contact candi@advspartswear.com. Orders will be taken through Thursday, October 7th.

<https://advanced-sportswear-5a7111.printavo.com/merch/armstrong-elementary/?page=1>

Shout Outs

In the month of **September**, our Armstrong students are focused on the rocket trait of **“RESPONSIBILITY”**. We use Shout Outs to show off our students using good Rocket Traits! Below are the students that received Shout Outs last week for their awesome work. Certificates will be sent home with students through their classroom teacher. Great job everyone!!

- **Sawyer N.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Haley: “Being a good friend and getting her work done”
- **Grayson S.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Kielsa: “Coming to school ready to learn. Keep up the great job!”
- **Kenrian B.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Festvog: “Being responsible and ready to learn”
- **Da’Layha C.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Strander (from Mrs. H’s room): “Being a kind friend & doing a great job in class”
- **Elisa G.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Strander: “Being prepared and responsible”
- **Eve S.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Strander: “Being responsible in learning and being prepared”
- **Kash B.H.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Fuller: “Helping other students”
- **De’Miyah P.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad (from Mrs. Theis): “Working hard & being very responsible”
- **Cooper V.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad (from para Michele B.): “Holding the door for students arriving at school”
- **Hailey S.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Berling: “Getting her work done and being responsible”
- **Carson N.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Berling: “Getting his work done and being responsible”
- **Annabelle P.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Marek (from Mrs. Theis): “Being responsible and working hard”
- **Grace S.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Davis: “Being responsible with her work and patrols”
- **Tucker F.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Marek: “Being a great student with responsibility”
- **Payton S.** – Gr 5, Mrs. McGuire: “Being helpful to Mrs. McGuire”
- **Cade K.** – Gr 5, Mrs. Larson: “Including others during work time”

Free Meals To Go

SoWashCo Cares is offering free meals in September and October. Meals are freshly prepared, no sign-up required, curbside pickup, free to everyone!

Saturdays 5:00-6:30 pm

- **September 18** – District Program Center, 8400 E Pt Douglas Rd S, Cottage Grove
- **September 25** – The Grove Churches (Woodbury and Cottage Grove)
- **October 2** – Basic Needs Services, St. Paul Park
- **October 9** – Newport Lutheran Church, Newport
- **October 16** – District Program Center, Cottage Grove
- **October 30** – The Grove Churches (Woodbury and Cottage Grove)

Free Covid Testing Kits for Students

Students are able to get a Free Vault Covid-19 Saliva Test Kit from the school nurses. **You must call the health office at 425-4102 to request a test and only one test can be sent at a time.** It needs to be returned the week you request it.

How Vault COVID-19 Testing Works:

- Pick up a Vault COVID-19 test at no cost from the school's health office
- Create a Vault account with a username and password
- Complete the COVID-19 test **at home with help from Vault test supervisors over Zoom**
 - Students under 18 will need a parent or legal guardian present at the time of the test to provide consent
 - The test needs to be done with Zoom on Wednesday night or Thursday morning
- Seal the sample tube and place it in the biohazard bag
- Bring completed and sealed tests to the school's health office before 1pm on designated collection days
- Staff at school **cannot** help students administer the test. **The test must be completed and sealed prior to bringing it into a school building**

Upcoming Vault COVID-19 Test Collection Days:

- Thursday, Sept. 23
- Thursday, Sept. 30
- Thursday, Oct. 7
- Thursday, Oct. 14

The test kits from the school are only for student use and have to be sent in on the designated Thursdays. You can't mail these back on a different day.

If you would like free family Covid-19 Test at Home kits from the Minnesota Department of Health, you can request them to be sent directly to your house and you drop completed tests off at a UPS location. These kits are turned in on your own and can't be accepted by the school. [COVID-19 Test at Home](#). * They look the same but are coded differently so be careful not to mix them up.

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, September 29, 2021** – Rocket Run
- **Monday, October 4, 2021** – Picture Re-Take Day
- **Tuesday, October 12, 2021** – PTO Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Armstrong Media Center
- **Wednesday, October 13, 2021** – Wendy's Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Cottage Grove Wendy's
- **Thursday, October 21 & Friday, October 22, 2021** – **NO SCHOOL, MEA Weekend**