



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 30, 2021

VOTE November 2, 2021 or early voting started Sept. 17

This November, South Washington County Schools (SoWashCo Schools) will ask voters two questions to consider a school funding increase.

The first ballot question asks voters to consider an increase to the current operating levies. If approved, the ballot would revoke operating levies from 2015 and 2017 and combine into one operating levy to provide funding for classrooms, instruction and other school operating costs.

The second ballot question asks voters to consider an increase to the capital projects levy for technology. This levy will fund improved instructional technology and infrastructure, support staffing, and maintenance and support for student and staff devices.

More information is available by visiting www.sowashco.org/vote2021

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!!

- **Meadow W.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Kielsa: “Coming to school ready to learn every day”
- **Nazrin A.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Festvog: “Being responsible and ready to learn”
- **Logan R.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Haley: “Coming to school ready to learn every day”
- **Wyatt O.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Strander: “Being responsible for your own learning”
- **Easton M.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Strander: “Participating and being responsible”
- **Quinn S.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Fuller: “Always stepping in to help”
- **Jace A.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad: “Working so hard & being a great listener this week”
- **Chloe P.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad: “Always work hard and being so kind to others”
- **Greatness A.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Marek: “Always being ready for learning”
- **Katie H.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Marek: “Being responsible with her learning”
- **Akenzo B.** – Gr 5, Mrs. Larson (from Mrs. Theis): “Being an amazing student and friend”
- **Natalia G.** – Gr 5, Mrs. Larson (from Mrs. Theis): “Being responsible & having a positive attitude”

Fall Pictures & Ordering

Josten's **Picture Re-Take Day is Monday, October 4.** If your child/ren missed picture day OR if you want re-takes done, please go to <https://shop.jostenspix.com> and click on "Sign up for Retakes."

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. You will also need your child's student ID # which you can find in Parent Portal.

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

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@advspportswear.com. Orders will be taken through Thursday, October 7th.

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

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, 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.

High School Football Game Admission

Students in grades K-8 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian to be admitted to SoWashCo High School football games. It is expected that students will sit with their families throughout the game. Students will not be allowed to gather in the concourse or nearby areas. Parent/guardians can only bring their own children; an adult or youth coach cannot bring a group of students that are not their children.

We encourage families to discuss this rule before attending football games. This rule has been adopted by several schools in our conference. Thank you for helping keep students safe.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, October 1, 2021** – Wear green for Park High School Homecoming pride
- **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**
- **Wednesday, October 27 – Friday, November 5, 2021** – Book Fair
- **Monday, November 1, 2021** – Fall Conferences, 3:30-7:45 p.m. (by appt only)
- **Tuesday, November 2, 2021** – **NO SCHOOL, Election Day**
- **Thursday, November 4, 2021** – Fall Conferences, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (by appt only)