



Parent News from Armstrong Elementary

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Website: aes.sowashco.org

School hours: 8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

November 4, 2021

Yearbooks for Sale

Armstrong 2021-22 yearbooks are now on sale at the Josten's website listed below. The cost is \$16 per yearbook. Yearbooks will arrive in May 2022.

To order: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09870279>

Book Fair Open through November 5

It's Book Fair time!! The Fall Book Fair will run from October 27th until November 5th. You can either shop the fair online during this time or send payment with your student to shop the fair. Each purchase made during the book fair directly benefits our students and helps Armstrong purchase books for our school!

Students will make wish lists when they visit the fair and bring those wish lists home. You can either send in money or create an eWallet if you want your child to purchase books from the fair.

Here's the link to shop the book fair online: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/armstrongrockets>

Here's the link for directions on how to set up an eWallet:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/articles/ewallet.html>

We are so excited to have the fair back at Armstrong and get some great books in the hands of our students!

Any questions can be directed to Amber Sorenson, PTO President, at asorenso1@sowashco.org.

Chipotle Night

Armstrong Elementary has a Chipotle Night on Wednesday, November 17. Pick out your favorite burrito or bowl and a percent of your purchase goes to support our great school! Just make sure you say Armstrong at the checkout or show the flyer attached to this email. All orders made in person at the Cottage Grove location or an online order placed and picked up between 4:00-8:00pm is included in the fundraiser. If you order online, use the code **THMHZV7** when you check out. Have a burritoful day!

Armstrong Website

Be sure to check out our Armstrong website at <http://aes.sowashco.org/> ! You can find information about our school, yearbooks and book fairs as well as find copies of all newsletters for the current school year there. You will also find our Armstrong calendar here.

Shout Outs

In the month of **October**, our Armstrong students were focused on the rocket trait of **"OPTIMISM"**. In November we will focus on **"COMPASSION"**. 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!!

- **Hunter O.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Kielsa: "Always having a positive attitude"
- **Emilie C.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Haley: "Working hard every day and having a positive attitude"
- **Dylan T.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Kielsa: "Picking up recess equipment"
- **Jack E.** – Gr 1, Mrs. Festvog: "Working hard and being responsible"
- **Eman T.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Strander: "Following directions and working hard"
- **Megan C.** – Gr 2, Mrs. Strander: "Showing kindness to classmates"
- **Neah V.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad: "Being optimistic and an amazing friend"
- **Mrs. Berling's Whole Class** – Gr 3, from Mrs. H's room: "Being super awesome & kind to our friends"
- **Jake B.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad (from Mrs. H's room): "Being so kind and being a good friend"
- **Charlie E.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Berling: "Always being kind and helpful"
- **Jamiah G.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Berling: "Always being positive and helpful"
- **Kaelyn N.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad: "Being such a hard worker and kind classmate"
- **Edwin N.** – Gr 3, Mrs. Fuglestad: "Being a hard worker and volunteering to help"
- **Mackenzie T.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Marek: "Working hard every single day"
- **Landen D.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Marek: "Always being positive and working hard"
- **Charlotte T.** – Gr 4, Mrs. Davis: "Being respectful and ready to learn"
- **James K.** – Gr 5, Mrs. Larson (from Mrs. H's room): "Being a good and kind friend"
- **Cade K.** – Gr 5, Mrs. Larson (from Mrs. H's room): "Being a good and kind friend"
- **Claire M.** – Gr 5, Mrs. McGuire (from Ms. Cat): "Being open-minded meeting a new friend"
- **Violet L.** – Gr 5, Mrs. McGuire: "Being responsible and a good helper"
- **Autumn T.** – Gr 5, Mrs. McGuire (from Ms. Patty): "Helping set up book fair"
- **Violet L.** – Gr 5, Mrs. McGuire (from Ms. Patty): "Helping set up book fair"
- **Colton C.** – Gr 5, Mrs. McGuire (from Ms. Patty): "Helping set up book fair"
- **Aby S.** – Gr 5, Mrs. McGuire (from Ms. Patty): "Helping set up book fair"

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, Nov. 4
- Thursday, Nov. 11
- Thursday, Nov. 18

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.

Here is a link to MDH Community testing sites: [COVID-19 Community Testing Sites](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, November 5, 2021** – School Store Day (during student lunch times)
- **Tuesday, November 9, 2021** – PTO Meeting, AES Media Center, 3:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 10, 2021** – Wendy's Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 17, 2021** – Chipotle Fundraiser Night, CG Chipotle, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 23, 2021** – Sports Teams Day (dress in your favorite team gear!)
- **Friday, December 3, 2021** – School Store Day (during student lunch times)
- **Wednesday, December 8, 2021** – Wendy's Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 14, 2021** – PTO Meeting, AES Media Center, 3:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 21, 2021** – Pajama Day (wear your favorite pj's!)
- **December 22, 2021 – December 31, 2021** – **NO SCHOOL, Winter Break**
- **Monday, January 3, 2022** – School Resumes