



Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, September 7, 2026
Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
PTA Board Meeting
Scholastic Book Fair Begins

Monday, September 14, 2026
Grade 5 Attends Starbase all week

Thursday, September 17, 2026
PTA Scholastic Book Fair Ends
Second Harvest Farmer's Market

Monday, September 21, 2026
Parent/Teacher Conference Week

Wednesday, September 23, 2026
Make-Up Picture Day

Saturday, September 26, 2026
Cypress Community Festival

Friday, October 2, 2026
Student of the Month Awards

Questions?

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LION'S ROAR

A.E. ARNOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2026

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ARNOLD!

Dear Arnold Families,

What a fantastic month we've had! The energy on campus has been incredible – our students are thrilled to be here, and our Arnold staff is just as excited to welcome them every day.

It was also wonderful seeing so many of you recently - thank you for making our Back to School Night such a huge success! Connecting with our school community and sharing what's ahead set the perfect tone for the year.

Throughout this past month our main focus has been on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) and reinforcing our ROAR expectations:

R – Responsible
O – Organized
A – Acting Safely
R – Respectful

Want to test your student's Arnold pride? Try asking them, "What do Lions do?" Their answer should be a loud and proud, "ROAR!"

We are so excited for everything this school year has in store, and we know our success comes from working together. A huge thank you for your ongoing partnership, and especially to those who have donated materials and supplies from our wish lists. We greatly appreciate your incredible generosity!

Here's to a wonderful school year ahead!

ACTING SAFELY

This month we would like to highlight the letter "A" from our ROAR the students learned about at the beginning of the school year. It is important that we all – students, staff, and our families are acting safely throughout the school day. Please be sure to follow traffic laws within our school parking lot; adhere to stop signs, do not exit your vehicle in the drive thru drop off/pick up line, and please only park in designated parking areas. If your student rides a scooter, bicycle, or skateboard to school please ensure they always ride with a helmet. Please do not bring any animals to campus, this does include the pickup area in front of our main gate. While on campus we ask that all students wear closed-toe shoes to help ensure they avoid injury while participating in physical education, or their recess time. Unfortunately, Crocs do not fall under the closed-toe category, as the small holes have been known in our Health Office to cause their own types of injuries. Students are asked not to run on campus as tripping, falling, and bumping into others are injuries we hope to avoid if we can. Families, when coming onto campus please ensure you have your ID or license ready as you will need that to sign in and out yourself, and your student. Thank you, Arnold Lions, for working together to ensure everyone's safety while on campus, we appreciate you!

E-BIKE SAFETY

As e-bikes and other electric devices become more popular, families are encouraged to become familiar with the different class of e-bikes and the California laws that apply to each type. Age, helmet, and riding requirements can vary depending on the type of e-bike or scooter being used. Additional Resources: [City of Cypress Police Department](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Building good habits around attendance as early in school as possible is greatly beneficial for a student's overall success in school and life. This success not only benefits your child academically but also socially and behaviorally. When students attend school regularly and consistently, they feel better about school and themselves.

Some helpful habits can make all the difference in the world. Here are a few suggestions:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
- Only let your student stay home if he or she is truly sick – complaints of stomachaches or headaches may be a sign of anxiety. If so, talk with your student's teacher or school psychologist about ways to make your student feel more comfortable.
- Have a backup plan for getting to school if something unexpected comes up.
- Avoid scheduling medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

"Chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason – excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing subjects and ninth-graders dropping out of high school."

Absences can affect the whole classroom, especially when they occur frequently. Excessive tardiness may also lead to poor attendance and pose a significant disruption to the learning environment.

Again, setting up some good habits around school attendance as early in school as possible makes a huge positive difference in your student's life for years to come!

If your student must miss school be sure to contact the Arnold school office via phone call, voicemail on the attendance line, or an email so that we can mark the absence appropriately. Should your student be late due to an appointment you will be asked to provide an excuse note from the doctor, dentist, etc. for us to keep on file.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHT

Arnold Lions in Mrs. Hart's grade 4 and grade 5 combo classroom worked together to solve a series of puzzles. Once solved the puzzles would allow students to decipher the combination needed to unlock the padlock placed on a safe containing their lunch seating chart for the first lunch of the school year.

AWARD RECOGNITION

We would like to highlight some of our fantastic and hardworking staff that received the red stapler award from Superintendent Litfin: Mrs. Reedy our TK/K Combo teacher, Ms. Kwon our 5/6 combo, and Ms. Amanda our School Administrative Secretary. Congratulations!

