

Armstrong PTO Agenda

April 8, 2025

Armstrong Media Center

Board Members:

President: Amber Sorenson

Treasurer: Jenny Tucker

Vice President: Amy Fuhrman

Secretary: Kait Miller

Social Media Manager: Anna Tkachuck

Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN

Teacher Representative: Shelly Kielsa

Advisor: Andy Caflisch

Mission Statement: The mission of the Armstrong PTO is to build and maintain community between parents, teachers and students. The PTO is designed to positively impact, support and enhance the overall environment at Armstrong Elementary. The PTO seeks to strengthen the relationship between school, home and neighborhood in a fun and positive way.

1. Welcome – Amber

2. Teacher Updates – Mrs. Kielsa

- **PK** – exercise unit, expressing emotions
- **K**– phonics, power words, addition in Math
- **1** – Chick eggs come next week!! Money in math, family stories in reading & writing
- **2** – geometry, tangrams, fractions, summarizing and retelling stories
- **5** – MCAs, revolutionary war, Space Case

3. Principal Update – Mr. Caflisch

- **Teaching & Learning Department Updates**
 - i. ARC literacy curriculum in 3rd year, adding unit 4 next year
 - ii. 2026-27 new Social Studies resource because of new standards
 - iii. 2027-28 new Mathematics resource because of new standards
- **Technology Updates**
 - i. All students going iPads over the next two years
 - ii. 2025-26: K-2 iPads
 - iii. 2026-27: 3-5 iPads
- **Class placement process** – parent feedback is due April 25th
 - i. Setup environment for following year is super important
 - ii. Mostly finalized by last work day for teachers and adjustments happen over summer
- **Dates being considered for next year**
 - i. Conferences
 - ii. Rocket Run
- **Staffing Update**
 - i. Openings in Music, ASD positions, paras
- **Events upcoming**
 - i. South End 5th grade Track Meet – May 15th – no rain date
 - ii. Armstrong/Hillside Track Meet also happening again this year
 - iii. Year end assembly

- iv. Choir concert
- v. Obstacle courses again this year as year end celebration

4. Treasurer Update – Jenny

- o **Budget**
 - i. Spent = \$6265.08, Budget = \$18,900

5. New Business

- o Teacher Appreciation Week
 - i. Whiskey Creek one day
 - ii. Treat bags
- o Spring Fundraiser
 - i. Raising funds for classroom refresh
 - 1. Use 99 pledges website
 - 2. Coin challenge
 - 3. Amber make flyer
 - 4. Date: starts May 12th
- o New PTO Board members
 - i. We're looking for a new president, vice president, and treasurer upcoming school year
 - ii. Email Anne a blurb

6. Parent Questions and Comments

7. Meeting Adjournment – Amber