# Armstrong PTO Agenda

November 10, 2026

Armstrong Media Center

*Next meeting: Dec. 8, 2026*

**Board Members:**

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| President: Kait Miller | Social Media Mgr: Anna Tkachuck | Advisor: Andy Caflisch |
| VP: Open | Secretary: Sarah Brainard Marsh | Teacher Rep: Larson/Kielsa |
| Treasurer: Kristin Beebe | Volunteer Coordinator: Brittany Plisek | |

**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 - Kait
    - Fall Conferences: Food/drinks coverage was good across both days. Fruit and veg tray were great
    - BookFair Recap.: check sent to scholastic for costs, approx 5k in sales and approx 50% goes back to Armstrong.

    - Read-a-thon in winter for back to school (vs spring)- funds raised in 2025 was great (increase from year prior). Julie Olsen will lead timing and coordination. Staff will be part of the read-thon-in leiu of welcome event from fall. Likely end of Jan.

        i. Bring out coin buckets for this fundraiser

2. Teacher Updates : thank you for the conference meals!

    PreK – Settled in and starting to learn about animals, trees, and food. Fine motor and social skills.

    K CVC words, letter sounds and 2+ 3D shapes

    1 - ARC and animal reports, gingerbread house day on 12/11.

    2 – Fall feast earlier this fall, planning for holidays around the world, addition strategy and research project next week. Learning about bugs!

    3 – nonfiction reading strategy and research on weather phenomenon. Starting on Morphology units.

    4 – Enjoying novels and nonfiction, discussing erosion and decomposition and geography

5 – Math facts and ways to solve problems. Writing for range of tasks and purposes. Fractions, and ecosystems to write a research paper on them.

3. Principal Update - Mr. Caflisch
    - Read-a-Thon kick off scheduled for Thursday 1/28/27 4-5:30pm. Likely the reading will be on Friday the next day. Will have QR codes for ppl to make pledges/donations at that event. Will communicate in Dec to ensure a good turn out. Each class/specialist reads for 120 minutes on that day. Had grd level and school incentives.
    - Nov 3rd no school day for a Math PD day: MTSS tied to the Armstrong School Improvement Plan. Focus this year on classroom instruction (tier 1).
    - District and Budget reduction conversations started last spring for the 26-27 school year. District funds healthy but will naturally reduce over time (without any intervention). In August survey on ideas for ways to reduce cost were taken, recommendations are being reviewed for 27/28. After that will be budget for 2028 5 yr plan and may include conversation about school consolidation.

4. Treasurer Update - Kristin
    - Pizza Party for Rocket Run winning class: completed
    - Sweet treat for 2nd place class: in progress
    - Get a list of corporate employers that will contribute: Kristin has the list and can download a list of email addresses from donations.
        i. Kristin will send a follow up thank you for donations and remember to get employer match.
    - Budget is balanced for the year (inflows = outflows)
        i. Assumes $6.5k in remaining income/fundraisers
        ii. PTO refreshed classrooms from prior to 2020, and K and 1st were last to be refreshed. Could be surplus in budget now that that project has concluded.

5. VP Updates -

6. Parent Questions and Comments

7. Meeting Adjournment - Kait