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# Armstrong News

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## Thanks for all your support!

Volunteers play a huge role at Armstrong School and those of you who have in some way volunteered in the past realize how important it is to have parents involved. We would like to recognize all who have volunteered this year in any way by hosting a volunteer appreciation event on Friday, May 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. held in the Armstrong cafeteria.

### Armstrong Second Graders to Visit Bolin School

Second grade visiting day at Bolin School has been scheduled for Monday, April 30th. Buses will leave Armstrong around 11:15a.m. for an 11:30a.m. arrival at Bolin. Second grade students will meet the principal, Mr. Lowery, before touring the building and engaging in a brief question and answer session with him and a few students. The students will eat lunch at Bolin.

## IESA State Track Meet at Eastside Centre



Once again, District #86 will be hosting the IESA State Track Meet at Eastside Centre. The meet will be held the weekend of May 18th and 19th. Without the help of willing volunteers, we would not be able to pull off an event of such magnitude as the IESA State Track Meet. It has become one of the largest state meets in the country. **If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, working the concession stand for Armstrong/Bolin School please contact Tammy Davidson at [davidson@epd86.org](mailto:davidson@epd86.org) or 241-2459.** Even if you can only volunteer a few hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again in advance for all of your help.



## End of Year Meal Account Balances

The last day of hot lunch at Armstrong School will be Wednesday, May 23rd.

Some of you may have money remaining in your child's account at the end of the school year. If so, this amount will be carried over to Bolin School if you have a second grader or kept on account at Armstrong if you have a Kindergartener or first grader.

In the event that you are carrying a negative balance at the end of this school year, we ask that you pay off the balance on or before, Friday, May 18th. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 427-5300.

Heat Schedule for 2012 School Year

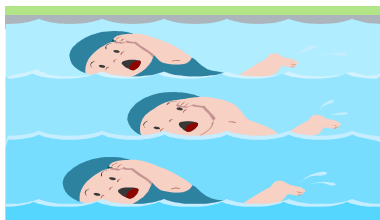
August 20th-August 31st **(8:00-2:00)**

Beginning Tuesday, September 4th, we will return to the regular schedule. **(8:40-3:15)**

Registration 2012/2013  
School Year

Tuesday, August 7th  
12:00-6:30pm

Registration will take place at  
Central Junior High School



School will start for the 2012-13 school year on Monday, August 20th.



Any student who has medicine at school must have a parent pick up the bottle prior to the last day of school. Any medications not picked up by May 29th will be discarded. This includes prescription and over the counter medications. If your child will need to take medication in school for the next school year, your physician will need to fill out a new medication authorization form.

### Bank At School



The date for this month's deposit is Friday, May 11th. Fondulac Bank has brought in a guessing jar with some coins in it. Each time a student makes a deposit, they make a guess as to how much money is in the jar. The student who has the closest guess will win the money. The winner will be announced at morning assembly.

## Armstrong/Bolin School Carnival

The Armstrong Bolin school carnival hopes to be a huge success! Thank you to all the parents and teachers who are helping out by running games, selling tickets, and especially for bringing the kids out for a night of fun!! A huge thank you to Rene Rosiak & Katie Duckworth for organizing the carnival. Great Job!!!

### **MOVING? YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!**

If you have moved or will be moving over the summer, please let us know as soon as possible. This will help us in our planning class sizes for this fall. It will also give us an opportunity to send a Student Transfer Form home at the end of the school year. You will need the transfer form to enroll your child/children in their new school. A note to your child's teacher or a phone call to Mrs. Davidson at 427-5300 will be helpful.



### Second Grade Game Night

The second grade game night is scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dan and Ashley Hunt, along with the help of other parents, have organized the event this year. If you have any board games that they can borrow, or if you can volunteer please contact Mr. & Mrs. Hunt at 694-6482.



## SIP DAY

**School will be dismissed early on Friday, May 18th due to a SIP Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.**

The Spring Movie that was scheduled for Friday, May 4th has been cancelled.



## FUN DAY!!

We have planned the all school fun day for Friday, May 18th 9:00-11:30. Then school is out at 12:30 for an SIP day. Please call Jenny Wallace @694-3001 or Mandy McMahon @ 210-1742 if you would like to help out in any way. \*\*Please make sure your child wears their tennis shoes on this day to help prevent accidents\*\*

## Kindergarten Program

The kindergarten classes will be performing an end of the year program on Tuesday, May 15th at 2:30-3:00 in the Armstrong Gymnasium.

The District #86 regularly scheduled Board meeting for May will be held on Thursday, May 17th at 7:00p.m. The public is invited to attend.



### Central Junior High School Graduation

The date of eighth grade graduation for Central Junior High School is Tuesday, May 22nd at 6p.m.

## Last Day Of School

Thursday, May 24th is scheduled for report card day, which is the last day of attendance for students. Parents who come in to pick up the report cards can leave with their child. Bus riders will be dismissed at 10:10 a.m.



aMAYzing Movement



April included finishing up fitness testing and playing kickball. As we conclude our school year we will be playing some of our favorite games and enjoying the weather outside. Now that summer is almost here, many parents find themselves thinking about what their kids will do this summer. Besides music camps, art lessons and dance classes, there are hundreds of organized sports activities as well. New York Road Runners advises developing overall physical literacy in childhood by exposing kids to a wide range of sports and not limiting them to only one sport. Young children should be encouraged to pursue many different types of physical activity to develop their fundamental movement skills and fundamental sports skills. This helps a child learn to move confidently and with control. So while a child may like to run or play baseball, does he/she know how to kick a soccer ball? Has he/she ever gone for a hike? Is he/she comfortable on rollerblades or in a pool? Summer may be the perfect time of year to explore new or less familiar sports. This can be as informal as playing with family and friends in the backyard, signing up for something new at a camp, or joining a summer league. Hope you have a wonderful summer, see you next school year!

~Mrs. Reeb

# Fondulac Library

## **Daring Program for Girls**

Third graders and older are invited to make a cloth-covered book at our Daring Program for Girls, based on *The Daring Book for Girls*, **May 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

## **Preschoolers Can Cook, Too!**

Does your preschooler always want to help you in the kitchen? Bring them to the library **May 15 at 10 a.m.**, and let them cook, too! We will prepare simple, no-bake recipes at this program for kids 3 to 5 years old. To ensure that we have enough food, please call 699-3917 to register.

## **American Red Cross Babysitting Class**

In cooperation with East Peoria's Woman's Club and Youth Council, the library hosts a babysitting certification class for students ages 11 and older **June 6 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at the library. **Registration begins May 21 in the Youth Services Department at the library. Due to limited space, Registration and pre-payment are required, and registration is limited to students who live in East Peoria.** For more information, call the library's Youth Services Department at 699-3917.

## **Reading is Soooooo Delicious**

Yummy! Indulge your reading appetite this summer by participating in "Reading is Soooooo Delicious." Our 2012 summer reading program for kids age 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade **begins June 4.**

## The *Second Step* Program

Throughout the current school year, there has been a strong focus on identifying a school-wide program for social-emotional learning. A committee was formed to review several programs, and this committee included parents, teachers, and school service personnel. One program was identified as the best to meet the social-emotional needs of our kindergarten through eighth grade students: *Second Step*.

The *Second Step* program focuses on the overall social-emotional well-being of students. The target skills include strengthening the students' ability to learn, developing empathy, managing emotions, and solving problems. Results show that after receiving the *Second Step* program, students experience increases in school success and school connectedness, decreases in problem behaviors, peer rejection, impulsivity, antisocial behavior, and low academic achievement, and development of social-emotional competencies, school connectedness, learning skills, empathy, emotion-management, and problem solving. In addition, lessons included in the program align with Illinois' social-emotional learning standards.

*Second Step* uses a classroom-wide approach to target social skills. Lessons are provided once a week throughout the school year, and additional activities throughout the week allow for more opportunities to practice these skills. There are many materials included in *Second Step*, including lesson cards, puppets (for younger grades), CDs, DVDs, and posters. In addition, there are family letters and home activities that can let parents know what skills their child is working on. Parents are also given online access to the *Second Step* website.

*Second Step* will begin this fall in kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms. For more information, please visit the *Second Step* developers' (Committee for Children) website: <http://www.cfchildren.org/programs/ssp/overview/>

# Have a Great Summer

