

AMES PTA VIRTUAL MEET & GREET



Oh, hey there! Normally we'd be hanging out at our PTA table in the main hall welcoming you all to meet & greet! Well, the theme for this year is... **ADAPABILITY!**

That and a pinch of grace & kindness will go a long way 😊

So, here's all the info we'd be bombarding you with if you stopped by our table.

(You'll just have to imagine the smiles & hugs)

AMES Families:

Whether your student will be participating in distance or in-person learning to start the year, AMES PTA is proud to serve your family and our school community. While this year may look very different, we are still going to provide the same level of appreciation, support, resources, and encouragement that we have every year prior. Just last spring, you and the Arnold Mill Elementary PTA families raised funds to give our students a huge shade over our new playground!

While that year ended in a way no one could have predicted, we learned so much about how to come together as a community and support each other. One thing that became crystal clear - teachers, and our school as a whole, are so important to our children's development! This year, our goal as a PTA will be to provide grants to our teachers, nurse and counselors to give them what they need to continue providing that amazing AMES experience to all of our students.

We will also be evaluating the social / emotional needs and technology needs of our community and will remain agile and transparent on how to best use the funds we raise. **Adaptability** is key and that's what we want to rally around this year!

PTA MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT

Because families and businesses have been impacted in different ways, we're approaching fundraising differently this year. PTA Individual Memberships will be just \$10. Please sign up to join our PTA to have your voice heard and be part of this incredible state and national organization.

Join the AMES PTA here: <https://arnoldmillpta.new.memberhub.store/store?category=Memberships>

If you're able to donate above and beyond the membership fee in order to support our programs and help fund our faculty grants and appreciation efforts, please do! We cannot do this without your support. We're simply asking you to **Give What You Can.**

Every little bit helps. And any donation \$50 and above will receive a code for one free spirit wear short sleeve t-shirt.

Give What You Can to the PTA here:

<https://arnoldmillpta.new.memberhub.store/store/items/117133>

SPIRIT WEAR

We are offering 2020-2021 AMES PTA spirit wear ONLINE ONLY. All orders will be delivered to your student's classroom or, if enrolled in digital learning, we will contact you to arrange pick up at the AMES front office when your order is ready.

Purchase shirts, hoodies, car magnets, masks, lanyards and more at the link below!

<https://arnoldmillpta.new.memberhub.store/store?category=School%20Swag%20-%20Shirts,%20Magnets,%20and%20More!>

AMES PTA CALENDAR

The AMES PTA Calendar is posted to our FB site and our AMES PTA website (link below) Please keep in mind this year is very much a "let's be flexible" kind of year – remember, **ADAPABILITY!** 😊 All dates are “hoping for the best but subject to change” We will be diligent in updating you to any changes as they occur. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

<https://www.arnoldmillpta.org/calendars-other-flyers>

SPIRIT ROCK RENTAL UPDATES

The spirit rock is open for business! Don't know what the spirit rock is? Check out the link below to learn more and sign up for your spot! One change this year – payment will be due within 48 hours of signing up. Thank you for understanding.

<https://www.arnoldmillpta.org/copy-of-spirit-rock-1>

GET INVOLVED!

This year may look different as far as guidelines on volunteers in the building, but we'll still need plenty of people power to make our plans successful! Check out the committees that still need chairs below as well as a link to the sign up to join a committee as a volunteer. Immediate Need: Reflections Chair! Are you into art? Photography? Dance? Film? Writing? Do you want to foster that creativity in our students? Please consider chairing the National PTA Reflections contest – this is a very well run, organized, easy-to-follow-paybook type committee. You'll promote the contest, collect entries, recruit judges, and get creative in celebrating our students. Interested? Please reach out to Erica Wright directly – ejw.bills@gmail.com We do not want to miss this opportunity for our students, but we can't do it without a chair to run the contest.

<https://www.arnoldmillpta.org/committee-chairs>

BUSINESS / COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS

No one could have foreseen how last year would end for our school community, but we learned and we adapted. We know this year will be different as well – our events calendar must be **adaptable**; how we support our teachers and students must be **adaptable**; and we will be **adaptable** to your business' needs, too. We've adjusted our sponsorship levels as we know many of our local businesses have felt the effects of COVID19's impact on the economy. We want to promote our partners regardless of what you can give this year. To that end, you'll see little variation between the level benefits as in years past. Think of 2020-2021 as a “give what you can” – your partnership allows us to take care of our school and, in turn, our community will support you right back! If you have additional ideas beyond what's listed, please reach out - we'd love to customize a partnership for you! Check out the link below to learn more:

<https://www.arnoldmillpta.org/pta-sponsorship>

STAY CONNECTED

Be part of the conversation and don't miss out on updates! Please follow us on Facebook for updates and be sure to read the bimonthly Hoofbeat newsletter that will go out via email. For Facebook in particular, not only follow and like

us, but also set us to default "see first" to be sure not to miss anything and you can also set your alerts to be notified of new posts! Thanks for your support.

Our FB group is Arnold Mill ES PTA
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349961551753515/>

Our PTA Website:
<https://www.arnoldmillpta.org/>

Arnold Mill's School Website:
<https://www.cherokeek12.net/arnoldmilles>

WRAPPING UP THIS LONG LETTER!

The AMES PTA board is honored to serve you. This is going to be a very *different* school year, but we are looking forward to working with you to make it an **awesome** school year... because we're nothing if not **ADAPTABLE**.

Thank You,
Your Arnold Mill Elementary 2020-2021 PTA Board

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