

# AVENUE CITY ACTION

## FALL 2011

### STUDENT AWARDS



Andrew Proctor, Gabby Thomure and Abby Burns made up the seventh grade team that competed in the Mathletics competition that was held at St. Paul Lutheran on Thursday, October 27th. Sara Fiedler, Hailee Fitzgerald, and Murphy Howe were members of the sixth grade team that represented Avenue City. The Avenue City teams were the only public school teams in the competition. The sixth grade team placed first in their grade level competition. Wow how about that!!! Yeah Avenue City Elementary School!!! If you see these students please tell them congratulations!!

### JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAMS

Avenue City Junior High Basketball Teams have been flying high with their many wins this year. Jack Burgess is the head coach of the teams and Candi Rowland is the assistant. This past week they played in the Northeast Nodaway Tournament. The boys' team brought home a consolation trophy and the girls' team fell short to Jefferson and brought home the second place trophy. The teams will finish their season by playing St. Joseph Christian Tuesday, November 22 at St. Joseph Christian. Wednesday, November 23, the teams will be treated to an athletic banquet at the Pizza Shoppe in Savannah, MO. The following are members of the boys and girls junior high basketball teams:

#### LADY ACES:

KENDALL, KELSEY  
LIMA, MAQUENZY  
PIERCE, GABRIELE  
THOMURE, GABRIELLE  
WALKER, CHLOE  
WALL, CLAUDIA



#### ACES:

ADAMS, JACOB  
ARCHDEKIN, NICK  
BALL, JAMISON  
CASTLE, MAX  
DAVIS, JACKSON  
FROELICH, NICHOLAS  
HOLMES, BRIAN  
O'RILEY, GARRETT  
OSWALD, CHARLES  
TURNER, MICAH  
TURNER, PAYTON  
WHIPPLE, LANCE  
WILKINSON, JAKOB

## 2011 SCHEDULE AND RECORD

Date	Opponent	Time	Wins / Losses	Place
10/17/11	North Andrew	6:00 P.M.	Girls= Lost Boys = Lost	Rosendale
10/20/11	Union Star	6:00 PM	Girls= Win Boys= Lost	Union Star
11/7/11	Osborn	6:00 PM	Girls = Win Boys = Win	Avenue City
11/8/11	S. Nodaway	6:00 PM	Girls = Win Boys = Lost	Barnard
11/10/11	E. Buchanan	4:30 PM	Girls = Lost Boys = Lost	E. Buchanan
11/14/11	King City	5:00 PM	Girls = Win Boys= Lost	King City
11/15/11- 11/19/11	NE Nodaway Tournament		Girls= Second Place Boys= Consolation	Ravenwood
11/21/11	Savannah Middle School	5:30 PM		Avenue City
11/22/11	St. Joe Christian	6:00 PM		St. Joe Christian

**Professional Development News**

Professional development opportunities are of great importance to the Avenue City School. This year has started off with many staff members attending various summer and fall workshops and presenting the learned information to the rest of the staff. The entire staff attended two full day in-service training days with surrounding school districts to collaborate ideas and discuss new state requirements that are up and coming. Most recently, Nancy Edwards came from MWSU to do a presentation about incorporating Math Response to Intervention (RTI) into our building. She discussed ways that have been successful for other schools and how we can best meet the needs of our students at Avenue City. The staff has also been learning more about the importance of utilizing activities that require the students to work as team members when completing tasks done in the classroom.

As the year progresses, the staff will focus on collaboration and sharing ideas between classrooms, working on implementing math RTI into our schedule, and networking with other area teachers from other districts to share and implement ideas to ensure that our students are performing at the highest expectation. We have a great year ahead of us!

### Avenue City Scholar Bowl

Avenue City Academic Team has changed names! It is now called Scholar Bowl but will be sponsored by Amanda Scott and Janis Pargas again this year. We are having the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams along with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school team.

The Avenue City Scholar Bowl Teams meet after school on Thursdays and competes against the Savannah schools in our area including Amazonia, Helena, Minnie Cline and Savannah Middle School. For the first time, Avenue City's middle school team will compete against the Platte Valley Conference schools. In addition to the regular meets, the middle school team will play in one all day Saturday tournament competition this year.

Each meet consists of toss up questions and bonus rounds. Students have already begun practicing for games starting in January and lasting until March. Audience members are welcome at all meets. Check the Avenue City calendar at [www.avenuecityschool.org](http://www.avenuecityschool.org) for times and locations. Avenue City is proud of its Academic Teams, and the sponsors look forward to continuing the fun this year!

### STUDENT COUNCIL

The ACES Student Body has elected the following students to be their Student Council members for the 2011-2012 school year: Our President is Jacob Adams, 8th grade, Vice- President is Nick Froehlich, 7th grade, Secretary is Gabrielle Thomure, 7th grade, and our Treasurer is Jamison Ball, 8th Grade. Each class also selects representatives, and this year the following have been elected: 8th grade-Gabby Pierce and Jackson Davis, 7th grade-Garrett O'Riley, Allison Turner, and Peyton Turner, 6<sup>th</sup> grade-Ronnie Burr and Murphy Howe.

Our STUCO has had a successful bake sale this fall in which the funds will go toward helping a family during the Christmas holiday season. We are also planning a dance scheduled for December 2 in which we are requesting canned goods donations. Many of our STUCO members are also very much involved in the middle school basketball program, and STUCO has also volunteered to help with the concession stand during one of our home games.

Involvement in ACES and our ACES community is a privilege.

### Winter Music program --December 8, 7:00 PM

The Kindergarteners will be singing songs about bells, like Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bells, and We Will Jingle. Grades 1-4 are presenting the musical-The Littlest Reindeer. It tells the story about a little reindeer that the elves, Santa, and other reindeer thought was too small to help pull Santa's sleigh. Then Santa needs help that only the little reindeer can provide. The moral is that everyone has a special talent that makes you, you. Grades 5-8 are singing a song medley from the classic animated Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer movie. It is amazing how many of the songs we know and love came from this movie. They will also sing the Renaissance song- The Holly and the Ivy and a swing version of Frosty the Snowman. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be playing Hark the Herald Angels on their recorders.



**News and Thoughts from Superintendent Don Lawrence**  
**Giving Thanks**

Sarcasm is my strong point. Unfortunately, it is also a major weakness. It often gets me into a lot of trouble with all sorts of people. I never thought of it as a problem for me until I began to observe my son. He possesses many mannerisms of his father and he has a special gift for sarcasm as well. I find it ironic that I worry about him and his comments but have little regard for my own. As we approach the Thanksgiving holidays, I am thankful that his mother's influence has been impactful enough to provide some balance in his life. I am even more thankful that my daughter has been even more influenced her mother. It is unmistakable that the influence of their mother and father has had significant impacts upon the lives of my children. No doubt that some of my and my wife's influence will filter down to the lives of our grandchildren as well. What about your influence? Do you ever think about what influences you are providing your children?

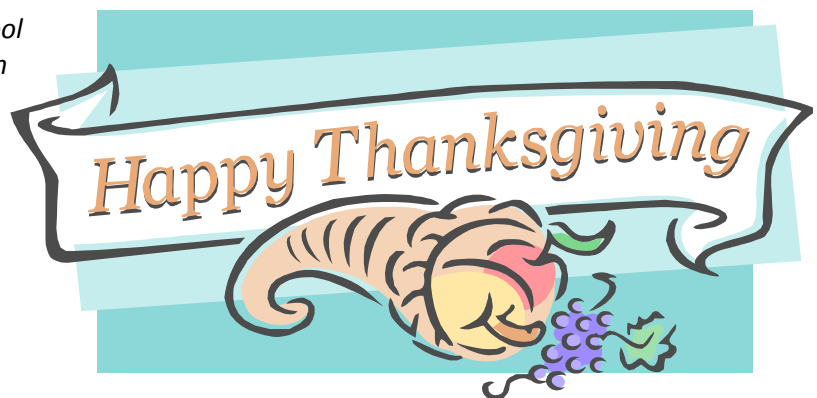
Study after study continues to reveal that the influence of parents on a child's academic success is paramount. Indeed, as parents, we influence the lives of our children in all kinds of ways. Many of these ways are subtle and unconscious. I suspect someone will notice something in your children as they gather for the Thanksgiving meal this Thursday. You'll see it in the way your children, speak, walk, smile, stand or sit. Your parental influence is there and it cannot be denied.

I think it is important to say, as our attention turns to the Thanksgiving holiday, that the faculty and staff at Avenue City are indeed thankful and blessed to have good parents that focus on educational commitment each and every day. It is your guidance that determines your children's attitudes and successes at school. We are thankful for the ongoing support and commitment of our community to the education of your children and our students. It is indeed a blessing. On behalf of them I simply say, "Thank you."

Don Lawrence

*"A good mother is worth a hundred school teachers and an ounce of mother is worth a pound of parson." ~unknown~~*

*"I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week." ~ Mario Cuomo~~*



## **School board candidate filing opens in December**

It's time to prepare for the April school board election again. Candidate filing begins December 13.

- There are two seats up for election for a three year term.
- Filing began at 8 a.m. on December 13 and ends at 5 p.m. on the last day, January 17, 2012. On other days the district will only accept candidate filing during the business hours.
- Filing will not occur on holidays and other days the district offices are closed, including on days in which the district is closed due to inclement weather.

The district will provide each candidate a copy of a summary of campaign laws provided by the Missouri Ethics Commission and written notice of the candidate's obligation to file a personal financial disclosure statement.

## **Information on the School Board Organization**

The qualified voters of the School District shall annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of April, elect two directors for terms of three years, except, effective for Board elections beginning in April of 1993, and each three years thereafter, when three directors shall be elected in compliance with regulations specified in state law.

An election shall not be held if the number of candidates who have filed for the Board is equal to the number of positions available.

## **Qualified Voters in the School District**

An individual must be a registered voter in order to vote in a school election. In order to vote, a person must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, must be a citizen of the United States, and must reside in the School District thirty (30) days.

## **Candidate Qualification - Method of Filing**

Qualified applicants for the Board may file for office beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Superintendent's office commencing on the sixteenth (16th) Tuesday prior to the election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh (11th) Tuesday before the election. The candidate shall declare his/her intent to become a candidate, in person and in writing to the secretary of the Board of Education. The names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in the order of filing. The notice of election and certification of candidates must be submitted to the county clerk by the tenth Tuesday prior to the election. Candidates must comply with all of the prevailing laws concerning eligibility and campaign financing.

Candidates must be citizens of the United States and resident taxpayers of the District, reside in his/her state for one year next preceding their election or appointment, and are at least twenty-four (24) years of age. Each newly elected or appointed director shall qualify and take his/her oath of office in the manner prescribed by law and according to Policy 0330 - Oath of Office.

## **Board of Education Meeting Highlights**

A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from August 2011 to November 2011 are as follows:

August 11, 2011

- Approval of the At-Risk Program Evaluation.
- Don Lawrence, Superintendent, was named as the district's Authorized Representative
- District's Substitution List and Handbook for 2011-12 was approved.
- The Local Compliance Plan for the Division of Special Education was adopted.
- New and revised Board Policies were put on a 30 day review.
- Milk bid from Roberts Dairy was accepted.
- The tax levy of \$3.6114 for the Incidental Fund and \$.9500 for Debt Service were approved for the 2011-12 school year.

September 15, 2011

- Approval of the Guidance & Counseling, Transportation, Library Media, Student Data and Health Services Program Evaluations was completed.
- Approval of new and revised Board Policies that have been on a 30 day review.
- Approval of Red Ribbon Week Proclamation setting October 24-28, 2011 as Red Ribbon Week
- The bus routes, mileage and riders list for the 2011-12 school years was reviewed and approved.
- Revisions to the 2011-12 District Budget were approved.
- A cooler and upright freezer that is no longer needed was purge from the district's inventory and given to the PTO to be sold during their Fall Festival Auction.

October 13, 2011

- Approval of the Assessment and Review of Testing and the CSIP Review Program Evaluations was completed.
- New and revised Board Policies were put on a 30 day review.

November 15, 2011

- Approval of the Gifted, Special Education and Annual Performance Report Program Evaluations was completed.
- Approval of new and revised Board Policies that have been on a 30 day review.
- Snow Removal bid from Mann's Landscaping was accepted.
- The dates to file for the Board of Education election were set as December 13, 2011 to January 17, 2012, excluding weekends and the days of winter break. Two seats on the Board will be decided during this election.

## **Greetings from the Avenue City PTO!**

This fall has been a very exciting one for us. Before the school year started we voted to dissolve our affiliation with the PTA and reform as a PTO. This will allow us to still get helpful hints on how to better our school, but it will also allow us to keep more funds in our school.

A special personal thank-you is extended to Cynthia Walker who managed our Fall Festival this year. The event was a complete success! We were able to raise over \$6,000 to help the PTO with expenses this year. We had a perfect evening for the festivities and fun was had by all. Thank-you Cynthia for organizing.

Some may ask, "What is this money used for?" Approximately 50% of all field trips are funded with PTO money. In the past year we were able to sponsor the Dome theater, purchase "Clickers" for 2 classrooms, award \$500 to an outstanding ACES alumna going to college as well as many other projects.

As for upcoming events, we will be hosting a Internet Safety Night the evening of February 7th. This has been organized for parents to inform them of potential dangers kids may run into while using phones and computers. It's a program no parent should miss.

Thanks for all of your support!

**ACES Alerts**

Sign up for **ACES ALERTS!** and get important information about the Avenue City R-9 School sent via email and text message directly to your mobile phone, wireless PDA or pager.

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION  
SCHOOL CLOSINGS  
LATE START/EARLY DISMISSALS  
SCHOOL EVENT REMINDERS**

Sign-up is easy...and it's free! Click on the link below:

<http://app1.textcaster.com/ServePopup.aspx?id=1466>

**To The Book Fair and Beyond!**

Our Book Fair is Coming!

Online Orders will start on November 23rd and runs through December 13th. The Book Fair will be at the school from December 5th through December 13th.

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way!



At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents.



This year you can order online early and the books will ship to the school and I can distribute them to the kids or hold them for you to pick up if using has gifts.

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Program on December 8th where the whole family can come shop at the fair.

You can also contribute books to your child's classroom library. These are great gifts at this time of the year.

Just click on the related site below to get more information about the book fair and to order books online. <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/avenuecity>

The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading.