

## Planning for School Improvements Begin

With additional families and students moving into the Avenue City School District, not only the student population is growing but so is the need for facility improvements. The student population topped the 200 mark this year K-12 at Avenue City. While additional high school students have little impact upon the current facility, the growth in grades Pre K- 8 has been significant this year. As new homes are constructed and sold at the Indian Ridge housing addition, as well as other areas, new families have been attracted to the school district in 2013.

It was well over a year ago when school Board members began discussing the need for facility upgrades. Priorities were discussed and included:

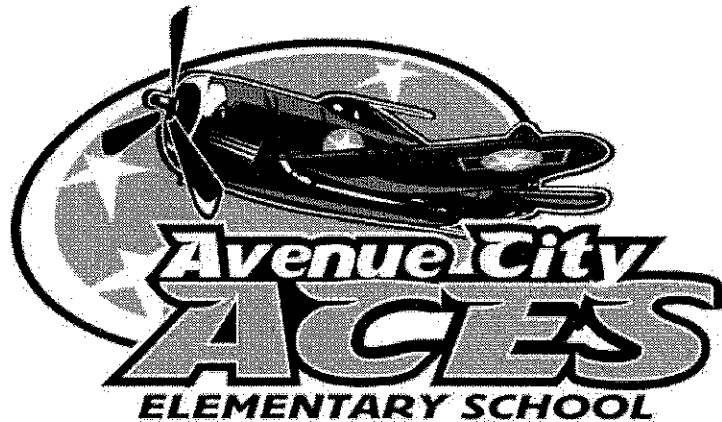
- ✓ a more secure and updated entry way
- ✓ a new fire, intruder, communications systems
- ✓ remodel and replace the original student bathroom facilities
- ✓ provide for additional parking through land acquisition
- ✓ replace failing kitchen equipment as well
- ✓ creating a new cafeteria space for students

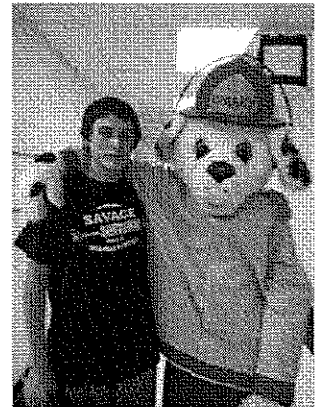
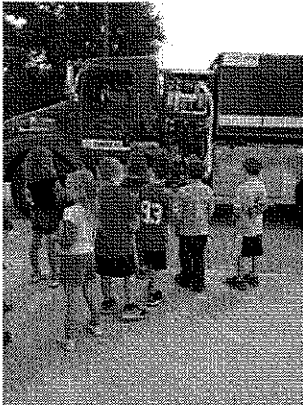
A committee of community members is forming to discuss the possibility of a voter approved ballot measure in August of 2014. The Board of Education has discussed the construction issue and has concluded that any construction measure to be placed before the voters in 2014 will NOT increase the tax rate. Often referred to as a “no tax increase building project” the district has an opportunity to provide well over \$1.5 million in construction projects without costing the taxpayers any additional money in annual property taxes.

The questions you need to answer for the school are:  
Are you a registered voter at your current residence in Andrew County?  
Will you support this effort in the upcoming calendar year?

The children of the school district certainly hope that you will do both.

Don Lawrence  
Avenue City R-IX  
Superintendent of Schools

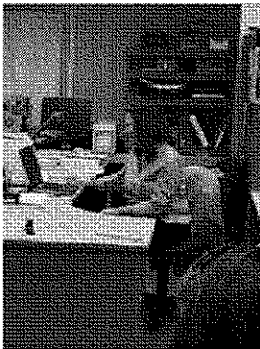




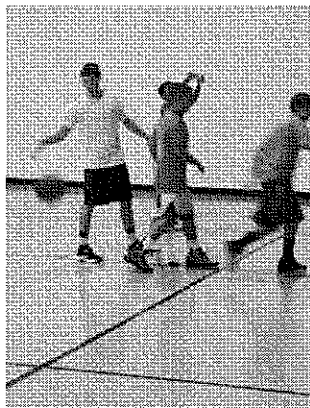
Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade learned about Fire Safety with Sparky the Fire Dog and the Helena/Cosby Volunteer Fire Department!



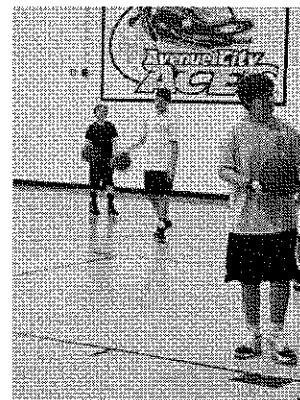
A few volunteers helped 1<sup>st</sup> Grade make habitat boxes for their Science unit!

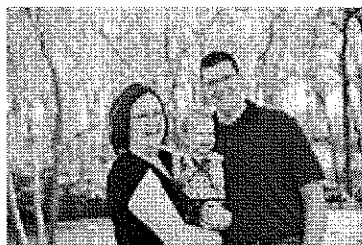


Mrs. Atoe is presenting ACES library resources to the PTO!



Jr. High Basketball Practice began. We currently have seven boys and seven girls participating.





## The Carlin Family

**"Give Parents as Teachers a chance."**

When Stephanie and Kyle Carlin first heard of Parents as Teachers at a birthing class, they were hesitant to join. Stephanie was already working with children, screening them for gross motor delays and helping them to achieve their developmental milestones. Her husband, Kyle, was in school studying School Psychology. Who had time for Parents as Teachers?! Despite this, Stephanie decided to sign up with her local program, Early Childhood Connections in Hays, Kan., while she was on maternity leave with their first child, Lauren.

"I was nervous about returning to work," explained Stephanie. "But our Parents as Teachers gave me information about returning to work and breastfeeding and helped put some of my nerves at ease," Stephanie says.

However, it wasn't until several months later that Stephanie truly appreciated the impact of Parents as Teachers in their lives. "I was concerned about Lauren's speech. She had many ear infections and her speech was at a standstill. She knew more words and her receptive vocabulary was great, but the clarity of her speech was not improving." Lauren's pediatrician told the Carlin's to wait, saying, "She's fine; all kids talk like this at this age."

Still concerned, Stephanie did not know who else to turn to until she casually mentioned her suspicions to their parent educator, Brenda. That same afternoon, Brenda set up an appointment to perform a hearing screening on Lauren. The results showed that Lauren could not hear in both ears. "My apprehensions were validated and I was able to go to my doctor with evidence that Lauren could not hear like other children."

Stephanie believes that without Parents as Teachers, Lauren's tube implants would have been delayed and her speech development would have been behind. Lauren would probably not have passed her kindergarten speech evaluation and would have been placed in speech therapy when she entered school.

"The advice I would give to parents who are not enrolled in this program is to give Parents as Teachers a chance...even if on a trial basis."

She adds, "If you are anything like me, you want your children to have as many people in their corner as possible to help them succeed. Never once did I feel like a bad parent or that I was being analyzed, but rather that I was becoming a more successful parent. I am Lauren's first teacher and I want to give her everything I can. Parents as Teachers helps you do that.

To sign up for your local Parents As Teachers program, call Avenue City School at 662-2305 or contact Ashley Farrell at [afarrell@aces.k12.mo.us](mailto:afarrell@aces.k12.mo.us)

## Second Grade

The second grade started the school year studying life cycle of butterflies. We raised 8 monarch eggs on milkweed that was brought in from around the area. We watched the cycle from egg to the caterpillar, to the pupa stage, and finally released 8 monarchs to fly to Mexico. We had 5 boys and 3 girls. We also raised one painted lady butterfly which we were also able to release.

## **Professional Development News**

The staff at Avenue City School has attended many various workshops, meetings, and events already this year. Currently, work is being done to ensure curriculum is meeting the upcoming Common Core Standards. Staff members have attended Science workshops, MSTA Leadership Convention, and Google Aps over the summer and fall months. Professional development funds will also be used to send teachers to math workshops, science workshops, and music convention during the upcoming months. The entire staff at Avenue City is beginning a book study entitled Leader in Me, and will be working on the book during various in-service dates of this school year. We are excited to see where this book study leads us as we look for ways to help each child see their own potential and leadership. We are excited to see more offerings through Northwest Regional Professional Development Center as the year progresses!

## **Student Council News**

Avenue City Student Council has begun its activities for the fall. The 6th-8th grades have elected the following students as Student Council members.

- President: Murphy Howe
- Vice President: Halei Atoe
- Secretary: Madison Rowland
- Treasurer: Sara Fiedler
- 8th grade representative: Hailee Fitzgerald
- 7th grade representatives: Morgan Sylvester, Guy Gaddy, Kristian Duvall, & Ashley Luthans
- 6th grade representatives: Kacey Duvall, Morgan Atoe

The Student Council has already had a bake sale to raise money for a needy family at Christmastime. They are also volunteering by working the concession stand for the home ACES basketball team games. The Council is also planning a dance for November 1st. They have been very busy so far this year.

## **Third Grade News**

The third grade classroom is comprised of 13 students this year. The students in Mrs. Scott's class have been focusing on our motto, "Be on the road that leads to awesome." Within this, come many teambuilding activities in which students are learning to be equal participants, teachers, and leaders when working with others. The students are working a lot on problem solving and learning the value of being able to solve the same problem in many different ways. The active expressions, otherwise known as "clickers" are being used by students in which they electronically answer questions, do activities, and can even do tests electronically. The class is also working on creating brochures about an animal that they have conducted research on using Microsoft Publisher. We are looking forward to continuing a great year!!



### Preschool Happenings

This Fall has passed quickly in preschool! We took a trip to Schweizer's Orchard in October where the children got to listen to a story, explore the store and pick an apple from a tree. We had a great time learning how apples grow and exploring outside of the classroom.



We recently had parent/teacher conferences as well. Many people comment how 'silly' or 'pointless' these conferences might be at such a young age. However, the opportunity for parents and teachers to talk one-on-one, uninterrupted is crucial. It allows us to focus on how the child is doing socially, emotionally, academically and developmentally. Though there are no grades given in preschool, conferences give us time to discuss strategies and goals for each student so they may become more comfortable and thrive in a school setting. We were humbled, once again, by the overwhelming support and participation we get from our parents. Our program would not be successful without the community support and parent involvement. THANK YOU!

"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them" – Lady Bird Johnson

### PTO News

- The PTO hosted its annual Chili Supper during the North Andrew game last week. Total donations equaled \$607.
- The PTO will be selling Turkey Raffle tickets starting November 1st. The winning ticket will be drawn during the home basketball game on November 11.
- The next PTO meeting will be held on November 5 in the school cafeteria. The meeting will start at 6:30 and will begin with a presentation on internet safety.
- We still have white and blue trash bags in stock. Cost is \$10 a roll.
- There will be another chance to order your ACES Spirit Wear. ACES attire makes great Christmas gifts.

*Students will be selling Turkey Raffle  
Tickets for PTO  
November 1-November 11, 2013.*



**Would You Like to Be More Involved in Our School? Here's How!**

Did you know that your involvement in your child's education is one of the biggest influencers of his or her academic success? There are many ways that you can get involved in your child's education, including volunteering, getting to know your child's teacher(s), leveraging your own career or professional experiences, and making sure that you're covering the basics.

<p><b>Back to Basics:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend school open house events;</li> <li>• Attend parent-teacher conferences;</li> <li>• Know the names of your child's teacher(s) and principal(s);</li> <li>• Join the PTO;</li> <li>• Attend your child's performances, games, or other events;</li> <li>• If your child has friends whose parents can't be at events, offer to help those families with rides to and from practice, events, and other activities;</li> <li>• Meet your child's friends and their parents;</li> <li>• Read to or with your child;</li> <li>• Establish routines for studying and homework; or</li> <li>• Ask your child how school went every day!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Offer Your Experiences or Special Skills</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak to a classroom of students about what your career is like and what kind of education or training you needed for your field;</li> <li>• Help build sets or sew costumes for school programs or theater productions; or</li> <li>• Use foreign language skills by volunteering as a translator or cultural liaison between your child's school and parents whose first language isn't English.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ways to Volunteer:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer in the classroom;</li> <li>• Read to kids in the school library;</li> <li>• Help out in the lunchroom;</li> <li>• Volunteer in the school office;</li> <li>• Sit on school committees;</li> <li>• Help with school fundraisers;</li> <li>• Tutor students;</li> <li>• Chaperone field trips, dances, or events;</li> <li>• Lead a PTO committee; or</li> <li>• Help out in the school computer lab.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reach Out to Your Child's Teacher(s):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactively introduce yourself to your child's teacher(s);</li> <li>• If your child's classroom has a website, read it regularly, and interact (comment, etc.) if that's allowed; and</li> <li>• Find out from the teacher if there are any classroom supplies that he or she could use, and work with other parents to help acquire them. (Remember that many teachers pay for classroom supplies and decorations out of pocket.)</li> </ul>



## **Academic Teams and Middle School Scholar Bowl**

Avenue City Academic Teams have been chosen for the 2013-2014 school year! Coaches Mandy Scott and Janis Pargas are pleased to have 8 fourth graders, 8 fifth graders, 8 sixth graders and 9 in our middle school scholar bowl team. Each meet consists of four rounds with the second and fourth rounds being toss up questions followed by bonus questions.

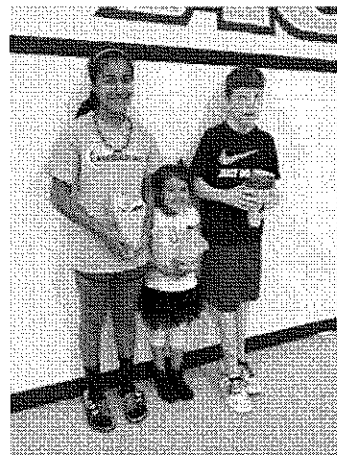
The Avenue City 4th-5th grade Academic Teams will compete against the Savannah schools in our area including Amazonia, Helena, Minnie Cline and John Glenn. The 6th grade team will compete against Savannah Middle School. The Middle School teams will be competing in the Platte Valley Conference again this year. Their season ender is a Saturday tournament against all the schools in the conference. The academic teams will begin practicing in November for the January games. The game schedule will be available soon on the Avenue City website at [www.avenuecityschool.org](http://www.avenuecityschool.org). Avenue City is proud of its Academic Teams and Middle School Scholar Bowl, and the sponsors look forward to continuing the fun this season!

## **Ambassadors of RESPECT**

The pictured students were the three recipients who received the ACES Ambassadors Award for the month of September. Their award was based on their behavior and modeling of the character trait: **RESPECT**.

This award is part of a program titled "ACES Ambassadors". The program focuses on the six traits of good character and is an intentional, proactive effort by all staff members to instill in the students important core, ethical, and civic values such as trustworthiness, caring, respect, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship.

The entire school learned about the **RESPECT** Character Trait during the month of September. The students learned that **RESPECT** means:



Treat others with respect

Use good manners, not bad language

Follow the Golden Rule

Be considerate of the feelings of others

Be tolerant and accepting of differences

Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone

Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

These students were nominated by a secret panel of staff members who spent the month observing and evaluating all students during the month. From the pool of nominations, these students were then selected by administration as the top three winners based on the panel's recommendations. All three recipients were honored in front of the entire student body.

## 2013 Junior High Basketball Schedule



Date	Opponent	Place	Time
October 21	North Andrew	@ ACES	6:00 PM
October 24	Union Star	@ Union Star	6:00 PM
November 7	Jefferson C-123	@ ACES	6:00 PM
November 11	SMS	@ ACES	5:30 PM
November 12	South Nodaway	@ Barnard	6:00 PM
November 14	East Buchanan	@ Gower	4:30 PM
November 18	King City	@ King City	6:00 PM
11/19/13-11/23/13	NE Nodaway Tournament	@ Ravenwood	TBA
November 25	Savannah Middle	@ Savannah	5:30 PM
November 26	St. Joe Christian	@ SJC	6:00 PM

## Avenue City Winter Music Program

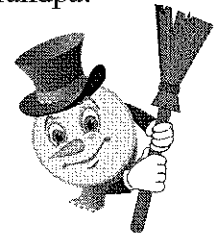
Are you feeling bored? Tired of the same old routine every day? Want something to make you smile? Then come to the Winter Music Program at Avenue City School on Thursday Dec. 5 at 7:00 PM. All grades K-8 are involved in it. You will hear traditional songs plus some great new ones. If you walk down the school hallways, you will hear the kindergarten singing and playing bells. Learning to play the bells only on certain beats and at certain times is HARD. Just ask those Kindergarteners.

The 1st -4th grade will be performing a musical called, "Frosty's First Adventure." The 4th graders have the speaking parts. Poor Frosty has met some crabby people who don't like winter, snow, or the cold. He gets arrested. Come and see what happens to him!

5-8 grades are singing some funny and crazy songs about going to visit Grandma and Grandpa! They love "Grandma's Feather Bed," her "Chicken Soup", and her "Mashed Potatoes". They will also sing the popular song by Bruno Marris called "Count on Me."

So please come join us. I can guarantee within 5 minutes you will be laughing and singing along with us!

Music Instructor.: Karen Vulgamott



## Inclement Weather



Decisions about closing school due to severe weather (snow & ice) are made with the students' safety in mind.

**Early Morning Closings:** Announcements will be made between 6:30 and 7:00 AM on KQTV. Announcement will also be made on KFEQ, KKJO, and KSFT radio stations. (Extreme cases will cause the announcements to be made the night before.) (When possible the announcement will also be posted on the website: <http://avenuecityschool.org/>)

**Early Dismissal:** Announcements will be made as soon as possible on the stations listed above. Dismissal because of inclement weather will be at 12:38 when possible. (If at all possible announcements will be made between 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM.) (When possible the announcement will also be posted on the website: <http://avenuecityschool.org/>)

**Text Caster:** A text casting and email service is available to members of the community for these types of days. Please log on to our website and click on the TextCaster Link. Once you sign up you will get an email and/or text message for different events at school.

**Students should know where they are to go in case of an emergency early dismissal.**



## **INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT**

Texting, Facebook, YouTube. What *are* kids doing on the Internet? And who are they talking with? Learn about social networking, texting, and how to keep your child safe online at our Internet Safety Night on Tuesday, **November 5, 2013 at Avenue City School.**

Technology is changing fast, and many of us are struggling to stay one step ahead of our kids and learn everything we can about going online. This isn't an easy task—our kids have never known life without the Internet, and in many cases, they know more about it than we do.

Please join us as we discuss what our children are doing online and how to teach them to be smart, safe, and respectful digital citizens. You'll learn about:

- The importance of learning about the sites and applications your child uses
- How kids are using mobile devices like smart phones, tablets and e-readers
- Social networking sites and how to help your child use them wisely
- What to do if your child is the victim of online bullying
- Objectionable content, how to block it, and what to do if your child views it
- Online gaming

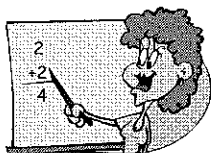


**PTO will be giving away to one attendee at this meeting a FREE license for the ONLINE GUARDIAN program.** This program will help you protect your kids from

Internet dangers. This parental control software lets you monitor your kids' Internet activity 24/7 from anywhere and take action to keep them safe. (One lucky attendee of this event will receive this program for free - the program is valued at \$49.95!)

## **What is news with the Problem Solvers?**

Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders wrote on the topic of Social Isolation on October 14th. Their work was evaluated and one of the teams performed at the gold level and one team performed at the silver level. Aaron Janni, Sara Feidler, Murphy Howe and Hailee Fitzgerald's work was the gold. This means that when the evaluator scored a group of booklets, theirs ranked the highest. The silver award went to Cambry Roach, Hayden Stewart, Jacob Ball and Lake Campbell. Well done! For some of the students, this was their first attempt.



## **Mathletics**

On October 24, 2013, two teams from Avenue City showed up at St. Paul Lutheran's Gym to participate in the fall Mathletics Competition. ACES was represented with a sixth grade team consisting of Jacob Ball, Cambry Roach and Kenna O'Riley. Our eighth grade team consisted of Sara Feidler, Ashley Luthans and Aaron Janni. Both teams were given 15 math problems to complete in timed segments. The problems are typically multi-operations. Our eighth grade team brought home second place. Good Job!!

## **Interscholastic Youth Sports Brain Injury Report**

Please note that per HB 300 regulations, MSHSAA has released the first annual Interscholastic Youth Sports Brain Injury Report regarding the impact of student athlete concussions and head injuries and the efforts that have been made to minimize damages from school sports injuries on the MSHSAA website. This report is located by going to [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) <<http://www.mshsaa.org>> and then going to the SPORTS MEDICINE TAB.

**Board of Education Meeting Highlights**

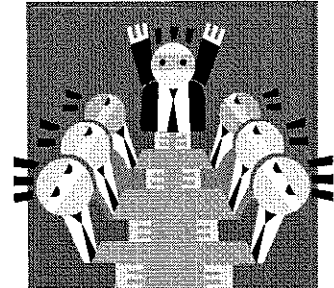
A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from June 2013 to October 2013 is listed below. The minutes of each board meeting is posted on the school webpage.

June 13, 2013

- Post 2013-14 District Handbooks for 30 Days
- Approval of the 2013-14 Preliminary School Budget
- Approval of Certified Personnel Step Down on Salary Schedule

July 11, 2013

- Approval of 2013-14 District Handbooks
- Post Board Policy Updates for 30 Days
- Re-adoption of the “Conflict of Interest Ordinance”
- Review of 2012-13 Budget Finalization
- Approval of the Amended 2013-14 School Budget
- Discussion and Decision on an Additional Salary Increase for Certified and Support Staff



August 15, 2013

- Approval of District’s Annual Goals
- Approval of Board Policy Updates
- Approval of the Substitute List for the 2013-14 School Year
- Approval of Substitute Teacher Pay Increase
- Approval of Extra Duty Contract Increases
- Decision on Tax Rates for 2013-14 School Year
- Approval of Additional Principal Payment on District’s Bond Obligation

September 12, 2013

- Review of Program Evaluations for Facilities/Safety and Counseling/Guidance
- Adoption of the “Local Compliance Plan” with State Regulations
- Posting of Ballot Wording for the Proposed Bond Issue for 30 Days
- Posting of Summative Evaluation for 30 Days
- Approval of Addition to the 2013-14 Substitute List

October 10, 2013

- Review of Program Evaluations for the following: 1) Student Data, 2) Assessment and/or Review of Testing, 3) Discipline, and 4) Health Services
- Approval of School Audit for 2012-2013 School Year
- Approval of the Summative Evaluation Posted for 30 Days
- Motion to Approve the Proclamation of “Red Ribbon Week”
- Approval of Bus Routes/Mileage/Riders for the 2013-14 School Year
- Approval of Addition to 2013-14 Substitute List

*Students will be selling  
Red Wheel for Technology  
November 18-December 3, 2013.*

## **AVENUE CITY SCHOOL 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE – A HONOR ROLL**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL**

Ian Andrews  
Katie Jo Beam  
Riley DeRoin  
Brynlee Neill  
Joey Sigrist  
Brady Starmer  
Zacharias Walker  
Connor Zeit

#### **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A HONOR ROLL**

Mitchell Steele  
Caleb Walker

#### **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL**

Palmer Bennett  
Grace Bradley  
Mason Christian  
Alex Fitzgerald  
Morgan Heckman  
Aleigha Horton  
Pierce Johnson  
Corinne Stewart

#### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A HONOR ROLL**

Alexandra Meier

#### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL**

Jozlin Bennett  
Sway Bennett  
Logan Christian  
Sydney DeRoin  
Molly Luthans  
Reagan Thompson  
Layne Wallace

#### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A HONOR ROLL**

Jacob Ball  
Lake Campbell  
Kacey DuVall  
Audrey Elifrits  
Emilie Mazur  
Cambry Roach  
Nicolas Steele  
Hayden Stewart  
Ian Turner  
Riley Wilcoxson

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL**

Isaac Andrews  
Morgan Atoe  
Lauren DuVall  
Cheyenne Estes  
Jessica Martin  
Zachary Meier  
Nelson O'Neill  
Kenna O'Riley  
Joselyn Phillippe  
Corwin Shipp  
Daniel Slaybaugh

#### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A HONOR ROLL**

Halei Atoe  
Breanna Beahler  
Kiyah Blake  
Reba Boles  
Kristian DuVall  
Ashley Luthans

#### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL**

Guy Gaddy  
Alex Jacobs  
Daire Karr  
Trevor Maag  
Lydia Paolillo  
Grace Stites  
Morgan Sylvester  
Evan Vette

#### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A HONOR ROLL**

Sara Fiedler  
Hailee Fitzgerald  
Murphy Howe  
Madison Rowland

#### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL**

Jordan Hill  
Nathan Holmes  
Aaron Janni  
Courtney Meers  
Bailey Sexton  
Brett Shanks  
Danielle Wilmes



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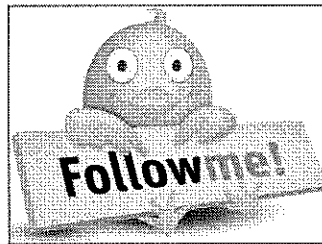
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**ACES Ambassadors—Character Education**

<b>Trustworthiness</b>	Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat, or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country
<b>Respect</b>	Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements
<b>Responsibility</b>	Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes • Set a good example for others
<b>Fairness</b>	Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly
<b>Caring</b>	Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need
<b>Citizenship</b>	Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer