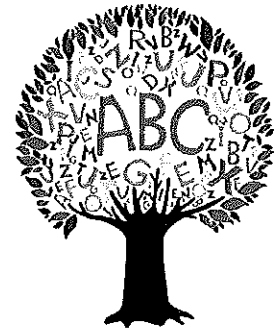


Is your child a future ACE?
IS IT TIME TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN?

Avenue City School District is now accepting enrollments for 2020-2021 Kindergarten class. Students who enter kindergarten must turn five years old by August 1st of the school year. (8/1/2020) Screenings will be administered on pre-school students in the spring before entering Kindergarten. These screenings are used to tell parents and teachers the student's strengths and weaknesses before entering school. The date for Kindergarten Screening is Friday, March 20, 2020. **If your child will be attending kindergarten during the 20-21 school year, please call the school office to get all necessary information and sign your child up for screenings. (816-662-2305)**



In April of 2020, the instructional staff at Avenue City will be working with the United Way to offer the Success by 6 KinderClub Program for incoming kindergartners. Families with a child who will begin kindergarten in the fall of 2020 are invited to participate in KinderClub at Avenue City School. Preparing for kindergarten doesn't start on the first day of school - it starts RIGHT NOW. These readiness meetings at Avenue City School are led by the district's Kindergarten Teacher, who will share academic and social information with parents of children who will be starting kindergarten next fall to use at home. At no cost to families, five meetings will provide parents with the information and resources needed to help their child be ready for school. Avenue City School and United Way are collaborating to offer KinderClub at Avenue City School to help ease children's transition into kindergarten. Mark your calendar now for the following KinderClub dates: April 6, 7, 8, 15, & 16 from 3:30-4:30 PM. Please plan to attend with your child any or all of these dates.

For more information about Kindergarten Screenings and the upcoming KinderClub program, contact the school at 816-662-2305.

INFORMATION ON THE 2018-2019 DISTRICT FINANCIAL AUDIT

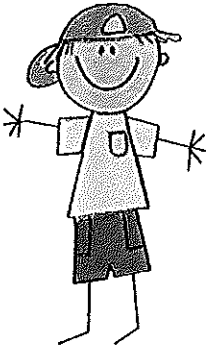
Included in this district newsletter is a summary statement of funds balances and receipts and disbursements by major classifications of each fund. Also included is a summary statement of the scope of the audit examination and the auditor's opinion on the financial statements included in the audit report.

The complete audit report is available for inspection and examination by going to the district's webpage at www.avenuecityschool.org. Under Administration and Reports from the Board you will find this summary and the complete audit report.

You may also review a copy of the audit report at the Avenue City School District's Board Secretary Office.

Avenue City Elementary School Preschool

- We offer Preschool for 3, 4 and 5 year olds on M-W-F from 8:00am-11:00am with an all-day option available until 5:45pm.
- Did you know that you **do not** need to live in our school district to attend our Preschool? However, first priority will be given to district patrons. We are taking applications **beginning February 3, 2020** for the 2020-2021 school year. Space is limited.



Avenue City Preschool has many things to offer your child that you may not find in other Preschools.



1. We use the Pathways to Reading Phonics Program.
2. There will be separate lessons for the 3 year olds and the 4 and 5 year olds so that we can meet their different developmental needs.
3. We have a Smartboard in the classroom and technology is used often.
4. There are many options for the length of time you want your child to be at Preschool. You can pick what works best for your family. However, academics will be taught in the morning.
5. Your child will have a certified Early Childhood Teacher that has been trained in the above programs and in the Project Construct Curriculum. The curriculum is aligned with the State of Missouri's Early Childhood Learning Goals. <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/eel-el-2013-MELGoals.pdf>
6. The number one goal of our Preschool is socialization and preparation for Kindergarten. This preparation also includes laying the foundations of reading, writing, math, and other areas of academics to help your child reach their fullest potential.

For more information, please call the school at 1-816-662-2305 or e-mail Becky Grimes at bgrimes@avenuecityschool.org or Mrs. Farrell at afarrell@avenuecityschool.org

**AVENUE CITY SCHOOL
2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

<p><u>3rd GRADE - A HONOR ROLL</u> Casey Adwell Lyla Colwell Gwen Francis Sidney Huff Landon Neil Dixon Palmer Khloe Payeur Jessica Qin Jackson Salmons Kenzie Wolfe</p>	<p><u>5th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL</u> Owen Burnett Trace Wolfe</p>	<p><u>7th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL</u> Kaylea Farrell Nori Steele</p>
<p><u>3rd GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL</u> Collin Anderson Eloise Andrews Wyatt Brandt Keira Crain Carter Farrell Wyatt Pippitt Quinn Riggert Kristopher Seevers</p>	<p><u>5TH GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL</u> Elias Andrews Natalie Farrell Taylor Flatt Lawson Francis Cora Gregory Zane Griswold Gwendolyn Oswald Dalton Schultz Dalton Turner Alexis Yingling Owen Zeit</p>	<p><u>7th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL</u> Kaylee Christman Max Howe Annaliese Kendall Jackson Sigrist</p>
<p><u>4th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL</u> Lucas Shavnore Maebry Shuster</p>	<p><u>6th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL</u> Annelise Forney Cannon Hutchcraft Luke Oswald Alayna Pargas Hayden Payeur Lillian Richardson Maxx Riggert Olivia Schaub Ella Scott</p>	<p><u>8th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL</u> Kayla Beam Saige Blake Hillary Elifrits Maren Heckman Alexander Hutchcraft Macy Keling Ethan Phillips Payton Rodgers Ethan Zeit</p>
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**Follow Avenue City Elementary
PTO on Facebook!**

Census 2020 Begins This Spring

The 2020 Census responses will drive \$675 million in federal funds to states and communities each year for the next 10 years for such programs as: Special education, Free and Reduced lunch, Teacher training, After school programs, Head Start, etc.



Board of Education Meeting Highlights

A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from November 2019 to December 2019 is listed below. The minutes of each board meeting is posted on the school webpage under **Board Information**.

November 14, 2019

- Review of Program Evaluation for Federal Programs and Student Data for 2018-19
- Set Dates to File for the Board of Education from December 17, 2019 to January 21, 2020

December 12, 2019

- Presentation and Approval of the 2018-2019 District Audit
- Approval of Revised Policy & Regulation 2260 – Homeless Students
- Approval to Purge Old and Unused Inventory Items
- Approval of Additions to the 2019-2020 Substitution List
- Acceptance of Staff Resignations

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7 pm.

Professional Development News at Avenue City

As professional development is always a key component to effective teaching, learning, and implementing, the staff at Avenue City has had a busy first semester. We have actively been working with our Regional Professional Development Center as we look at English-Language Arts curriculum. We have been looking at the state mandated requirements that have been implemented through our educational state department in order to best choose our next path in our reading curriculum. As a group, we have looked at several new reading series, and have worked together to determine which curriculum best fit our needs and wants. As this has been a lengthy process, we are close to the completion! We have also been learning through staff presentations about several workshops that have been attended. This include topics in the areas of English/Language Arts, Science, Win-Win Discipline, Music, Behavior Management, Acellus, and Pathways. We look forward to the second semester as we continue our quest to complete our English/Language Arts and look toward upcoming summer opportunities.

Middle School Track 2020

Students in 7th & 8th Grade may participate in track if they are eligible. Practice begins March 16, 2020. All participating students must have a physical on file in school office before the first practice. A physical form can be found on the school website. For questions about the Middle School Track Program contact Coach Burgess or Coach Proctor.



Date	Location
04/04/20	Benton
04/07/20	SMS
4/14/20	SMS
4/16/20	North Andrew
04/18/20	SMS
4/27/20	St. Joe Christian
4/30/20	Riverside

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 12:50 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/>

Lumen Communication System: A communication system is available to members of the district for these types of days. If you are not receiving notices please call the office.

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



PTO News

It is hard to believe that the school year is half over. As always, the PTO Executive Committee would like to thank our members and ACES families for all of their support so far this year. We just finished our first apparel special order of the year with some fun new designs, and are looking forward to the remaining events we have planned for this school year!

We only have one meeting left this year where we will be electing a new President and Treasurer, so please make plans to attend. Our upcoming meeting and events include:

2/4/2020 5:00-8:00 PM	Culver's Night
2/15/2020 7:00AM-12:00PM	Pancake Breakfast
3/3/2020 6:30PM PTO	Meeting and Dr. Seuss Night
3/28/2020 5:00-7:00PM	Spring Fling
4/21/2020 5:00-8:00 PM	Culver's Night

Planning for our Spring Fling is in full swing, but we can always use more help. If you are interested in helping with setting up the games and activities or collecting items for the silent auction please let one of the executive committee members know. Also, we are looking for auction items, so if you are a business owner or have items you would like to donate to the silent auction they can be dropped off at the school office.

Make sure you follow our Facebook page at *Avenue City Elementary – PTO* for updates, reminders, and fun things that are going on in the school.

Don't forget that we have apparel and trash bags available for sale throughout the year. Also, we continue to accept new memberships throughout the year, so it is never too late to join the PTO!

Once again, thank you for the continued support you provide to PTO and ACES. Through your support we are able to provide field trip assistance, playground equipment, sport uniforms, as well as endless classroom supplies to better the working environment for our students and staff.

ACES PTO Executive Committee
Lindsey Holcumbrink, President
Lyndsey Bailey, Vice President
Heather Huff, Treasurer
Joella Schultz, Secretary



Avenue City R-IX School District
Summary Schedule of Revenues Collected, Expenditures Paid, and Changes in Fund Balances
School District Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Revenues Collected	\$ 1,241,857	\$ 1,229,001	\$ 364,155	\$ 535	\$ 2,835,548
Expenditures Paid	<u>756,873</u>	<u>1,331,181</u>	<u>2,340,958</u>	<u>25,236</u>	<u>4,454,248</u>
Excess of Revenues Collected Over(Under) Expenditures Paid	484,984	(102,180)	(1,976,803)	(24,701)	(1,618,700)
Other Sources(Uses) Transfers	<u>(226,881)</u>	<u>102,180</u>	-	<u>124,701</u>	-
Excess of Revenues Collected and Other Sources Over(Under) Expenditures Paid and Other Uses	258,103	-	(1,976,803)	100,000	(1,618,700)
Fund Balance July 1, 2018	<u>2,457,046</u>	-	<u>2,353,697</u>	<u>232,646</u>	<u>5,043,389</u>
Fund Balance June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 2,715,149</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 376,894</u>	<u>\$ 332,646</u>	<u>\$ 3,424,689</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS

To the Board of Education
Avenue City R-IX School District


We have audited the financial statements of Avenue City R-IX School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2019.

As required by the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri (RSMo), we have performed auditing procedures to test compliance with the requirements governing budgets (Chapter 67, RSMo) and the methods of maintaining pupil attendance and pupil transportation records (Chapter 165.121.3(7), RSMo). The management of the District is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance with those requirements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance with those requirements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the requirements referred to above occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the District's budgetary and disbursement procedures were in compliance with the budgetary statute (Chapter 67, RSMo). It is further our opinion that the pupil attendance and pupil transportation records are so maintained as to accurately disclose, in all material respects, the average daily attendance, resident membership on the last Wednesday of September, free and reduced price eligible pupils, average daily transportation of pupils and mileage and allowable cost for pupil transportation in compliance with State law and administrative rules.

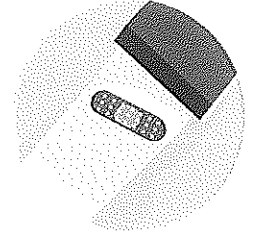
This report is intended for the information of the Board of Education, management, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


Martin & Hanway CPA's, P.C.
Saint Joseph, Missouri
December 11, 2019



The Flu:

A Guide for Parents



Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 6,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 years have been hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

What parents should know

How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



Protect your child

How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick. When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu. One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

- **Flu vaccine can prevent your child from dying from flu.** A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- **Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.**
- **Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.**

What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

If your child is sick

What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have a long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

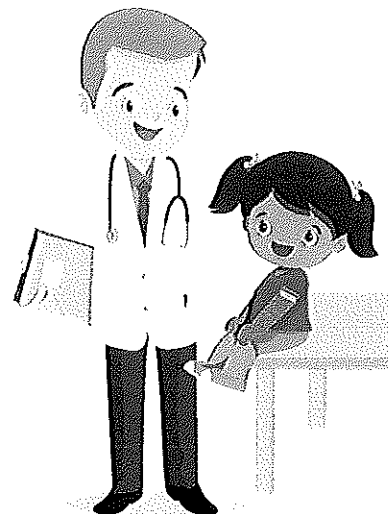
Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain long-term health problems (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at high risk of serious flu complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish lips or face

- Ribs pulling in with each breath
- Chest pain
- Severe muscle pain (child refuses to walk)
- Dehydration (no urine for 8 hours, dry mouth, no tears when crying)
- Not alert or interacting when awake
- Seizures
- Fever above 104°F
- In children less than 12 weeks, any fever
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions



This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.

Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at high risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant women.

How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

When can my child go back to school after having flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)* or higher.

*Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number can vary depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

They grow up so fast.

Now's your chance to shape their future.



A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

On Census Day, April 1, 2020, start shaping your future and the future of all children by counting everyone in your home.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at 2020CENSUS.GOV.

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.



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Avenue City PTO's Annual Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday, February 15, 2020
7:00 AM– Noon

Where: Avenue City School

Price: \$7.00 Adults
\$5.00 for children 12 years & younger

All you can eat!

Pancakes, Gravy & Biscuits, Sausage Links,
Juice, Milk, & Coffee

