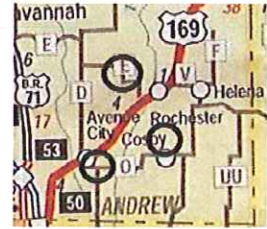


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**Forethought; It is a Good Thing
Submitted by Superintendent Lawrence**

Last Monday night, I watched my television set with a lot of anxiety. I watched three little circles spin over the top of Avenue City on Mike Bracciano's weather map on KQ2. Three little circles representing cloud rotation hovered over the dot labeled Avenue City and my heart stopped for just a second. I wondered, if we had 3 tornadoes in or around "The Avenue" where would we have school on Tuesday?



I then thought, since the next day was the statewide tornado warning test, "What would we do if such a thing happened during the school day?" Then it hit me. One of our previous boards of education had the forethought to build two very stout tornado shelters during a previous building project. The forethought provided during that building project needs to be praised. You can exit a building during a fire. You can make arrangements during a flood or a drought but there is just something about a tornado that stands out. It's sudden and it's unpredictable. So, you simply do the best you can by planning ahead. It's fairly easy to do the planning but it is another thing to see the project through to its conclusion. While not every issue can be prevented, I believe Avenue City is just about as prepared as any small rural school could be. The forethought regarding tornado shelters, fire alarm systems, access security are all good things. Even this past year, two traffic signals were installed to provide as much control as possible to our entryway off of 169 hwy. It is reassuring to know that the Board of Education is willing to put students' safety as a primary concern. It is good to know that they believe every child is their child and just as good to realize that safe environments are learning environments.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

The Board of Education Election will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2017. There are four people running for three positions. Rodney Davison and Tonya Ball are incumbents. Jaren Johnson-Pippitt and Jason Manley are first time candidates. The following bios are included to help you get to know your candidates.

If your voting poll is at Avenue City School and you have difficulty getting into the north door due to the gravel, please call 816-324-3624 and talk to Sarah Miller or Melissa Thorburn. These county officials will make sure that someone carries a ballot to you in your car.

Tonya Ball

Hello! Our family moved to Avenue City in the fall of 2005. My husband, David and I were looking for a smaller school district to raise our four children in and that is exactly what we found in the Avenue City School District. Our children quickly fell in love with the school, teachers, and staff. Three of our children, Kaylee a senior at Wichita State University, Jamison a freshman at Missouri State University and Jacob a freshman at Central High School, are ACES alumni and Jaxon is a 7th grader.



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I grew up in Northwest Missouri and graduated from Nodaway-Holt before attending college at UCM in Warrensburg where I meet my husband. I work for our church as both the Children's Ministry Director and a Preschool Teacher. I also enjoy being a counselor at church camp and attending our children's activities and sports. I feel like this background helps me see what is best for the good of all the children and helps make me a more rounded board member.

I have enjoyed serving the last three years and will continue to work for your children if reelected. When we moved to Avenue City we were looking for a smaller school but what we truly found was a wonderful home with loving and caring ACES family that sets the academic bar high and encourages and helps every child meet their full potential. As we continue to expand our class sizes I know that there will be many decisions to be made. I am ready to help make those so that ACES continues to set the standard for what a school should look like. Thank you for your support.

Rodney Davison

I have spent the last eighteen years serving the students, parents, patrons and staff as an Avenue City School Board Member. Sixteen of the eighteen years I have been President of the Board of Education. During the fall of 2016 I received state-wide recognition from the Missouri Association of Rural Educators as the "Outstanding Board Member of the Year." As a leader of the board, I require that we make decisions that put students first.

My belief is that by taking a "hands-on" approach while on the board helps support the students and staff at Avenue City. I am involved in many different community activities- from running the score board at basketball games, serving cake at 8th Grade Graduation, leadership roles, and helping with construction projects and bond issues. Avenue City is a supportive community that is small in numbers. I believe that it is important that everyone volunteers and takes an active role to help our students be successful.

During my tenure on the board, I have helped to guide the district to pass three different bond issues. These projects have included the construction of a new library, music room, art room, computer lab, gym, stage, restrooms, middle school addition, and most recently a new commons area, kitchen, and office suites. It is important to note that each and every one of these elections passed with overwhelming community support the first time the issues were presented to the public for their voting consideration.

My wife Darla and I have lived in the Avenue City Community for twenty-two years. We own and operate a local business, Diesel Performance in Savannah, MO. We have three children, Jori, Shelby, and Levi, who graduated from the Avenue City School District.

My theory is that education, community support, positive leadership, and active involvement will help continue to keep our school a top-notch school district that puts students first and helps them succeed in the real world.

I would appreciate your continued support and your vote on April 4, 2017.



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Jason Manley

My wife Leslee and I, with our three children moved from Saint Joseph to the ACES district a little over two years ago. After researching and considering all other schools in the area, we specifically moved here, because of the school's outstanding reputation and well-balanced curriculum. We have had the privilege of knowing former students and staff members who have raved about how enjoyable their experiences were and how they received the best education. Our daughter, Hayden is currently in Kindergarten at Avenue City, and our twin sons, Ethan & Lukas will be in the pre-k class in the fall of 2017. These three are inspiring to us and we love to be involved with their activities and their development. My wife is currently serving as Vice President of the PTO, and I have been fortunate enough to attend several board meetings throughout the last few years as a visitor. As I have observed the current group, I believe whole heartily that this is a group that I would be privileged to serve with. Visiting school board meetings is a great way to stay current on topics that affect our school. After thoughtful consideration, I would like to actively participate and give back to the ACES community.

Born and raised in Saint Joseph, I graduated from Lafayette High School, and then from Missouri Western State University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering. I worked for Community Action Partnership (CAPSTJOE) as The Director of Weatherization, operating multiple grants from various funding sources including a \$1.2 Million grant from the Federal Division of Energy, and administered by the MO Department of Natural Resources. This program's core focus was to improve safe and affordable housing. CAPSTJOE is a non-profit that is managed by a tripartite board of directors made up of community leaders, representatives of the low-income families that we served, and private party interest.

For public service, I served on the board for Neighborhood Pride out of the Saint Joseph Community Development Department, and as a committee member of the Committee to Keep Missourians Warm in Jefferson City. I am also a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Engineering Department at MWSU. As a teenager, I volunteered for the National Federation of the Blind to support them in fund raising and other various ways of personal assistance.

I work for Boehringer Ingelheim in Saint Joseph and currently manage the procurement strategies and contract management for capital investments for multiple manufacturing, distribution, office and research and development sites with multi-million dollar purchases and long term projects.

I believe that I am a well-qualified candidate to serve on our Board of Education because I have worked through many challenges in the public sector in program management. I have been a good steward of public funds. And I have worked through budget issues through midyear budget cuts, increases and shifts in mandates. And I will always see the future of education as one of the best investments that our community can make. I enjoy coming up with thoughtful solutions that are strategic and target specific results and am prepared to challenge others and welcome others to challenge myself in constructive conversation to work through complicated projects and directives. I offer a fresh perspective and transferable professional skills.

I see strengths in the ACES district in the teachers, administration and staff that are constantly developing and thrive on success. I see significant growth in the number of students and know that this school is growing in numbers year over year. The core values of the current Board of Education are prioritized on student education, enrichment and experiences. I see active participation from parent



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involvement and support for community activities through the PTO activities, and the great turnouts for programs, sporting events and extra curriculars.

I see challenges coming in the next few years in a few manageable areas. Regarding growth of the student body, we will need to ensure that the district is prepared to support additional students as families move to the area and the district experiences continual growth. As any district, funding is always of concern and will be constantly changing sometime unpredictably and may come with inconvenient timing. Agility in planning and constant attention to the next step will need to be a topic in every meeting.



I would like to thank you for the time that you have set aside to review the candidates for the 2017 ACES Board of Education election. Our students love learning here and it would be my pleasure to support this community.

Jaren Johnson-Pippitt

Hello! My husband, Greg, and I relocated with our family to the Avenue City School District in 2009 from Iowa. While it was finding a house with the balance of a few acres of solitude along with the fellowship of neighbors close by that originally attracted us to the area, Avenue City School has been one of our biggest delights in moving to the area. We are extremely fortunate to have such high-caliber teachers and faculty, administration that constantly interacts with students and parents, nice facilities with integrated technology, and the strong sense of community that we've found with the District. Our children, Pierce (7th grade) and Wyatt (kindergarten) are thriving thanks to the opportunities and individualized attention the District is able to provide them.

I began my career in healthcare administration more than 20 years ago, and it was a personal and professional growth opportunity with Mosaic Life Care (then Heartland Health) that originally brought us to this area. I have a Bachelor's degree in Administrative Management from Missouri State University and a Master's degree in Health Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Throughout my career, I have served on numerous community boards, including Northwest Health Services and Midwest Empire for Independent Living (MERIL) locally. I consider this service to be a way of contributing to the community in which I live, work, and play. I am excited by the opportunity to become more involved in the educational system that is such an integral part of my children's lives, shaping the kind of adolescents and adults they will become. I am excited by the fact that we are able to make local decisions that are best for our District, while adequately preparing our students with the knowledge and life skills it will take to be successful in the larger systems of their future.

I strive to approach leadership opportunities with a servant's heart, seeking first to understand each perspective. I feel that most often we are faced not with problems that need to be solved, but polarities that need to be managed. One of the biggest such challenges ahead of the District is how to accommodate exponential growth in our student population without sacrificing the advantages our smaller district has enjoyed for decades.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and your children and thank you for your consideration.



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PACES

The Avenue City School running club, PACES, has started the season! There are 28 students in grades 3-6 who are participating in a training program that will lead up to running a 5K walk/run in April. Students are meeting every Wednesday after school with Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Scott until 4:30 to work on building up endurance and speed before running in the event. The focus of the running club is to promote health and fitness to the students and help to motivate them to lead a healthy lifestyle. Any community member is invited to join the club on Saturday, April 29th at the Rec Center in St. Joseph at 9:30 either to cheer the students on or to compete in the event yourself! It is for a great cause, to raise money for the Helen Davis School. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Phillips or Mrs. Scott at school.



World Strides Trip to Washington, DC

Sixth grade ACES teacher, Mrs. Forney, has 13 people signed up to attend the Washington, D.C. trip with the World Strides Student Travel Group! These students, parents, grandparents, and faculty members will be leaving May 23rd and returning May 25th. While there, they will see the Capitol Building, Supreme Court Building, White House, Mount Vernon, Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theater, and many other monuments and memorials. The students have been meeting periodically throughout the year to discuss Washington, D.C.'s history and sights. The group will be ordering t-shirts to wear before and during their trip this month. All are getting excited about their upcoming trip! Mrs. Forney's hope is to offer this trip again to future ACES students.

Wal-Mart Donates Calculators

Avenue City received a \$50 donation from North Belt Wal-Mart. This donation purchased ten calculators for the 6th-8th grade room. These calculators will be available to students that may not own a calculator or for students that forget to bring their calculator to class.

Thank you Wal-Mart for your generous donation!

Upcoming Field Trip

Avenue City's 3-5th grade is excited to be planning a trip to Hannibal, MO in April. This field trip will consist of exploring Mark Twain Cave, rock pilfering, a catered lunch, a walk around the Mark Twain Museum and historic downtown, and a riverboat ride on the Mississippi River! This trip has been possible in the past due to the generous contributions of ACES PTO. It is an amazing day that helps students see first-hand many of the Science and Social Studies standards taught during the year as well as learning about one of our most famous historical Missourians!



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Andrew County Health Department Donates Water Bottle Filling Station

Did you know that it takes 2500 sit ups to burn the calories from a 20 oz. soda? Did you know that acid found in soda causes tooth decay? Did you know that soda contains 16-18 tsp of sugar in a 20 oz. soda? Proper water hydration gives you more energy, increases metabolism and helps you lose weight. The Andrew County Health Department donated a water bottle filling station to the Avenue City School District. Shawnda Russel, school nurse worked in conjunction with the county health department to arrange for this donation. We are happy to have this station at Avenue City for our students!

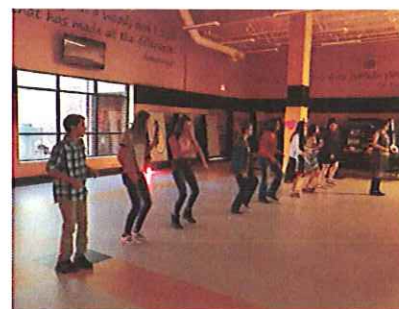


Avenue City Student Council News

The Avenue City Student Council has been very busy this year. In November we helped with Red Wheel deliveries and had a successful Bake Sale to raise money for our holiday Charity. In December we made holiday treat bags for the Andrew County Law Enforcement Officers. We extended this charity project to the Avenue City Staff which included two gift baskets of goodies. Our school counselor, Mrs. Curry, encouraged students to write thank you notes, so that we could express our appreciation of their services to our school and community. President Morgan Heckman, Vice President Corinne Stewart, and Secretary/Treasurer Mitchell Steele made the delivery in person to extend our gratitude.



This semester we have started doing bi-weekly announcements to help students stay informed of activities and events. Our highlight this month was a Valentine Dance for the middle school students. We also sold Valentine cookies to the entire school, which were very popular. We plan to have another bake sale in March in order to provide fun treats for all students during MAP testing. We will end the year supporting the PTO Spring Fling. Congratulations to the following students for their motivation, dedication, and hard work all year. President: Morgan Heckman, Vice President: Corinne Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer: Mitchell Steele, 6th grade Representatives: Jaxon Burns and Joey Sigrist, 7th grade Representatives: Jaxon Ball & Aleigha Horton, 8th Grade Representatives: Reagan Thompson & Molly Luthans, Advisor: Mrs. Elaine Adams.



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ACES Staff Service Project

Mosaic Life Care in St. Joseph, MO provides care for breast cancer patients. The breast care center also provides support through the BBFF (Best Breast Friends Forever) club. The breast center supports patients throughout their treatment and recovery. Through donations, the center also provides care packages for breast cancer patients.



ACES staff decided to donate much needed small pillows to the breast care center for the care packages. These pillows will provide comfort under a seat belt while in a vehicle and comfort under the arm while the patient heals. Several ACES staff members gathered together on two Friday evenings and were able to create 100 pillows for the care packages. These pillows will be distributed over the next year to breast cancer patients.

This service project built camaraderie and teamwork among staff members while providing breast cancer patients a gift stitched together with love.

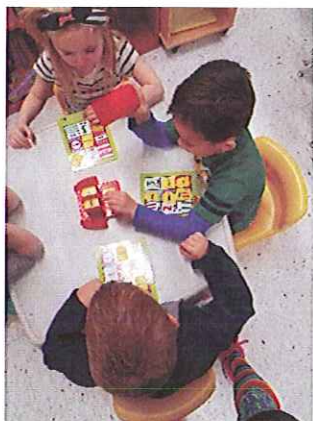
Avenue City Preschool Is Enrolling Now!

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 5, they are eligible to attend preschool this fall!

Avenue City offers a program unlike any in the area with mixed-age interaction, allowing older children to gain responsibility and confidence in setting good examples for cognition and behavior, while allowing younger children to learn more than they would be capable of learning in a matched-knowledge and skill environment.

Parents aren't forced to choose between protecting their child's play time and making sure he/she is ready for kindergarten. At Avenue City, our preschool provides both academic and social skills through play!

For more information, please contact Ashley Farrell at 662-2305 or afarrell@avenuecityschool.org



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PTO

PTO is springing into the 4th quarter with our annual Spring Fling event coming up on April 1st from 4:30pm-7:00pm. This will be a carnival type event with games, prizes, and activities. A spaghetti dinner will be served including salad, breadstick, brownies, and refreshments. Donations are being accepted for both a silent and live auction. This is a great way to show support for the students and the school.

Another way to show support for our school is by honoring our teachers during the month of May. Teacher Appreciation Week takes place May 1st-5th. The PTO would love your ideas on how to show our teachers at Avenue City how much we appreciate all that they do for our students and community. There are two more PTO meetings this year in which you can contribute your thoughts and ideas for these events.

In addition to these topics, we will be looking to fill the PTO secretary position for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. If you would like to take an active role in the PTO next year, this would be an excellent opportunity to do so.

The PTO would like to thank the community for its support with the recent pancake breakfast and Culver's night. We look forward to working alongside you in the future for the benefit of the students and families in our community.



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Thank you to the PTO Pancake Breakfast Sponsors!

Thank you for everybody who came and made the breakfast successful!

See you next year! February 10, 2018

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Avenue City Spring Musical

Come join us again in the Avenue City Elementary School gym for another fun-filled evening of music! On Tuesday, March 28th at 7 pm, the ACES will be putting on quite the show in our Spring Program.

Our program will start with the youngest of the ACES starring in “Kitty Cat Capers,” an adorable mini-MEWsical by Jill and Michael Gallina. There are all different kinds of cats out there, and grades K-2 are excited to tell you all about them with these silly songs. If you’ve ever wanted to adopt a kitty cat, they’ll help you find the PURRfect one for you!



Next up will be the upper elementary school taking us on a musical journey around the world. Grades 3-5 will give you the chance to hear how music is celebrated in other countries like Spain and France. However, they’ll need to bring us back home to America before the last set in the program. The middle school choir will wrap up the show with songs old and new. We’ll be surprised if you DON’T sing along!

It will be a fantastic end to my first year of teaching music. Between all these awesome kids and the friendliness and support of my fellow faculty and staff, I could not have asked for a better school at which to get my start. Thank you all for a wonderful year, and I hope to see you March 28th!

Academic Teams and Middle School Scholar Bowl

Avenue City Academic Teams are having a great year! We have 8 fourth graders, 9 fifth graders, 6 sixth graders and there were 7 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 a bonus question.

The Avenue City 4th-5th grade Academic Teams have competed against the Savannah schools in our area including Amazonia, Helena, Minnie Cline and John Glenn. The 6th grade team competed against Savannah Middle School. The Middle School teams enjoyed competing against Union Star, St. Paul Lutheran, and North Andrew. Their season ended in January, and this young team is excited for next year! Avenue City is proud of its Academic Teams and Scholar Bowl competitors, and the sponsors, Mandy Scott and Janis Pargas, look forward to continuing the fun through the remaining two weeks of the season!

School Reformers Might be a Danger to Local Schools

The parents and patrons of the Avenue City School need to keep an eye on our legislature in Jefferson City and on our newly appointed US Secretary of Education. We are fortunate in our district to have two individuals who value and appreciated the public schools in NW Missouri. Both Dan Hegeman and Delus Johnson have been more than willing to hear the issues associated with public school funding. Both have stood in the doorway to protect our public schools in the past. I expect no less of them in the future. However, they are only two individuals and there is a huge cry from J.C. and D.C. for something labeled “educational reform.”

Already this year, bills have been introduced to “reform” Missouri public schools by consolidating small schools as well as to eliminate and/or control the way small schools funding is spent in our state. Other bills filed include the thought of “tax credits or vouchers” for education. The danger associated



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with this idea is that a voucher filters out funding for public schools to private schools. School vouchers allow the opportunity to stockpile (for lack of a better term) tax money to be used for educational purposes. Unfortunately, the money stockpiled is most generally stockpiled by those with children in private schools and the money that those Missouri taxpayers would have paid to the state of Missouri for schools, roads, bridges, law enforcement, etc. just doesn't come into the state for those services. Vouchers are an end run around the idea that public money should not be used for private purposes. It is estimated that the current voucher proposal in Jeff City would cost the state of Missouri over \$600 million in lost revenue over the next 10 years. Vouchers seem hardly appropriate when the state has stated they are having a hard time finding enough money to build and repair our current highways and bridge infrastructure let alone the millions of dollars necessary to properly fund the public schools of our state. I suspect it will be this price tag that will stop the call for vouchers at the state level. It is doubtful anything will stop it at the national level.

Thankfully, those bills appear to have been defeated. Let's keep this in mind however; Jefferson City is like an episode of the "Walking Dead." You think something is dead and then all the sudden it comes back to bite you when you least expect it.

This leaves one pillar standing for the educational reformers. That pillar is the call for charter school expansion and is represented in Jefferson City by House Bill 634. Currently Charter Schools are limited to operating in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas because historically those district have performed so poorly. Charter schools are classified as public schools and funded by Missouri taxpayers; however, they operate more like private schools. An unelected board governs charter schools and neither local communities nor locally elected school boards have power to oversee them or hold them accountable. Missouri Charters have existed 17 years in Missouri. Since that time, 21 charter schools have failed. This failure has cost state and local taxpayers more than \$620 million. Compounding the problem, when a charter school fails, students are forced to enroll in another school and that school must spend additional resources to get the students up to grade-level.

The Confluence charter school network educates nearly 3,000 students in the St. Louis area. Their average performance score for the last four years is 39%. They received \$40 million in 2016. The situation is so horrendous that the St. Louis Post-Dispatch actually referred to this charter network as "failure factories". In fact, Missouri taxpayers are subsidizing a total of seventeen charter school networks that perform below the local school district in which they exist. These charter schools are subsidized to the tune of more than \$123 million in state and local taxpayer dollars. At an average of \$13,416 per pupil, these charter schools spend almost 30% more per student than the statewide average. That cost is over 40% more than what we spend locally on the students at Avenue City. None-the-less, the key words "Educational Reform" are hot button in J.C and D.C. and as taxpayers you need to be aware of the potential impacts upon the public schools of Missouri. For more information about school "reform" feel free to visit <http://moparent.com>



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Board of Education Meeting Highlights

A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from July 2016 to October 2016 is listed below. The minutes of each board meeting along with other documents are posted on the school webpage under Board Meeting Information.

November 10, 2016

- Review of the Federal Programs Evaluation
- Set Dates to File for the Board of Education Election
- Approval of Revised Policies and Regulations
- Discussion of a Middle School Football Cooperative

December 15, 2016

- Approval of an Eight Grade Football and Volleyball Cooperative with Savannah School District
- Review of the Special Education (IDEA and ECSE) Programs Evaluations
- Post Policy 2315 Until the Next Board Meeting
- Approval to Refinance the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014
- Discussion on Purchase of a Basketball Scoreboard
- Acceptance of a Certified Staff Resignation

January 19, 2017

- Discussion of Basketball Scoreboard
- Review of the Professional Development Program Evaluation
- Adoption of Policy 2315: Excused Absences
- Approval of the Preschool Tuition for the 2017-18 School Year
- Review of the 2017-18 Preschool Handbook

February 9, 2017

- Review of Homeless & Migrant Program Evaluation
- Posting of the 2017-18 School Calendar Until the March 16th Public Hearing
- Approve the Estimated Tax Rate and Assessed Valuation for 2017
- Approval of K-8th Grades Science Textbook Purchase
- Approval of Transportation for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 School Years

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2017 at 7 pm.

Andrew County Spelling Bee:

The Andrew County Spelling Bee was held at Avenue City School on Monday, January 30, 2017 beginning at 3:15 PM. The following students represented Avenue City at the County Spelling Bee:

CONTESTANT	GRADE	SCHOOL
Hunter Turner	5	Avenue City School
Riley DeRoin	6	Avenue City School
Mitchell Steele	7	Avenue City School
Reagan Thompson	8	Avenue City School
ALTERNATES	GRADE	SCHOOL
Ethan Zeit	5	Avenue City School
Joey Sigrist	6	Avenue City School
Pierce Johnson	7	Avenue City School
Sydney DeRoin	8	Avenue City School



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Avenue City Geography Bee:

Thank you to Mrs. Curran for hosting the Avenue City Geography Bee. Winner of the class bees are:

4 th Grade:	Kaylee Christman & Aiden Barnette
5 th Grade:	Ethan Phillips & Ethan Zeit
6 th Grade:	Brady Starmar & Gage Schottel
7 th Grade:	Jaxon Ball & Zach Barnette
8 th Grade:	Sydney Deroin & Molly Luthans

Avenue City School Winners were:

- 1st Place: Brady Starmar (Qualified for State)
- 2nd Place: Sydney DeRoin
- 3rd Place: Ethan Phillips

National Geography Bee



A huge congratulations to Brady Starmar (6th grade) for winning the ACES school wide Geography Bee! Brady went on to take an online state wide geography test to try to qualify to advance in the competition. Although he did not qualify to advance to the next level in the Geography Bee, he represented our district proudly. Way to go, Brady!

Middle School Track Schedule



Middle School Track and Field Season will begin soon. This sport is sanctioned by Missouri State High School Athletic Association and sponsored by Avenue City School. The team will be coached by Jack Burgess and Carla Proctor. Students in grades 7 & 8 may participate. Practice for this sport will begin March 13, 2017. For more information and details please see Coach Burgess.

Date	Location
3/30/17	North Andrew
4/4/17	SMS
4/8/17	Benton
4/11/17	SMS
4/13/17	North Andrew
4/22/17	SMS
4/24/17	SJC
4/27/2017	Riverside

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**Spring
Fling**

Saturday
April 1st
4:30-7:00 PM

Dinner • Games • Auction

Spring Book Fair

The ACES Library is gearing up for the Scholastic Spring Book Fair to be held Monday, March 20, 2017 through Tuesday, March 28, 2017. The fair will be open by 7:45 AM each school day and will be available during the school day. The fair will also open at 5:30 PM on the day of the Spring Music program (March 28th) and will be open after the program as well. This year's theme is the Happy Camper Book Fair which should be super fun! This is a great time to purchase books for your child to read this summer! Hope to see you there!

If you are unable to come to the school, but would like to purchase books, the online link is:
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/avenuecityelementaryschool>



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AVENUE CITY SCHOOL 3rd QUARTER HONOR ROLL

3rd GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Katharine Goodman
Alayna Pargas
Lillian Richardson

3rd GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Ashlynn Badalamente
Addalyn Campbell
Brody Damgar
Annelise Forney
Rain Greenlee
Cannon Hutchcraft
Luke Oswald
Caleb Ransdell
Maxx Riggert
Ella Scott
Mackenzie Vanhoof

4th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Kaitlyn Barrett
Logan Burnett
Kaylea Farrell
Nori Steele

4th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Kaylee Christman
Max Howe
Annaliese Kendall
Keygen Schubert
Jackson Sigrist
Cooper Swan
Trinity Wilmes

5th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Kayla Beam
Hillary Elifrits
Maren Heckman
Alexander Hutchcraft
Ethan Zeit

5th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Lucy Froehlich
Macy Keling
Ethan Phillips
Caydence Stains
Jack Sylvester
Hunter Turner
Abigail Walker
Kathryn Yingling

6th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Katie Beam
Connor Zeit

6th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Ian Andrews
Riley DeRoin
Brynlee Neill
Gage Schottel
Joey Sigrist
Brady Starmer
Zacharias Walker

7th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Alex Fitzgerald
Morgan Heckman
Mitchell Steele
Corinne Stewart

7th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Jaxon Ball
Ainsley Blake
Grace Bradley
Quaid Campbell
Aleigha Horton
Pierce Johnson
Haydn Richardson
Kaylee Safley
Olivia Stites
Jack Swan

8th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Rachel Corey
Sydney DeRoin
Reagan Thompson

8th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Jozlin Bennett
Molly Luthans
Nathan Vanhoof



Be Red Cross Ready

Tornado Safety Checklist

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornado intensities are classified on the Fujita Scale with ratings between F0 (weakest) to F5 (strongest). They are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles. Although severe tornadoes are more common in the Plains States, tornadoes have been reported in every state.

Know the Difference

Tornado Watch

Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives!

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Tornado warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property. Go immediately underground to a basement, storm cellar or an interior room (closet, hallway or bathroom).

What should I do to prepare for a tornado?



- During any storm, listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about watches and warnings.
- Know your community's warning system. Communities have different ways of warning residents about tornadoes, with many having sirens intended for outdoor warning purposes.
- Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- Practice periodic tornado drills so that everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching.
- Consider having your safe room reinforced. Plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection can be found on the FEMA Web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/rms/rmsp453.shtm>.
- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged limbs from trees.
- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.
- Watch for tornado danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish clouds—a phenomenon caused by hail
 - Wall cloud—an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm
 - Cloud of debris
 - Large hail
 - Funnel cloud—a visible rotating extension of the cloud base
 - Roaring noise

What should I do if a tornado is threatening?



- The safest place to be is an underground shelter, basement or safe room.
- If no underground shelter or safe room is available, a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building is the safest alternative.
 - Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes or other severe winds.
 - Do not seek shelter in a hallway or bathroom of a mobile home.
 - If you have access to a sturdy shelter or a vehicle, abandon your mobile home immediately.
 - Go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately, using your seat belt if driving.
 - Do not wait until you see the tornado.
- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter:
 - Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
 - If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have the following options as a last resort:
 - Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows, covering with your hands and a blanket if possible.
 - If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.
 - Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances.

What do I do after a tornado?



- Continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for updated information and instructions.
- If you are away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes when examining your walls, doors, staircases and windows for damage.
- Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company immediately.
- Stay out of damaged buildings.
- Use battery-powered flashlights when examining buildings—do NOT use candles.
- If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out of the building quickly and call the gas company or fire department.
- Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.
- Keep all of your animals under your direct control.
- Clean up spilled medications, bleaches, gasoline or other flammable liquids that could become a fire hazard.
- Check for injuries. If you are trained, provide first aid to persons in need until emergency responders arrive.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community experiences a tornado, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.

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Attention Future ACES

Avenue City School District is now accepting enrollments for 2017-2018 Kindergarten class. Students who enter kindergarten must turn five years old by August 1st of the school year. 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 April 7, 2017. If your child will be attending kindergarten during the 17-18 school year, please call the school office to get all necessary information and sign your child up for screenings.

In April of 2017, 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 2017 are invited to participate in KinderClub at Avenue City School. 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.

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

