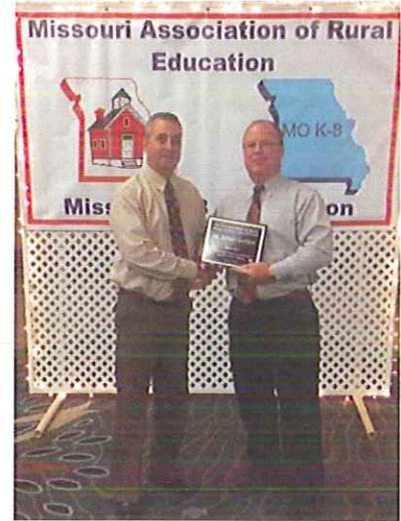


Rodney Davison, Named Missouri Outstanding Rural Board Member

At the annual Missouri Association of Rural Education (M.A.R.E.) and Missouri K-8 Association fall conference held at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri, Thursday, through Saturday, October 20-22, 2016, nine state awards were presented. The Outstanding Rural Education Awards for 2016-2017 were presented to: Tara Mashburn, Macks Creek R-V School District as Missouri's Outstanding Rural Elementary Teacher. Tim Bower, Osage R-II School District as Missouri's Outstanding Rural Junior High School Teacher, Brittany Latham, Cole Camp R-1 School District as Missouri's Outstanding Rural Secondary Teacher. Scott Gemes, Otterville R-VI School District as Missouri's Outstanding Rural Building Administrator. Jessica Riegel, Osage Co. R-II Missouri's Rural Secondary Student. Jeanne Pierson, North Andrew R-IV School District as Missouri's Outstanding Rural Support Staff Member. Frank Killian, Richland R-1 School District as Missouri's Outstanding Rural District Administrator. **Rodney Davison, Avenue City R-IX School District as Missouri's Outstanding Rural Board Member.** Everton R-III School District of Everton, Missouri was named Missouri's Outstanding Rural School District.



Each year, M.A.R.E. requests and receives nominations from member districts for individuals and school districts to receive consideration for these awards. Each selected recipient is then honored at the organizations' annual conference Friday evening banquet.

Rodney Davison has spent the last eighteen years serving the students, parents, patrons and staff as a School Board Member working to improve and support the Avenue City School District. Mr. Davison has been recognized for his outstanding leadership abilities by his peers, by being elected to serve eleven years as a board officer. As a leader, he demands that the board members put students first when making decisions. That is not always the popular choice, but Rodney believes that the students in the district are of the highest priority.

The dedication that Mr. Davison has had to the Avenue City School District is at the highest level. From being involved in projects through his leadership as Board of Education President or being "hands-on" at different community activities, he is always there. He does many things that go unnoticed, from running the scoreboard at the district basketball games, to helping serve cake to the community members at the 8th grade celebration, to managing efficient board of education meetings.

Mr. Davison's overall demeanor, professionalism and forward-thinking vision exemplifies public service on a school board. During his tenure on the Board of Education, Mr. Davison, has provided the wisdom and guidance for the Avenue City School District to pass three board issues. Projects have included the construction of a new library, music room, art room, computer lab, gym, stage, restrooms, new middle school addition and most recently a new commons area, kitchen and office

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suites. It is important to note that each and every one of those elections passed with overwhelming community support the first time the issues were presented to the public for their voting consideration.

At a time when it seems as though so many people put their own self-interest first and other people's needs a distant second, Rodney Davison is dedicated to the students, teachers, and staff of the Avenue City School District, making him deserving of the honor as the Missouri Outstanding Rural Board Member for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Missouri Association of Rural Education is a statewide organization created to serve its member school districts by promoting equal opportunity for rural Missouri students; by enhancing rural student academic potential; and by creating justifiable pride in the state's rural education programs. Existing in Missouri for the last 29 years, the organization is operated by statewide elected board and executive director. M.A.R.E. currently consists of 450 members including K-8 and K-12 School Districts, individuals, and Associate Members. The current President, Dr. Tim Boatwright, presented the award. M.A.R.E.'s Executive Director is Dr. Ray Patrick with the association's office in Warrensburg, Missouri. The association operates a website at: www.moare.com

Students Earn 3rd Place in Math Competition:

The Mathletics Competition is a fun-filled math challenge that inspires and engages pupils of all abilities. Mathletics is a competition designed to create a passion in the application of mathematics in solving day-to-day scientific and engineering problems. Students are challenged to be active and creative in the use of mathematics. It creates an excitement and enthusiasm for math in our school, as you have never seen before! Pupils compete against their peers and other children from across the region. The questions focus on improving mental arithmetic skills as well as reinforcing concepts taught in our curriculum. Mathletics is a math competition that involves teamwork and problem solving. The Avenue City School participates in the contest annually held at St. Paul Lutheran School in St. Joseph, MO. The competition encourages excellence in mathematics and recognizes achievement of individual students and the schools they represent.



Mrs. Janis Curran, gifted / enrichment instructor sponsored the following students in Mathletics on October 20, 2016: Nori Steele, Ethan Phillips, Maren Heckman, Hillary Elifrits, Kaylee Farell, Logan Burnett, Alex Hutchcraft, and Cole Horton. The team of Pierce Johnson, Mitchell Steele, and Alex Fitzgerald earned 3rd place in the competition. (The third place team is pictured above.)

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On Oct 26th, ACES Student Council members were able to sample menu items that may soon be seen on the ACES lunch/breakfast menu. Items featured were: general Tso's chicken, lasagna roll ups, pulled pork, whole grain muffins, fresh broccoli, fresh cauliflower, green peppers, a whole grain breakfast wrap, ripe fresh pears, and a new breakfast cereal. The members enjoyed the sampling and were eager and adventurous in their trying of all items! The General Tso's Chicken, pulled pork, and fresh pears rated highest among the students, according to a rating sheet that each filled out. Thank you to Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Schneider for preparing delicious and nutritious foods to our school!



“I Can- You Can” Kindergarten Challenge



Mrs. Curry sponsored the Red Ribbon “I can, You can, Be Drug Free” food drive. The 2016-2017 Kindergarten class took the food drive a step further. The students in the kindergarten class challenged all the other classes to bring at least 100 cans of food. Using their math skills, the Kindergarten estimated that if each class met the challenge, the Avenue City School District would be able to provide the Andrew County Food Pantry with approximately 1000 cans of food. The final count of the number of district items is 783 items. The students worked hard to provide as many items as possible.

Students Participate in Mock Presidential Election

Election Day is just around the corner. Millions of Americans will enter voting booths and cast their votes for the next President of the United States. Students at Avenue City Students participated in the Election Studies Weekly Every Kid Votes program. This is a time-honored mock election for kids across the country. The Every Kid Votes program may not be official, but the results are often very telling. This mock election successfully predicted the last three Presidents of the United States.



The lessons and activities that the teachers at Avenue City School incorporated into the school day taught the students about the importance of voting. Students used the program to build skills needed for civic responsibility.

School Board Candidate Filing Opens in December

It's time to prepare for the April school board election. Candidate filing begins December 13, 2016.

- There are three seats up for election for a three year term.
- Filing began at 8 AM on December 13 and ends at 5:00 PM on January 17, 2017. On other days the district will only accept candidate filing during the business hours. (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
- Filing will not occur on holidays and other days the district offices are closed, including on days in which the district is closed due to inclement weather.

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

Information on the School Board Organization

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

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

Qualified Voters in the School District

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

Candidate Qualification - Method of Filing

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

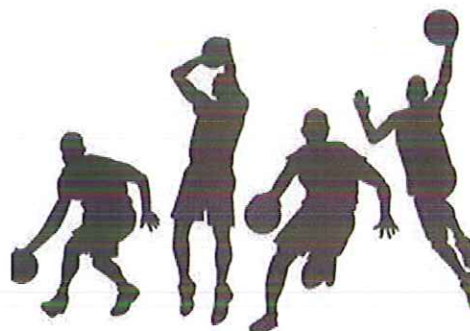
Candidates must be citizens of the United States and resident taxpayers of the District, reside in his/her state for one year next preceding their election or appointment, and be at least twenty-four (24) years of age. Each newly elected or appointed director shall qualify and take his/her oath of office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



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2016 Junior High Basketball Schedule- GO ACES!

| Date: | Time: | Location: | Opponent: |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 10/17/16 | 6:00 PM | North Andrew | North Andrew |
| 10/20/16 | 6:00 PM | ACES | Union Star |
| 10/31/16 | 5:30 PM | ACES | Rock Port |
| 11/01/16 | 5:30 PM | South Holt | South Holt |
| 11/3/16 | 6:00 PM | Jefferson C123 | Jefferson / SN |
| 11/07/16 | 6:00 PM | Osborn | Osborn |
| 11/10/16 | 4:30 PM | ACES | East Buchanan |
| 11/14/16 | 6:00 PM | ACES | King City |
| 11/15/16 -11/19/16 | TBD- Tourney | Ravenwood | TBD-Tourney |
| 11/21/16 | 5:30 PM | ACES | Savannah |
| 11/22/16 | 5:30 PM | ACES | St. Joseph |



Avenue City Middle School started their basketball season on the 19th of September. Those individuals participating on the girls’ squad are Corrine Stewart, Olivia Stites, Ainsly Blake, Grace Bradley, Morgan Heckman, Bethany Pickman, Joslin Bennett and Sydney DeRoin. The boys’ squad is made up of six 7th graders: Alex Fitzgerald, Jaxon Ball, Pierce Johnson, Jack Swan, Mitchell Steele, and Quaid Campbell.

With both teams being made up of mostly 7th graders, we are looking at our two 8th grade girls (Joslin Bennett and Sydney DeRoin) for leadership. With each practice and game, improvement is being made. We are hoping for a successful season. See schedule listed above to come to a game and support your ACES!

Library News

The ACES Library received a makeover this summer, if you haven’t seen it you need to stop by! We now have new carpet and a cozy color scheme. The shelves have been rearranged as well to allow a more spacious atmosphere. We have added many new books since the first of the year including new non-fiction books for grades K-3. There are some great new updates in the Who Was?, What Was?, and Where is? series. You can check out our new books videos link on the ACES Library web page.

The Winter Scholastic Book Fair will be held December 5-13th, 2016. Students are welcome to shop during the week and we will be open before and after the Winter Music Program on December 6, 2016. If you would like to shop the fair online you may do so at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/avenuecityelementaryschool>. The online fair is open from November 24-December 12. This includes Black Friday! If you are purchasing for a surprise gift, just let me know and I will contact you when it comes in, instead of sending home with your child.



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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 is posted on the school webpage under Board Information.

July 21, 2016

- Approval of New Policies and Revised Regulations
- Re-adoption of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance
- Approval of the 2015-2016 Budget Finalization
- Approval of the Amended 2016-2016 District Budget
- Approval of an Additional Salary Increase for Certified and Support Staff
- Approval of Substitute Pay for 2016-2017
- Approval of Playground Equipment and School Caution Lights
- Motion to set the date for the August Tax Rate Hearing

August 18, 2016

- Approval of the District's Annual Goals
- Approval of the Substitute List for the 2016-2017 School Year
- Approval of Revisions to the Local Compliance Plan for Special Education
- Decision on Tax Rates for 2016-2017 School Year
- Approved Hiring for Certified and Support Staff Positions

September 15, 2016

- Review and Approval of the Facilities/Safety Program Evaluation
- Approval of the 2015-2016 District Audit
- Approval of Bus Routes/Mileage/Riders for the 2016-2017 School Year
- Post New and Revised Policies Until Next Board Meeting
- Approval to Purge Technology Inventory Items
- Approval of Additions to the 2016-2017 Substitute List

October 13, 2016

- Review and Approval of the Student Data Program Evaluations
- Approval of the New and Revised Policies
- Post New Policy and Revised and New Regulations Until Next Board Meeting
- Approval Proclamation of Red Ribbon Week for October 2016

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2016 at 7 pm.

Academic Teams and Middle School Scholar Bowl

Avenue City Academic Teams are looking forward to a great year! We have 8 fourth graders, 9 fifth graders, 6 sixth graders and 6 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 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 team will play Union Star, North Andrew, South Nodaway and possibly St. Paul Lutheran. Avenue City is proud of its Academic Teams and Scholar Bowl competitors, and the sponsors, Mandy Scott and Janis Pargas, look forward to the fun throughout this upcoming season!



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ACES Book Clubs

Both ACES Book Clubs have started the year out with a lot of fun. Our junior high club had a spooky story themed meeting in October, where students brought scary stories to share with the club. We told the stories by flashlight and had a great time! The 4th and 5th grade clubs learned about nursery rhymes and are now working on creating book recommendation videos! We are looking forward to a great rest of the year for our readers!! We meet on Mondays until 4:15. Our meeting dates are:

| <u>4th/5th Book Club</u> | <u>Jr. High Book Club</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| November 21, 2016 | November 14, 2016 |
| December 12, 2016 | December 5, 2016 |
| January 23, 2017 | January 9, 2017 |
| February 13, 2017 | February 6, 2017 |
| March 2017- UCM Field Trip | March 2017- UCM Field Trip |
| April 24, 2017 | April 10, 2017 |
| May 2017 End of Year Party | May 2017- End of Year Party |

ACES Winter Wonderland Musical



It has been a busy semester with the ACES! Now that we have reached November, Avenue City’s Winter Music Program is just around the corner! We have been hard at work preparing a fun and exciting evening for everyone.

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades will kick things off, joyfully singing some of our favorite classic holiday tunes...but be on the lookout for some penguins in the mix! The middle school choir will then take the stage with their own enjoyable set. Some songs will be new, some very familiar...and some are just downright silly! Finally, grades 3-5 will be presenting “Snow Way Out! A Vacation in Winter’s Wonderland,” a mini-musical by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse. In their would-be Winter Wonderland, Jack and Jackie Frost, along with all their hotel guests, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Old Man Winter and the snow that he will bring. Will little Sunny get to make her very first snow angel with her new friends, or will everyone spend their winter stuck in front of the T.V.? The only way to find out is to come see this charming show!

“But Miss Bradley, when and where will the program be???” I got so excited that I almost forgot to tell you. On Tuesday, December 6, at 7 pm, come join us in the gym at Avenue City School. If you get lost, just follow the sound of jingle bells and look for the winter wonderland!



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Professional Development at Avenue City School

The staff at Avenue City School has been very busy incorporating *The Essential 55* into the classroom. The students are working on responding to adults, making eye contact, congratulating a classmate, respecting other students' comments, opinions, and ideas, and taking appropriate actions when winning and losing. We are currently working on proper etiquette when eating, meeting new people, politeness when holding a door for someone, picking up things that other people drop, and being courteous if someone bumps into you. If anyone would like to order a copy of the book *The Essential 55*, by Ron Clark, you may do so through Amazon. We are in hopes of having a book club consisting of parents and teachers following PTO meetings, perhaps starting in January.

Several staff members have also attended workshops recently and have presented their knowledge to the rest of the staff. This includes PT/OT in the Classroom, Dyslexia, Kagan Structures, and Reading Summit for Educators. We are also participating in *Teacher's Academy Graduates* as well as *Mentoring* through NWMSU throughout the school year in which we send a staff member to collaborate with other teachers around the surrounding schools and bring new ideas back to the staff. The staff has also participated in intruder training provided by the Andrew County Sheriff's Department.

Our next in-service will be on November 28th. The staff will be looking at the new Missouri science standards in order to review our curriculum. Our middle school teachers will be touring Savannah High School looking at technology ideas for the classroom.

We are having a great year and look forward to continuing our education through professional development opportunities.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming PTO Events

November 21, 2016: Chili Supper from 5:00-7:30 PM

December 13, 2016: PTO Culver's Night

February 18, 2016: Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to the community for supporting us with the Fall Fest and box tops. We have collected 2,325 box tops so far this year earning \$232.50.



If you would like to volunteer to help with PTO events, please contact a PTO executive committee member:

President: Abby Sorensen aglaun@hotmail.com
Vice-President: Leslie Manley leslee.manley@boehringer-ingelheim.com
Secretary: Mindi Richardson mindi1025@gmail.com
Treasurer: Heather Huff hdhuff@hotmail.com



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AVENUE CITY SCHOOL 1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

3rd GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Katharine Goodman
Rain Greenlee
Cannon Hutchcraft
Luke Oswald
Alayna Pargas
Maxx Riggert
Ella Scott

3rd GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Ashlynn Badalamente
Addalyn Campbell
Brody Damgar
Madalyn Elardo
Annelise Forney
Dylan Mazur
Jenna O’Neill
Caleb Ransdell
Lillian Richardson
Kylie Rosmolen
Adam Sylvester
Mackenzie Vanhoof

4th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Kaitlyn Barrett
Kaylea Farrell
Nori Steele

4th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Logan Burnett
Danika Clark
Jacob Clark
Max Howe
Keygen Schubert
Jackson Sigrist
Trinity Wilmes

5th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Kayla Beam
Hillary Elifrits
Alexander Hutchcraft

5th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Saige Blake
Lucy Froehlich
Maren Heckman
Cole Horton
Macy Keling
Ethan Phillips
Claire Schonemann
Jack Sylvester
Abigail Walker
Ethan Zeit

6th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Ian Andrews
Katie Beam
Riley DeRoin
Gage Schottel
Joey Sigrist
Zacharias Walker
Connor Zeit

6th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Brynlee Neill

7th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Ainsley Blake
Alex Fitzgerald
Mitchell Steele
Corinne Stewart

7th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Jaxon Ball
Quaid Campbell
Morgan Heckman
Aleigha Horton
Pierce Johnson
Haydn Richardson
Kaycie Wilmes

8th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Jozlin Bennett
Sydney DeRoin
Nathan Vanhoof

8th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL

Rachel Corey
Molly Luthans
Reagan Thompson



Avenue City School PTO Annual Chili Supper



Come enjoy a tasty bowl of chili or a hot dog, along with raw veggies, dessert and a drink!

Monday, November 21st

5:00 - 7:30 pm

Avenue City Elementary School

A free will donation will be collected.



Also, come support our ACES junior high basketball as they play Savannah that night. Game begins at 5:30 pm. Admission to this game is FREE!

Looking forward to seeing your family at this fun community event!

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District Items for Sale:

Avenue City School District is purging the following items. If you are interested in purchasing one of these items please email your "bid" to the Board of Education Secretary Janice Pankau (jpankau@avenuecityschool.org) before Monday, November 21 at 12:00 PM. Include name of item, bid / offer, your name, and daytime phone number.

Computers:

5-Dell OptiPlex 760 desktops
1-Dell Dimension 4550 desktop
1-HP MXL0020LRS desktop
10-Dell Vostro 3700 17" screen laptops
3-old various model laptops

Switches:

2-Cisco SLM 200-08 8-port
1-3com 4210 26 port
1-3com 2928 24 port
1-Cisco SG300-10 10-port
1-Cisco SF 300-24 24-port

Firewalls:

1-SonicWall Pro330 firewall
1-SonicWall 2400 firewall

Projectors:

1-NEC LT30 projector
1-Epson Powerlite 5350 projector

Security Camera System:

1-GeoVision CCTV security camera system
server/software
12 indoor dome cameras
1 outdoor camera
power supply

Misc.:

1-Goldstar VCR
1-Powerware 9125 Uninterruptable Power Supply
8-keyboards
2 vertical metal file cabinets

Adult and Continuing Education Classes Available Locally

Adult and continuing education classes can provide opportunities for adult growth and development. Some classes are available locally.

- Hillyard Technical School: St. Joseph, MO: <https://www.sjsd.k12.mo.us/>
- Rolling Hills Regional Library: Savannah and St. Joseph Branches: <https://rhcl.org/>

Check us out on-line at:
www.avenuecityschool.org



Mrs. Janis Pargas, Northwest Regional Teacher of Year Nominee



The Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year Program is affiliated with the Missouri State Teacher of the Year Program that is conducted annually by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This Regional Teacher of the Year program is designed to focus public attention on excellence in teaching and to honor classroom teachers.

Thursday, September 8, 2016 Mrs. Janis Pargas, Fifth Grade Teacher at Avenue City School, was honored as a Regional Teacher of the Year Nominee at the Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year Celebration Banquet.

Mrs. Pargas is dedicated, knowledgeable, and a skilled educator. She inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. She has earned the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues.

Avenue City Students Participate in Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. National **Red Ribbon** Campaign is in response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, in response to his death youth in communities across the United States began wearing **Red Ribbons** as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction cause by drugs in America.

The 2016-2017 theme for Red Ribbon Week was “YOLO - *You Only Live Once – so Be Drug Free!*” Avenue City School used this week for prevention awareness in regards to drugs, alcohol, and violence. School Counselor, Judy Curry, planned the week’s activities. Besides education on prevention of drug use, alcohol use, and violence, the students took part in day to day events during the week of October 24, 2016.

Dates to Remember:

- November 23: 12:50 Dismissal
- November 24: No School Thanksgiving Break
- November 25: No School Thanksgiving Break
- November 28: No School Staff Professional Development
- December 21: 12:50 Dismissal Winter Break Begins
- December 22- December 31: No School Winter Break
- January 1-January 2, 2017: No School Winter Break
- January 3, 2017: School Resumes

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Inclement Weather / School Closings

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/>)

LOOP Communication System: A communication system is available to members of the school community for these types of days. Please contact the school office to find out more about the communication system.