

**Proposition Avenue City School**

Someone once said, you couldn't stand still. Either you move forward or you lose ground by falling behind. On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Avenue City voters will determine the direction of the school district. On that Tuesday, local voters will determine the fate of our upcoming construction project.

Our school is seeing significant growth. We have added over 80 students in the past 10 years and it certainly appears that our growth is not going to slow down any time soon. While it is wonderful to know that our school is attractive to so many people, it does present us with unique challenges. With your help, we can rise to meet those challenges. The next and immediate challenge is the issue of space. The April 4<sup>th</sup> vote is about creating more space and improving the space that we have. Regardless of the project, the first and most frequent question has always been, "How much will this cost me?" That answer is, "No more than what you are currently paying."

For many years, the school district has used 98 cents of our school tax levy to provide construction projects. That 98 cent levy built the middle school wing. When that debt was retired, the district asked voters to use the same amount to add additional security to the building, build a new kitchen, build a new cafeteria/commons area, and renovate bathrooms in the original building. Now, as we retire that debt, we ask our patrons to look toward the future once more. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, the school is asking voters to take **the same 98 cents we are already paying** to accomplish the following.

- ✓ Create a full size gymnasium.
- ✓ The gym will be wood flooring and will be a regulation size high school gymnasium.
- ✓ The seating capacity for games and performances will increase from approximately 192 to approximately 450.
- ✓ In order to create the increase in gym floor size, the stage, office and utility rooms will need to be removed and reconstructed.
- ✓ This project provides additional classroom space for the physical education classes as well as two new classrooms.
- ✓ One of these rooms will be a science lab for the Avenue City Middle School.

**There it is.** That is the next step in our walk into the future. The voters of the district will determine on April 4, 2023 if we continue our walk of success.

Don Lawrence, Superintendent

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

**PROPOSITION  
AVENUE CITY SCHOOL**

Shall the Board of Education of the Avenue City R-IX School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,900,000) for the purpose of providing funds to expand the gymnasium/physical education classroom; to add additional gymnasium bleachers; to construct, equip, and furnish an addition to the Middle School to include a science classroom/lab, a general classroom, and a new stage with adjacent storage rooms; to upgrade existing utilities and infrastructure; to the extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof?

If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.9800 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

YES

NO



**APR = Annual Performance Report OR Avenue’s Performance Rocks!**

Each year the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) generates an Annual Performance Report (APR) for each local district (LEA). The APR is one tool used by DESE to review performance and continuous improvement measures and to help inform classification decisions made by the State Board of Education.



Performance scores measure concrete, quantifiable measures of educational achievement, growth, career-readiness and various points along the K-12 spectrum. Performance metrics hold the districts accountable for whether students consistently attain positive educational outcomes and measure whether the students of a particular district are gaining knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the next step of their education.

Because of recent changes by DESE, the 2022 APR cannot be compared to previous APRs. It contains data from the 2021-22 school year only. It separates scoring for achievement status and growth and emphasizes them equally. It is the pilot report for MSIP 6 and, per statute, cannot be used to lower district classification or to evaluate teachers.

- APR **Average Across the state** (553) is 77%
  - 2 LEAs less than 50%
  - 112 LEAs between 50%-69.9%
  - 435 LEAs between 70%-94.9%
  - 4 LEAs greater than 95%
- APR **Average in the NW Region** (59 districts with 9 districts being K-8 buildings) is 78%
  - 0 LEAs less than 50%
  - 12 LEAs between 50%-69.9%
  - 47 LEAs between 70%-94.9%
  - 0 LEAs greater than 95%

Are there areas that we need to work to maintain our high performance – YES! Are there things we can improve? YES! District administration, Board of Education Members, and the District Continuous School Improvement Planning (CSIP) Committee stakeholders will use this tool to maintain and improve our district.

**The Avenue City School District scored 90.8% on this performance tool!**

**Avenue City District scored in the top 7% of all districts in the STATE!**

Following you will find the Annual Performance Report For Avenue City School District.





## 2022 MSIP6 District/Charter APR Summary Report - Secured

Preliminary  
Embargoed until March 7, 2023  
AVENUE CITY R-IX (002090)  
[Link to District/Charter website](#)

2022 MSIP 6 Annual Performance Report (APR) Year 1 Pilot			
State law prohibits the State Board of Education from lowering the classification of an LEA when implementing new standards for purposes of accreditation. The 2022 APR includes points for both performance and continuous improvement standards.			
	Points Possible	Points Earned	% Points Earned
Performance:	62.0	52.5	84.7%
Continuous Improvement:	52.0	51.0	98.1%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>114.0</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>90.8%</b>

Performance Totals						
Performance		Points Possible	Points Earned	% Points Earned	MPI	Designation
Academic Achievement Status - English Language Arts	All Students	12.0	12.0	100.0%	439.5	Target
	Student Group	*	*	*	367.9	Small Cells
Academic Achievement Status - Mathematics	All Students	12.0	12.0	100.0%	420.0	Target
	Student Group	*	*	*	340.1	Small Cells
Academic Achievement Status - Science	All Students	4.0	4.0	100.0%	443.8	Target
	Student Group	*	*	*	330.6	Small Cells
Academic Achievement Growth - Eng. Language Arts	All Students	12.0	8.3	69.2%		Average
	Student Group	0.0	0.0	0.0%		Below Average
Academic Achievement Growth - Mathematics	All Students	12.0	6.2	51.7%		Average
	Student Group	0.0	0.0	0.0%		Below Average
Success-Ready Students	K-8 High School Readiness	10.0	10.0	100.0%		Target

\* Suppression has been applied to protect small student populations.  
 †CCR assessments include the following: ACT™, SAT™, WorkKeys™, Accuplacer™, and ASVAB.  
 ‡Advanced Credit includes: AP™, IB™, Dual Credit, Dual Enrollment, PLTW™, IRC or two qualifying stackable credentials.

Continuous Improvement Totals					
Continuous Improvement		Points Possible	Points Earned	% Points Earned	Met/Not Met
Improvement Plan		30.0	30.0	100.0%	
LEA Response to Standards	Available In 2024				
Climate and Culture Survey		4.0	4.0	100.0%	
Success-Ready Students	KEA <sup>3</sup>	4.0	4.0	100.0%	
	ICAP <sup>4</sup>	4.0	4.0	100.0%	
	Attendance	4.0	3.0	75.0%	
MSIP 6 Required Documentation	Audit	2.0	2.0	100.0%	Met
	Annual Secretary of the Board Report (ASBR)	2.0	2.0	100.0%	Met
	Timely Submission of MOSIS/Core Data	2.0	2.0	100.0%	Met







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\*Kindergarten Entry Assessment  
\*Individual Career and Academic Plan  
\*In compliance with Section 162.1115, RSMo., points are awarded for the expansion of Career Technical Education Programs. Points are awarded when the LEA did not earn the maximum number of points possible in the performance Success-Ready Students category.

Assessment Participation Rates			
Content Area	Total Test Records	Valid Test Scores	Participation Rate
English Language Arts	125	125	100%
Mathematics	125	125	100%
Science	41	41	100%
Social Studies	0	0	0%
Other Accreditation Considerations			Yes/No
Does the LEA meet the minimum threshold for fund balances?			Yes
Is the superintendent appropriately certified?			Yes
Have all board members participated in required orientation and training?			Yes
Is LEA Compliant with Federal and State Law?			Yes

### For NEW ACES - Kindergarten 2023-2024

Avenue City School District in cooperation with the United Way provides KinderClub for incoming kindergarten students. What is KinderClub? KinderClub is a series of classes designed to ease the transition into kindergarten for children and their parents. Classes will cover important school readiness skills and provide you with the information and resources you need to help your child become ready for school. Our early childhood staff will lead classes. You and your child are invited to attend these classes. If you cannot attend, please arrange for your child to attend with a responsible adult. The dates and times of KinderClub are:

- Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 3:30-4:15 PM
- Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 3:30-4:15 PM
- Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 3:30-4:15 PM
- Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 3:30-4:15 PM

### Missouri Retired Teacher Association Funds Grant

Missouri Retired Teacher Association (MRTA) has grant funds that may be appropriated in the areas of resources, leadership, research, or materials in the area of education. Ms. Anna Sargent, teacher at Avenue City, wrote a grant to help the students in her classroom. The purpose of the grant was to help meet the individual student needs in the classroom and heighten student engagement. This past October, the Missouri Retired Teachers Association recognized the project posted on Donors Choose website indicating the need for more flexible seating and fidgets for this classroom and funded the entire grant. Since receiving the grant, every student has been able to incorporate movement into their daily lessons and activities. The students have thoroughly enjoyed being able to have the choice of what fidget to use throughout the day and having a wobble stool to use. The students are thankful for the opportunity to move more throughout the day. We appreciate the Missouri Retired Teachers Association tremendously as this gives the students of Avenue City the opportunity to meet their individual needs in the area of movement.





### PACES Club

The Avenue City PACES Club (Persistent Attitudes Create Excellence in Students) for the 2022-2023 school year is made up of 45 students, ages 8-11 years old. Sponsors of this club are Mrs. Ellis, Mr. Jones, and Mrs. Scott. The students train two days per week after school for 7 weeks leading up to the goal of running a 5K (3.2 mile) event. The students in the club, as well as many parents, will participate in the 12th Run/Walk With The Huskies on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Students participating in the training follow the steps below at each practice:



1. Warm-Up (walk or light jog)
2. Drills
3. Brief talk (i.e. self-esteem, breathing, healthy eating, goal setting...)
4. Workout (20 minutes of movement)
5. Cool-down
6. Stretch

### Scholar Bowl at ACES

Avenue City has had a long standing of success as our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams compete with surrounding schools. Sponsors Jolynn Zvolanek, Ashley Davis, and Mandy Scott have worked with the teams to review skills, learn new information, and practice their speed using a buzzer system to answer questions. The middle school teams for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades completed their season at the end of January after taking on North Andrew, St. Paul Lutheran, and St. Joseph Christian School in competition. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team competed with St. Joseph Christian School and Savannah Middle School teams finishing with first place standing in points! Currently, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams will finish their season on March 16 with their last meet being held at Avenue City. Every team has seen a lot of success this season and it is a great opportunity for students to test their skills and knowledge of a wide variety of subjects. We look forward to continuing the tradition of student interest in our teams again next year.



### ACES Library News

The Avenue City Elementary School Library recently received a generous donation in honor of Jack and Cora Rullman. With this donation, we have been able to provide many new books in the library. We have also added books to classroom book sets to keep up with our growing numbers. We are very grateful!

We are currently planning our summer reading program, which will take place on Mondays from 10-12 during June and July. Look for more information on this to be coming out soon.



**Avenue City R-IX School District:**  
**For School Board Three (3) Year Term: VOTE for THREE**



**Nicklaus Salmons:** Hi all, my name is Nick Salmons and I am running for re-election for the Board of Education in the upcoming April election. I have enjoyed my time serving on the board the last four years, and believe we have navigated the trials that came our way in the best way possible. The Administration and the Board worked together to get thru the challenges, and I believe the school district is now stronger than it was before, for both our students and our staff. I am happy to say that I was able to play a small part of that. We have also been setting up for the future of our district, with hiring our new superintendent and new principal, with our upcoming school expansion project (hopefully approved by the voters this April), good financial standing, and most importantly quality education for our students and good environment for our staff.

A little bit about me and my family, my wife Cori and I chose to move back into the district seven years ago in order to give our kids, Jackson (6th grade) and Joshua (5th grade), the opportunity to experience a top education, as I received when I attended ACES from preschool thru 8th grade. It has been a great decision for all of us. After ACES I went to Savannah High School and then on to the University of Missouri - Rolla (now Missouri S&T), where I received my Architectural Engineering degree. I am now a co-vocational pastor, serving Bethel Baptist Church of Cosby, and as executive vice president at Crane Construction in Savannah.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. If you choose to elect me to another three-year term, I look forward to continue to be a good steward for the district and continue to push our school district forward, navigating issues and striving for excellence.



**Abe Forney:** Abe Forney has been a resident of Missouri for over 20 years. Abe was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa and graduated from Fremont Mills High School in 1998. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Technologies from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri in 2003.

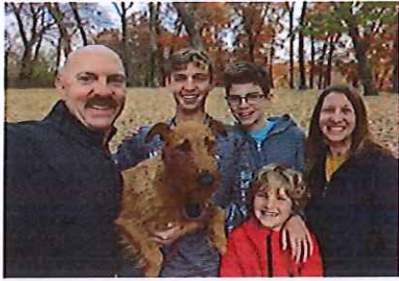
Abe Forney works as a Director of Public Works and Transportation for the City of St Joseph, MO. Public Works is a city department with an estimated 230 employees. Before he was promoted to the Director, he was the Airport Manager at Rosecrans for 9 years prior to moving into his new role. Abe has previously worked at the Lee's Summit Municipal Airport as the Assistant to Airport Manager and at the Lambert Saint Louis International Airport as an Airfield Operations Manager.

When he is not working for the City of St Joseph, one of Abe's most passionate interests is aviation. Abe is the Chair of Missouri Aviation Advisory Committee; he is previously the President of Missouri State Aviation Council. Abe is a member of many aviation organizations including the Missouri Airport Managers Association, the International Council of Air Shows, the Saint Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Abe moved his family of five to the Avenue City School District in 2013 from Lee's Summit, MO. Ten years later, he now describes this decision as one of the most important he and his wife have ever made for their family. Avenue City School has become a second home for Abe's three children; a safe environment, full of reliable educators and staff that truly care about what is best for children every single day.

Abe was appointed to the Avenue City Board of Education in January 2023 and when elected he looks forward to working on the board to help see Avenue City School grow academically and continue being one of our state's most exceptional PreK-8 schools. He looks forward to the expansion project of the gymnasium and middle school wing via the no tax increase for our district on the ballot this April. Abe's goal as a board member is to maintain the legacy of Avenue City School District for years to come.





**Matthew Neil:** I am excited to have the opportunity to run for Avenue City School Board and to give back to the school district that we have grown to love. My wife Rachel and I, along with our three boys, Benjamin, Landon and Ethan, moved to St. Joseph in January of 2016. Prior to moving to the area, Rachel had an opportunity to talk to some of the teachers as well as the principal at Avenue City. After that visit, she was sold and I was not allowed to look for homes outside of the Avenue City District. We have been extremely happy with our decision to move into this district and I am looking forward to ensuring that

Avenue City remains the number one school in this area.

Rachel and I are both from the small town of Marceline, MO. After high school, I received a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia. I have worked at Cessna Aircraft Company, Moore Fans LLC, and currently work full time at the 139th Airlift Wing as the Base Civil Engineer and the Civil Engineer Squadron Commander. I have been a member of the Missouri Air National Guard for 22 years, but only full time since 2015. In my current position, I am in charge of over 100 members both as traditional guard members as well as full time members. I am also in charge of the base infrastructure and facilities. In this role, I have had to deal with several difficult issues to include personnel, money, leadership, and politics. As an engineer, I am very interested in STEM education and the importance that it plays for future engineers. Rachel and I have led a LEGO robotics league group in the past and I would like to see these opportunities expanded at Avenue City. At this point in my career and life, I have realized that I need to start giving back to the communities that have helped support our family through the years. With my education and experience, I feel this is the perfect place to give back.



**Tonya Ball:** Hi, my name is Tonya Ball. I was raised in northwest Missouri and have strong family ties to the area. My husband and I moved to Avenue City in the fall of 2005 with our four children and after renting a house just up the hill from the school, we fell in love with the school and the community. We wanted somewhere where our children were given a good education with opportunities to grow and become well-rounded individuals and while our children are grown and are no longer students of Avenue City School District the things they learned and the people they have become were greatly influenced by their time as Avenue City students.

I attended school at Nodaway-Holt and college at UCM. I have also recently completed my Pastoral Certification from Phillips Seminary and am dual employed as both the Children's Ministry Director at Wyatt Park Christian Church and the Regional Manager for Andrew and Buchanan County for CarePortal which is a connecting platform that helps agencies that serve children and families connect with area churches to provide support to the families. I am also a volunteer for Sleep in Heavenly Peace helping coordinate and deliver beds in our area. I have also been a preschool teacher for four years at our church and continue to be involved in our preschool program; children are my favorite people to be around and whom God has laid on my heart to serve.

Continuing to learn and grow in my understanding about children is important to me. I was fortunate to be trauma trained by Dr. Rob Anda and Laura Porter through the Understanding ACE's Train the Trainer Program, which has allowed me to be an ACE's presenter and share how adverse childhood experiences effect children in our community. Through our church, I have also been part of Trust Based Relational Intervention training, which gives me a better understanding and tools as I work with children. These are just a few things that I bring to the board as we move forward. I have enjoyed my 12 years on the board and if reelected I will work hard to help maintain the wonderful educational opportunities whether that is in the classroom or outside the classroom



that help prepare our students for life beyond ACES. As we continue to grow there will be many decisions to make and I feel I bring a well-rounded viewpoint for all the students. I appreciate your support. Thank you!

**Avenue City R-IX School District:**  
**For School Board Two (2) Year Term: VOTE for ONE**



**Tara Adwell:** Tara Adwell moved to Avenue City over seven years ago with her family, and the reputation of the Avenue City Elementary School was a significant part of that decision. Tara, along with her husband Barry, have two children - Casey (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Audrey (2<sup>nd</sup> grade). She is passionate about our small-town values and quality education and would be honored to contribute to continuing that success.

Tara currently serves the American Angus Association® as the director of finance. In her role, she leads a team in overseeing and managing the finances for a multi-entity organization. Prior to joining the Angus Association, she served as the CFO for the Missouri Western State University Foundation. Her professional experiences bring a unique financial perspective as well as additional knowledge in budgeting, forecasting and strategic planning.

Tara also serves on the finance committee of the Central Christian Church and has taught the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school classes for over 4 years. Tara attended Northwest Missouri State University where she received her bachelor's degree in accounting and her master's degree in business administration. She received her Certified Public Accountant designation in 2007.



**Ben Stewart:** Ben Stewart, a military veteran with a business and finance background, is running for the Avenue City School Board. Ben currently volunteers as Vice President of Indian Ridge Neighborhood HOA. Mr. Stewart is also a member of the American Legion.

Ben is committed to giving back to his community and ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, have access to high-quality educational opportunities. He is driven by a desire to encourage positive change and progress within our community. Mr. Stewart believes that his expertise in finance and leadership can be an asset in shaping policy and decision-making within the school district. Ben is also dedicated to continuing to build this great community and believes that strong schools are essential to its growth and success.



**Kody Hickman:** My name is Kody Hickman; I was born and raised in Northwest Missouri, am the mother of a one-year-old daughter, expecting another daughter in July, and wife to Brent Hickman. My family and I live in the Avenue City school district in Cosby, MO, and our daughters will be attending Avenue City School in the near future. I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with my BS in Biochemistry and then my Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Missouri- Kansas City and am now a pharmacist at Rogers Pharmacy in St. Joseph. I am running for school board because I wish to contribute meaningfully and substantively to the futures of children and their education. I want to ensure children of Avenue City are able to learn in a safe, productive environment. I am committed to ensuring that students are taught subject matter in a prolific manner that identifies their individual needs.

As a member of the Avenue City School District, you should support me because through working in community pharmacy settings I have gained experience in communicating effectively to move toward analogous goals. These skills will translate to my efficiency as a school board member. This is so, because a key factor of



working in a group of individualized thinkers is the ability to reach common understandings. Beyond the logistics of making the best decisions for the children's welfare, I also have a great passion for their education and development. Because children are so innocent and malleable, we have a duty to ensure the best possible environment for them by upholding district policies and laws that facilitate these ideas.

### Book Clubs

**Grades K-3:** This year we started book clubs for kindergarten through third grade. We have had over 60 students between the two clubs. Clubs met once a month and we read stories, made crafts, had and created snacks to go along with the stories and so much more. The second and third graders even did a book tasting where they had to "taste" many different genres of books and several different authors. They really enjoyed this. Mrs. Svendsen, Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Davis will finish the year with a very exciting April meeting; the students will be tie-dyeing canvas bags to use as "book bags" for the summer reading program here at school and for library visits over the summer. We highly encourage all students to attend the summer reading program here at Avenue City and keep reading all summer!

**Grades 4-8:** Avenue City's Book Clubs are having lots of fun! Our fourth and fifth grade club studied the book, Where the Wild Things Are, and compared it to the movie. (They are very different!) The Middle School Club read the book, Divergent, and compared it to the movie. In March, both clubs visited the UCM campus for the Children's Literature Festival. This was a full day of meeting and listening to authors and illustrators talk about their writing processes and how they come up with ideas. Some students were even able to get books signed by the authors! We enjoyed a picnic with great weather and had a memorable day.

### Archery Team



The Avenue City Aces Archery Program aspires to be an outstanding educational organization that provides a high quality experience to every participant. We strive to provide this high quality experience by making every participant feel important regardless of performance, teaching "life lessons" that have value beyond the playing field, and teaching the skills, importance of physical and mental fitness, tactics, and strategies of archery.

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Davis are excited for an Archery Team starting 2023-2024 school year. Our archery season will fall between basketball and track seasons. The team will practice and compete at regional schools with the aspirations of competing at the State competition.





**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Climate and Culture Survey:**

The Missouri School Improvement Program (SIP) is the mechanism used by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for making recommendations for accrediting public school districts in Missouri. The latest iteration of the Missouri School Improvement Program (SIP 6) is focused on continuous improvement for all schools, the preparation of each student for life and promoting practices that lead to healthy school systems. MSIP 6 will take a closer look at what districts are doing to implement effective practices and sustain improvements, while increasing the focus on individual student growth.

The MSIP 6 system will use survey data from students, parents, and staff to help evaluate educational processes in our District. A survey link will be sent to all parents, students, and staff on April 5, 2023. The window to complete the survey will be open from April 5, 2023-April 15, 2023. When the survey window opens, please take the time to complete, as these results will help us make appropriate adjustments and continue our tradition of great education in our district.

**Board of Education Meeting Highlights**

A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from December 2022 to March 2023 is listed below. The minutes of each board meeting is posted on the school webpage under **Board Information**.

December 15, 2022

- Selection of Board Member to Fill Unexpired Term
- Additions to the Substitute List
- Resolution Calling for a Special School Board Election

January 12, 2023

- Review of Program Evaluations for 1) Special Education/Early Childhood Special Education and 2) At-Risk
- Approval of Preschool Tuition for 2023-24 School Year
- Approval of Preschool Handbook for 2023-24 School Year
- Accept Resignation of Staff
- Resolution Opposing Open Enrollment

February 9, 2023

- Gift Acknowledgement
- Review of Program Evaluations for 1) Homeless & Migrant and 2) Professional Development
- Posting of the 2023-24 School Calendar
- Motion to Adopt the Estimated Tax Rate & Assessed Valuation for FY2024
- Renewal of Middle School Cooperative Agreement
- Preliminary Review of Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
- Accept Staff Retirement/Resignation Letters

March 16, 2023

- Review of Program Evaluations for 1) Supplemental/Differentiated Instruction (ESOL/ESL/ELL) and 2) Curriculum Instruction Updates
- Motion to Adopt 2023-24 School Calendar
- Approval of Technology Purchases
- Approval of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Computer Purchase/Purging
- Health Insurance 2023-24
- Acceptance of Resignations
- Increase Counseling Position

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023.



**PTO News**

As always, the PTO Executive Committee would like to thank our members and ACES families for all of their support this year. We are getting close to wrapping up the 2022-2023 school year. Our Spring Fling is just around the corner. We are looking forward to everyone coming out and enjoying an evening of fun, food, and a time to support our ACES school!

We have concluded our scheduled meetings for the year, but please continue to watch for updates and events on our ACES PTO Facebook page. Our upcoming events include:

- 4/11/2023 5:00-8:00 PM Culver's Night
- 4/15/2023 5:00-7:00 PM Spring Fling
- 5/1-5/5 Teacher Appreciation Week

We still need more help with the Spring Fling. If you are interested in volunteering with games and activities or collecting items for the silent auction, please let one of the executive committee members know. In addition, 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.

PTO has decided to purchase 100 yard signs to support Proposition Avenue City School. These signs are available for pick up at the school. First come first serve.

Do not 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.

2022-2023 ACES PTO Executive Committee

- Joella Schultz, President
- Sarah Arnold, Vice President
- Heidi Brandt, Treasurer
- Metchel Rosmolen, Secretary

**TOUCH A TRUCK**

Food & Drinks available for purchase

Kids of all ages welcome to see, touch and climb & explore

**FRIDAY  
14  
APRIL  
5.00-7.00PM**

at 18069 Hwy 169  
Avenue City  
School

Activities by  
PAT

**Demonstration  
of Fire trucks**

**FIRE TRUCKS, POLICE CARS, TOW  
TRUCKS, AMBULANCE AND  
EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

**ADMISSION: FREE**



**Sing with Wing**

The elementary students have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming spring concert, which will be centered around the themes of spring, flowers, and rabbits. The concert will feature a variety of musical performances which will highlight the joy and beauty of the spring season. The students have been practicing for weeks to ensure that their performances are polished and entertaining and they are excited to share their hard work with friends, family, and the community. The concert promises to be a fun and uplifting celebration of spring and attendees can expect to leave with a newfound appreciation for the season.

**Performance Times**

Kindergarten – 6:15

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30

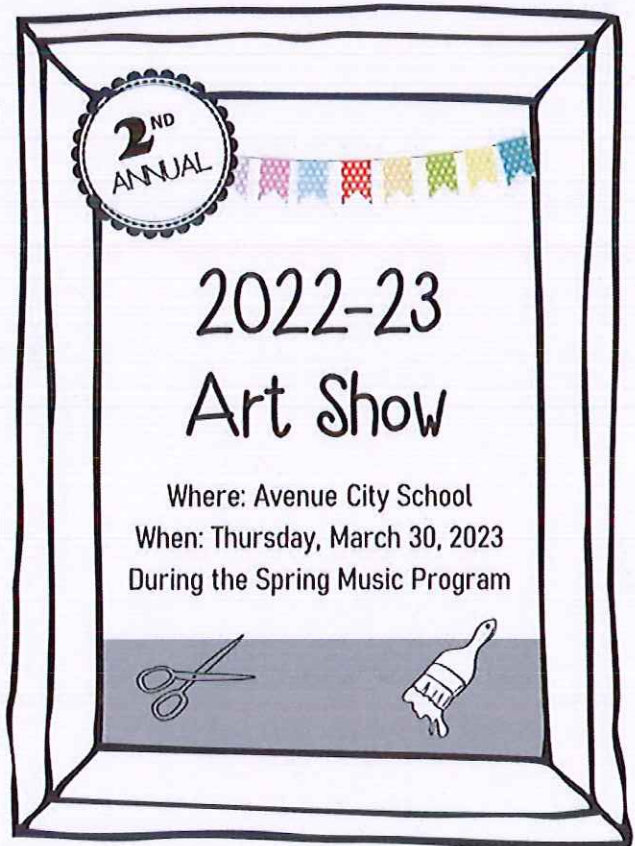
3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:50

Middle School – 7:15

The middle school students are gearing up for their upcoming concert, which will be all about cruising and transportation. The students have been working hard to create a fun concert experience that will transport the audience to the open road. Whether you are a car enthusiast or simply looking for a fun night, our “Cruisin’ in Style” concert is not to be missed.

**The Book Fair is Coming!**

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! It will be open March 24-30. If you would like to shop, we will be open weekdays during the school day and before and after the Spring Music Program on March 30. This is a great opportunity to get exciting, new books in students’ hands! You can shop online at: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/avenuecityelementaryschool1>

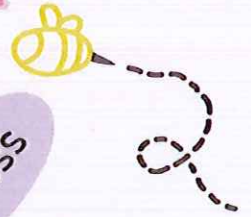






# Spring Fling

April 15th  
5pm - 7pm



The PTO Spring Fling committee is busy seeking donations of silent auction items and small game prizes. If you or someone you know would like to contribute please bring items to the school office by March 24th.





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