

Summer 2015

## School Building Project is On Schedule

It was a year ago that the Avenue City School District was decorated with red and white signs reading "Vote Yes for School." Ten months later and we are approaching completion of the 2 million dollar project our patrons approved last year. In addition to the new entryway, kitchen and cafeteria that are the most visible parts of the project, we are renovating the old spaces to provide additional classroom space, a conference room as well as renovating the original restrooms from the mid-1950s. Additionally, the local school board has approved a side project that we had hoped we would be able to afford. That project will remove all of the asbestos from the building. As you know, this material was highly used in the 1950s because of its fire resistant characteristics. After the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>, all of that material will be out of the Avenue City School. While the material posed no danger to anyone, it is nice to be able to say the building is free of asbestos as of the summer of 2015. We will call this an "added bonus" to the construction project of 2015.

I suspect that our new entry way will be most impressive to our patrons as well as the new areas that we have constructed since January of this year. The security provided by the new entryway will no doubt be a good thing for our children. For parents and patrons however, it means an extra doorway and checkpoint prior to being allowed into the building. Several tragic events have occurred this summer which reassure us that providing this additional layer of protection was indeed the right thing to do.

It seems hard to imagine that this project has been so blessed with the small things that have created such a window of opportunity for us. Our project missed a major delay from a snow storm by being able to pour our footings approximately 48 hours prior to its arrival last winter. Our project also avoided being bogged down in the spring mud because we were able to get the structure enclosed prior to all of the rain arriving this spring. Indeed we have been fortunate and all things point to this project being completed prior to the beginning of school in August.

On behalf of the children and staff of the Avenue City R-IX School District, I wish to once again say thank you for providing all that you have for us. You and your support of this small, but growing, school district are our greatest blessings.

Sincerely,

Don Lawrence





# Mark Your Calendar! August 17, 2015 @ 6:00 PM Back to School Night and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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The Avenue City School Board of Education will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to welcome patrons, parents, community members, and staff members to the new addition of the school Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at the new entrance of the school

(southwest corner of the parking lot). The Board of Education is anxious and proud to show the expansion and the improvements that have been made to the facilities. All patrons, parents, community members, students, alumni, and staff are welcome to attend.

A Back to School Open House will immediately follow. This will give students and parents a chance to meet teachers and drop off school supplies in the classroom.

# **ACES to use New Communication System - Dewsly**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm excited to let you know that Avenue City R-IX has switched over to a new communication platform called Dewsly.

Dewsly is an online and mobile communication platform, accessible through <u>dewsly.com</u> or mobile apps for iOS and Android. Using Dewsly, you pick the class and activity updates you'd like to receive and specify how you'd like to receive them. You are given the choice of an email, phone call, text message, direct twitter message, or mobile notification through the app. This way, you only receive the information that is relevant to you.

You soon will receive an invitation to join Dewsly. When you receive the email, follow the instructions provided. Complete your profile and communication preferences. Be sure to pay close attention to these, as they'll determine how you receive updates from me!

Your account is set up so that you're automatically following your student's classes. In addition to these, you can easily search for other activities your student is involved in and follow those groups, as well. You'll then begin receiving updates and always know what's going on! If you have any questions or don't receive an invitation by 8/1/2015, please contact support@dewslv.com.

Thank you,

Mrs. Becky Grimes Principal

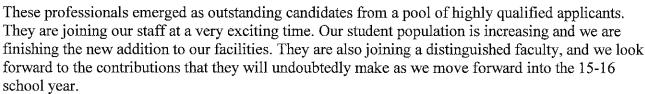


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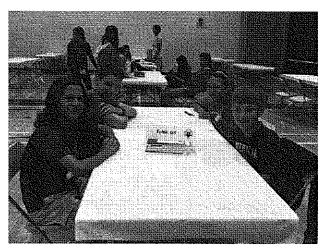
## **District Welcomes New Staff Members**

The Avenue City School District welcomes the following professionals to the staff:

- Ms. Jori Davison 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructor
- Mrs. Elizabeth Forney 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructor
- Mrs. Ashley Davis Remedial Reading Instructor
- Mrs. Meghan Sheehan Music Instructor
- Mrs. Sally Thorp Gifted / Talented Instructor
- Mrs. Carol Williams Para Professional







Izzy CDebaca, Nicolas Steele, Jacob Ball and Lake Campbell competed during June of 2015 at the International Future Problem Solving Conference. These students competed against other Missouri students this past school year completing two practice problems, a qualifying problem and a State Bowl. They qualified to represent Missouri at Ames, Iowa June 11-June 14.

Future Problem Solving Program International engages students in creative problem solving and encourages students to develop a vision for the

future. The Avenue City students experienced the excitement of competing to resolve complex problems with unique solution ideas. This year's topic was Intellectual Property. Along with participants from the United States, countries including Australia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, United Kingdom, Thailand, Turkey, South Africa, India, Israel, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Switzerland, and Germany also competed.





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## 2015 ACES Summer Reading Program

## Every Hero Has A Story-Be A Hero-READ!

We are looking forward to a summer full of reading fun! We will have storytellers and community heroes reading to our students. The Rolling Hills Bookmobile will be here twice a month and check out will be available each week.

ACES will be partnering with the Rolling Hills Library Bookmobile this year for our reading program. Those who attend and read will be able to enter their names in drawings for weekly prizes and a grand prize drawing for gift certificates to the ACES Fall Scholastic Book Fair. In addition to local ACES prizes, Rolling Hills Library will be offering prizes as well such as an Apple iPad mini and \$100 Walmart gift cards. Please make sure that you have your Rolling Hills Library card! Registration forms will be sent home and can be returned to school or the Rolling Hills Library.

The library will be open from 10 AM-12:00 PM. on the following Mondays, with <u>storytelling</u> taking place at 10:30.

#### June 29-

- Storyteller: Cathy Ridge, Pony Express/Andrew
   Co. Museums
- Bookmobile 11-12

#### July 6-

Storyteller: Peau Atoe, Andrew County Volunteer
 Fire Department
 Bookmobile 11-12

### July 13-

Storyteller: Andrew County Sheriff, Captain Hector & Deputy Rogers

#### July 20-

Storyteller: Dick Munkres
 American Legion Post 287-flag
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 Bookmobile 11-12

#### July 27-

 Storyteller: Andy Thomure, FBI Agent

#### Aug. 3-

Storyteller: Andrew County
 Ambulance District
 Bookmobile 11-12



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### **Aces Book Club News!**

This has been an exciting 2014-2015 school year for the book club. We are now two book clubs. After the students completed an online survey at the end of last year, we decided to split the book club into a junior high group and upper elementary group. Our membership more than doubled this year and we couldn't be more pleased!

Each book club meets once a month with very different formats. The junior high group is more like a traditional book club. The students bring book ideas to share with the group and we decide on about three choices for them to choose from. The books are usually ones that can be used within the classroom for book reports and helps the students better understand the story after discussing it with others. The upper elementary is geared more towards learning about all the book types and topics, participating in activities around the lesson for the meeting, and reading books with each other during that time.

Finally, both groups attended the Children's Literacy Festival in Warrensburg, in March. This is an opportunity for the students to visit directly with some of their favorite authors and to learn how they develop their books from start to finish. We even learn more about the writing process and pointers for getting started. Some of these authors are from right here in Missouri.



Periodically, the school district must dispose of equipment. Board policy dictates that the district disposes of district equipment by a) attempting to sell it b) donating it or c) discard it, if the other methods fail to separate the property from the district. The following items are available for sale from the district. If you are interested in these items, you would need to submit a sealed bid to the district offices between 9:00 and 2:00 on or before July 8, 2015. The bid needs to include what exact item you are bidding on, your name, your contact phone number, and the dollar amount for each item you would like to purchase. The outside of your envelope needs to have the following written on it.

"Attention Janice Pankau – Purged Items Bid." Winning bidders will be contacted within 7 days of the closing date for bids. Items must be removed on or before July 16, 2015. The following items are available for sale:

- -12-15 light fixtures (indicate the number desired in your bid and provide a price per fixture bid)
- -Dishwasher from kitchen renovation
- -Stainless Steel prep table from kitchen renovation
- -3 hole stainless sink from kitchen renovation
- -Kitchen cabinets
- -Small refrigerator
- -Trophy case
- -Dishwasher side tables with faucet
- -Clothes Dryer
- -Conveyor Oven
- -2 steam tables

- -Computer desk with hutch
- -Electric 10 burner stove with 2 ovens
- -Garbage Disposal
- -Small Stainless table
- -Refrigerator
- -Mixer from kitchen renovation



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## **Board of Education Meeting Highlights**

A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from April 2015 and June 2015 is listed below. The minutes of each board meeting is posted on the school webpage.

### April 9, 2015

- Review of Support Staff Evaluations and Decision on Contracts
- Newly Elected Board Members Sworn In
- Selection of Board Officers for 2015-2016
- Review of Program Evaluation for Library/Media
- Decision on Health Insurance for 2015-2016
- Approval of New Personnel Position for 2015-2015
- Approved Hiring for Certified Gifted Position

#### May 12, 2015

- Review of Program Evaluations for: 1) Parents As Teachers Program and 2) Food Services
- Approval of Technology Equipment Purchases
- Approval for the Removal of Old Water Lines
- Posting of New and Revised Policies for Thirty Days
- Approval of Certified Staff Resignation
- Approved Hiring for Certified and Support Staff Positions

## May 14, 2015

• Approval of Staff Hiring

#### June 11, 2015

- Approval of New Polices and Regulations that were Posted for 30 Days
- Posted 2015-16 District Handbooks for 30 Days
- Approval of 2015-16 Food Service Prices
- Approval of 2015-16 Preliminary School Budget
- Approval to Purge Surplus Equipment
- Approval of Certified Steps Down and Over on Salary Schedule
- Approval of the Proposed 2015-16 Extra-Duty Schedule
- Approval of the Removal of Asbestos Insulated Water Lines
- Accept Resignation of Certified Staff Member

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2015 at 7 pm.



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## **AVENUE CITY SCHOOL ALL YEAR HONOR ROLL**

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

Kayla Beam Nathanael Craven Hilarry Elifrits Lucy Froehlich Maren Heckman Alexander Hutchcraft

Ethan Phillips Aspen Sybert Jack Sylvester Hunter Turner

Abigail Walker

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

Katie Jo Beam

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

Ian Andrews
Jaxon Burns
Gage Schottel
Joey Sigrist
Brady Starmer
Zacharias Walker
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## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE – A HONOR ROLL

Alex Fitzgerald Mitchell Steele Corinne Stewart

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

Ainsley Blake Grace Bradley Mason Christian Alexis Harris Morgan Heckman Aleigha Horton Pierce Johnson Haydn Richardson Jack Swan

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

Jozlin Bennett Sydney DeRoin Alexandra Meier

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

Rachel Corey Molly Luthans Reagan Thompson

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

Jacob Ball
Lake Campbell
Isabela CDeBaca
Kacey DuVall
Emilie Mazur
Kenna O'Riley
Cambry Roach
Nicolas Steele
Hayden Stewart

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

Isaac Andrews Caden Atoe Morgan Atoe

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

Halei Atoe Breanna Beahler Kiyah Blake Daire Karr Ashley Luthans Trevor Maag Morgan Sylvester Evan Vette

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

Guy Gaddy Lydia Paolillo Grace Stites Julia Xiang



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# Join ACES PTO!

- ❖ Do you want to have a voice in what happens at Avenue City Elementary School?
- Do you have ideas that can make our school the best it can be for our children?
- Do you want to get more involved with our school?
- Do you want to show your support for our school, teachers, and children?

  Join the PTO! All adult members in your household and family can sign up for just \$5 each. You, spouses, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. can all join. Meetings are generally held once a month throughout the school year. THANK YOU for your support!

Avenue City Elementary Attn: Breann Riggert, PTO Vice President 18069 HWY 169 Cosby, MO 64436

Return this form to:



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#### **Bus Routes 2015-16**

Additional enrollment has not only caused a need for additional space at school but the additional enrollment has also increased ride times for students on our bus routes. Some students have been asked to ride over one hour each way to school. It is our hope to decrease ride times for those families. In order for that to happen, alterations in bus routes will be occurring in 2015-16. In order to equalize ride times for students, 2015-16 drop off and pick up times will be altered from that of 2014-15. While some students will have ride times decreased in the afternoon or morning, others may be increased in order to equalize the ride time for all families.

While we hope to make each family happy, it is our goal to work together to minimize the impact on any one set of neighbors. Someone once said, "No man is an island." This is true with bus routing as well as we cannot set bus times and routes based upon individual needs; as one person's needs may be in direct conflict with his/her neighbors. We must do what we feel is best for our students and families as a whole.

We hope to have bus drop off and pick up times posted on our website just prior to the beginning of the school year. These posted times will be estimates. Both the school and your neighbors appreciate your cooperation as we begin this new effort.



## Does Handwriting Matter? Yes it does!

Parents, educational professionals, and students have asked many times why we continue to teach handwriting. The Common Core standards call for teaching legible writing, but only in kindergarten and first grade. After that, the emphasis quickly shifts to proficiency on the keyboard. Handwriting is being dropped from the taught curriculum in many public school districts. Not at Avenue City – we continue to teach the skill of handwriting in addition to keyboarding.

Why do Avenue City teachers continue to teach manuscript and cursive handwriting even though the Common Core standards do not emphasis it?

- Evidence suggests that there are links between handwriting and broad education development.
- Children learn to read more quickly when they first learn to write by hand. They also remain better at generating ideas and retaining information. Scientists suggest that writing by hand creates a unique recognition in the child's brain and learning is made easier.
- Scientific tests and brain scans have shown that when children draw a letter freehand, they exhibit increased
  activity in three different areas of the brain. By contrast, children who typed the letter showed weaker brain
  activity in the same areas.
- The actual effort of planning for and creating a letter engages the brain's motor pathways and delivers a benefit for the child. Even when a child produces a messy letter, they still learn from that.
- Printing, cursive writing, and typing on a keyboard are all associated with distinct and separate brain patterns.
- When a child composes text by hand, they not only consistently produce more words more quickly than they can on a keyboard, but they express more ideas.
- When children are asked to come up with ideas for a composition, the ones with better handwriting exhibited greater brain activation that is associated with working memory.
- In real-world classrooms, students learn better, when they take notes by hand than when they type on a keyboard. Research suggest that writing by hand allows the child to comprehend what the teacher is saying and then reframe it—this is a higher level of thinking, learning, and reflection and leads to a better understanding of the material.

So why do Avenue City teachers continue to teach handwriting? Because we believe that the act of handwriting makes the students focus on what is important – we believe it makes the students think better! So does handwriting matter? Yes it does – because teaching smart kids to be smarter matters!

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In order to get your order delivered to you on Back to School Night in August please return the completed form and money by <u>July 24, 2015</u> to:

Avenue City Elementary Attn: Breann Riggert, PTO Vice President 18069 HWY 169 Cosby, MO 64436

## Avenue City R-IV School District 2015-2016 School Year Calendar

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- Early Out Dismissal at 12:50 PM

- LAST DAY - Dismissal at 12:50 AM

#### Quarters

1st Quarter - Oct. 16 41 Days 2nd Quarter - Dec. 22 43 Days 3rd Quarter - Mar. 4 43 Days 4th Quarter - May 12 47 Days

174 Student Attendance Days 179 Teacher Contract Days 5 Professional Development Days

## AVENUE CITY SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPLY LIST 2015-2016

#### KINDERGARTEN

Box of tissues (250) Box of 8 sm. Crayola Crayons Lg. Bottle of Elmer's glue 5 glue sticks Safety scissors (Fiskars brand) Prang Water Colors Washable Markers 1 doz. #2 pencils 1 pkg. Manila paper 1 pkg. of construction paper 2 Spiral Notebooks -(1subject-not perforated) 2 Folders with pockets

Tri-fold sleeping mat Plastic shoebox with removal lid For Computer Class

Headphones or Ear Buds

#### FIRST GRADE

Box of tissues (250) Box of 16 Crayons or larger Lg. Bottle of Elmer's glue 2 large glue sticks Safety scissors (Fiskar's) Prang Water Colors Washable markers 1 doz. #2 pencils 1 pkg. of pencil erasers 1 pkg. manila paper Pkg. of construction paper(colored) Folder with pockets 1-Wide Rule spiral notebooks 1-zipper pencil bag \*Lg. soft eraser Paint shirt Small supply box (Not shoebox size, needs to fit in desk) For Computer Class Headphones or Ear Buds

\*Erasers such as Sanford Magic Rub

#### SECOND GRADE

Box of tissues (250) Box of 24 Cravola Cravons or larger Med. Bottle of Elmer's glue or 6 glue sticks Safety scissors (Fiskars) Crayola markers 1 doz. #2 pencils 1 pkg. Pencil erasers \*Lg. soft eraser 1-folder w/pockets Wide rule paper-loose-1 pkg 1-one subject spiral notebook 3x5 Index Cards Lg. Plastic (shoe size) box for supplies For Art Class Paint Shirt For Computer Class Headphones or Ear Buds

#### THIRD GRADE

Box of tissues (250) Box of 64 Crayola crayons 1 Pkg. Construction Paper Sm. Bottle of Elmer's glue 4 Glue Sticks Scissors (Fiskar's) Colored pencils-Lg. box Crayola washable markers-fine tip 1 doz. #2 pencils \*Large soft eraser (Magic Rub) 2 red grading pens 1 black ink pen 2 highlighters (yellow & pink) 1 zipper pencil bag 3 spiral notebooks (with neat edge tear off) wide rule 6 folders w/pockets & prongs, nonslick covers. 1 each of red, blue, green, orange, yellow, purple (DO NOT LABEL SUBJECTS) (No trapper keepers-single folders are fine) 1 pair clean, used socks (to use as whiteboard erasers) 2 pkgs. Multicolored index cards (3 X 5-100 count) 1 pkg, manila paper – 9x12 in

1 folder of choice for homework Mathematical Compass & Protractor

Large supply box-shoebox sized For Art Class Paint shirt

For Computer Class Headphones or Ear Buds

#### FOURTH GRADE

2 boxes of tissues (250) 5 Glue Sticks Scissors (Fiskar's) Colored pencils-Lg. box 2 doz. #2 pencils Large soft pencil eraser 2 red grading pens Pkg. of Manila paper 6 plain folders w/pocket-one each of red, blue, green, black, yellow, purple 6 plain 2 pocket folders & 6 matching single subject spiral notebooks in the following colors: red, blue, green, black, yellow, purple 2 Highlighters (yellow & pink) 4 different colored Dry Erase Markers (put name on each one) 1 pkg. of Index Cards (100 count) 1 pkg of 3X3 Sticky Notes 1 pkg of Tag Sticky Notes

Small Supply Box (pencil box) (one that will fit into desk) 1 folder of choice to take to and from

school 2 clean used socks for desk eraser

(with name on it) For Computer Class

Headphones or Ear Buds

#### FIFTH GRADE

# Please follow this list for Organizational Purposes

Box of 64 Crayola crayons Colored pencils Crayola washable markers Lg. scissor (Fiskar's) 4 fine tipped dry erase markers 1 doz. #2 pencils 1 lg. glue stick 1 pk. 3 X 5 ruled note cards 1 pkg. small paper marker tabs All of the above must fit in a plastic shoebox to house supplies 2 pkg. college rule loose-leaf paper Box of tissues (250) 4 multicolored non-clicking pensone black 1 yellow highlighter Large soft eraser

Do Not write subjects on folders or spirals! Single subject notebooks and matching two-pocket folders in the following colors: yellow, red, green, orange, purple (If you cannot find orange you may substitute black) 1 plain blue two-pocket folder only 1 two pocket folder of choice 1 black & white composition notebook

\*\*\*T130XA calculator
For Computer Class
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#### SIXTH GRADE

3-Ring Binder with Zipper 3-Ring Pencil bag (for zipper binder) 8-Tab Dividers Box of tissues (250) Crayons (optional for projects) Lg. bottle of Elmer's glue Lg. scissors Colored pencils Crayola washable markers 1 doz. #2 pencils Eraser-1 large OR multiple pencil top 2 pkg. loose leaf paper 3 folders w/pockets & prongs (lit set guides, writing projects)  $1-1\frac{1}{2}$  inch durable 3-ring binder (morning work) 1 large glue stick Multiple-colored highlighters (min. 3 colors) White Out - optional Graph paper (for math class) 1 3-subject notebook 1 inch 3 ring binder (for science) 2 composition notebooks (journal writing, free write) Shoebox size container to store supplies \*\*\*T130XA calculator For Computer Class Headphones or Ear Buds

# SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES

Box of tissues (250) Lg. scissors (Fiskar's) Colored pencils Crayons (optional for projects) 1 doz. #2 pencils 2-glue sticks College ruled paper-loose leaf Crayola watercolor markers 2 highlighters-1 yellow/1 pink (8th only) White-Out tape (optional) 8 tab dividers 3 Ring Binder w/zipper Sm. Shoebox size container to hold supplies. Fine Point Pens/Markers for Map Work 1 Pkg. Graph Paper - 8th Grade \*\*\*T130XA calculator For Computer Class Headphones or Ear Buds

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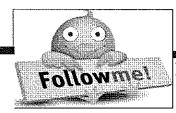
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- August 17, 2015 @ 6:00 PM—Back to School Night & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- August 19, 2015: 1st Day of School—Dismissal @ 12:50 PM
- August 20, 2015: Dismissal @ 12:50 PM
- August 21, 2015: Dismissal @ 12:50 PM

