

Fighting the Establishment (and losing)

By Don Lawrence, Superintendent

This is my 38th year in education. Thirty-six of those years have been in administration of one sort or another. I have deluded myself over that time by never wanting to admit I was working for or as a governmental agency. I was born in the 1960s. Most of you will not remember that decade but it was a tumultuous time in which our nation was in upheaval. A nation divided because of war and because of the politics of the time. Hey wait I guess it's not much different than today. Being "a child of the 60s" I got to see a counter culture philosophy develop and I learned to say things like "far out" or "groovy." However, I must admit that, over time, I have become part of the establishment that I watched so many people protest at that time. In trying to do the best thing for my schools and my school children, I eventually had to learn to "play the game." Playing the game had a goal of trying to get certain funding sources to flow to make sure "my school kids" got what they were entitled to have to be successful and competitive with other districts. I now find myself needing to encourage you to do your part to check the boxes and fill out the forms so our school can get all it is entitled to.

I saw a little article about a month ago about the U.S. Census making its rounds in the community. In the reality of this world, a lot of things that will or will not happen in Andrew County, Missouri will be connected to that census. The federal paperwork, i.e. census, will be used to set the funding for schools across the country. Our remedial reading funding (called Title 1) is a direct result of the data supplied to Washington. Our funding for our resource officer is through a federal grant called Title IVA. A portion of our full-time nurse is provided via federal funds via the Title II program. All of these things and programs are funded based upon data supplied through the US Census data. So, when you see it roll through your door, please take the data submission seriously. If we don't take advantage of the opportunities, they simply go to someone else. I'd much rather see the benefits flow to NW Missouri than to northern California or New York.

Our biggest source of Federal dollars comes through our lunch program. In the massive document package we supply to you at the beginning of the school year there is a form to apply for free and reduced lunch. You cannot imagine how important that form is to the school. Not only are reimbursements supplied for the number of free and reduced lunches served but our state money can be bolstered by the number of people who qualify. Even if the family refuses to accept the free and reduced status, the fact that someone qualifies helps us get closer to the "target" in order to qualify for additional state dollars. Crazy huh? That is the way the system works and whether we like it or not, we are all part of the system. Do you need another copy of the form? It's not too late. January is too late. Like it or not, we're all a part of the system so we might as well use it for the betterment of our kids and our school.

Power to the people,
Don Lawrence

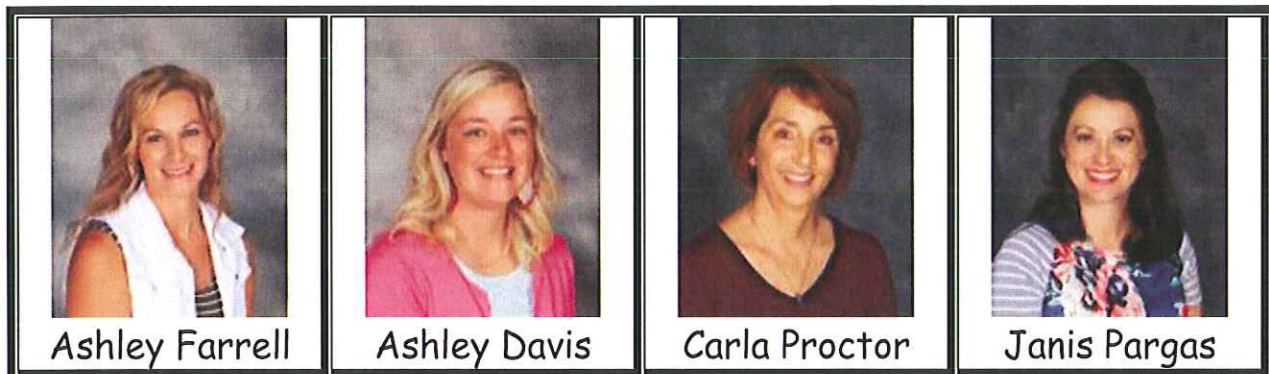


China Bound Summer 2020

“Who wants to go to China?” superintendent Don Lawrence asked his staff in an email late in September. Little did he know that four of his teachers would not only be interested, but be chosen for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The organization is called We Teach in China. They recruit qualified professionals to teach two weeks of professional development to Chinese teachers in Jiangsu, China. Director Gloria Juedemann has been traveling with this program since 2006. She explains that the goal is to promote cultural awareness through educational exchange. The program provides quality educators to help the Chinese teachers improve their conversational English skills and assist them with methods of teaching in various subject areas. The teachers chosen experience China up close and personal and learn about the Chinese educational system and the everyday life of the Chinese in a safely guided environment. The participants are provided a stipend to help cover some expenses, sample lesson plans that can be modified, and room and board for the duration of the program. The Jiangsu Education Services for International Exchange (JESIE) is part of the Department of Education of the Jiangsu Province of China. This is a true educational and cultural opportunity and experience.

Congratulations to the teachers of Avenue City-Ashley Davis, Ashley Farrell, Janis Pargas and Carla Proctor-for becoming four of the 45 participants for 2020. Enjoy your international teaching experience this summer!



Academic Teams and Middle School Scholar Bowl

Avenue City Academic and Scholar Bowl Teams are having a great start to our year! We have 5 fourth graders, 9 fifth graders, 13 sixth graders and 6 on our middle school Scholar Bowl team. 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. Practice has already begun and the meets will be from January to March. The 6th grade will be split into two teams of 7 and compete against Savannah Middle and St. Joseph Christian schools in February. The middle school team will compete with North Andrew, Union Star, St. Joseph Christian and St. Paul Lutheran. Middle school Scholar Bowl meets are in January. Each meet consists of four rounds with the second and fourth rounds being toss up questions followed by a bonus question. Avenue City is proud of its Academic Teams and Scholar Bowl competitors, and Mandy Scott and Janis Pargas, along with area school sponsors, have planned another fun year of competition!

Professional Development News at Avenue City

The summer months proved to be very busy as many staff members at Avenue City attended classes, workshops, and trainings. Teachers are responsible for presenting the information gained through their training to other staff members during in-services. Currently, teachers have presented on standards review, behavior management, Win-Win Discipline, Pathways, writing, and the English Language Arts Missouri Assessment Program. The new school year has started off great for teachers as we look at our focus for the year-reading curriculum. This includes Language Arts, Writing, and Spelling as well. With the help of our professional development resource representatives in Maryville, we will be looking at how our current reading curriculum aligns to the new standards being set by our state education department. School-wide, we are also reviewing and continuing to implement The Essential 55 by Ron Clark in which we work on etiquette, manners, and self-discipline. Throughout the year, we will continue to work on curriculum and learning from one another!

AVENUE CITY SCHOOL
1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

<p>3rd GRADE - A HONOR ROLL Collin Anderson Lyla Colwell Sidney Huff Dixon Palmer Jessica Qin Jackson Salmons</p> <p>3rd GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL Casey Adwell Eloise Andrews Wyatt Brandt Keira Crain Carter Farrell Gwen Francis Landon Neil Khloe Payeur Wyatt Pippitt Quinn Riggert Kristopher Seevers Kenzie Wolfe</p> <p>4th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL Elijah Albin Wyatt Forney Brenna Holcumbrink Rhemington Hutchcraft Kale Pollard Reagan Rodgers Dylan Schultz Lucas Shavnore Maebry Shuster Trip Shuster Crozzley Silcott</p> <p>5th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL Trace Wolfe</p> <p>5th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL Elias Andrews Owen Burnett Jacey Collins Natalie Farrell Taylor Flatt Lawson Francis Cora Gregory Zane Griswold Gwendolyn Oswald Dalton Schultz Alexis Yingling Owen Zeit</p>	<p>6th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL Annelise Forney Cannon Hutchcraft Luke Oswald Alayna Pargas Hayden Payeur Lillian Richardson Maxx Riggert Olivia Schaub Ella Scott</p> <p>6th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL Brody Damgar Rain Greenlee Kelley Hunt Adam Sylvester</p> <p>7th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL Kaylea Farrell Nori Steele</p> <p>7th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL Seth Albin Kaylee Christman Max Howe Annaliese Kendall Jackson Sigrist Cooper Swan Trinity Wilmes</p> <p>8th GRADE – A HONOR ROLL Kayla Beam Saige Blake Hillary Elifrits Maren Heckman Macy Keling Payton Rodgers Ethan Zeit</p> <p>8th GRADE – A/B HONOR ROLL Lucy Froehlich Cole Horton Alexander Hutchcraft Ethan Phillips Claire Schonemann Jack Sylvester Kathryn Yingling</p>
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Student Council



The ACES Student Council has had a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 school year! They designed their t-shirts themselves and then had fun tie dying them at their Summer Retreat/Planning meeting in August. To increase school spirit and school culture/climate, the Stu-Co students then spurred an 8th grade class tradition to create tie dyed t-shirts each year as well!

The class Penny War was such a huge success! Thank you SO much to all who contributed in

the fun! While it seemed like maybe the 8th or 1st grade classes might end up winning, the 6th grade class came from behind and won the brownie party in the end! The Student Council raised over \$800 that will help them continue planning fun events, donating to charity, and giving back to the school and community!

The Stu-Co kids were able to attend the Missouri Association of Student Councils Northwest District Meeting held at Staley High School on Friday, October 11th. They participated in small and large group meetings on school spirit, fundraising, leadership, and charity, and so much more! The kids enjoyed learning new ideas from NW area middle and high school Stu-Co groups, as well as spending the day together outside of school.

Upcoming Stu-Co Events-

Middle School Fall Party: ACES Student Council will be hosting their annual fall party in the gym on Nov. 1st and all ACES 6th-8th graders are invited to attend. Come hang out, eat some popcorn, and listen to music! \$2 if you come dressed in a Halloween costume and \$3 if you come dressed casually.

ACES Veterans Day Assembly: The Student Council will be running our annual Veterans Day Assembly in the school gym on Monday, November 11th. All ACES students are welcome to invite former or current military friends and family to sit as honored guests.

Christmas Charity Donations: Anyone in the Avenue City community is welcome to stop by the school to pick up a **Samaritan's Purse shoebox** to fill for a child in a third world country. These boxes are left over from last year and are located outside of the school office. Directions on how to fill it and when to bring it back to the school are inside each box.

The Student Council will be hosting a fun **Christmas Spirit Week set for December 16th-20th**. The specifics for this week will be announced in November. Each spirit day will be paired with items to bring to school to donate to the Noyes Home for Children in St. Joseph. Ex. Crazy, Fuzzy Christmas Sock Day- ACES students will wear their crazy, fuzzy Christmas socks and will bring in packages of socks in various sizes to donate to the children in need at the Noyes Home.

The Scholastic Book Fair is almost here!!

The ACES Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library from December 9th- 18th. We will be open for you to come see us before and after the Winter Musical on December 12. If you would like to order books for Christmas presents, there is an online fair that will be open from December 1st- 14th. Items will be delivered to school and I will let you know when they come in.

There is also a new feature that was added at the last fair- eWallet. With this feature, you are able to add money to an online account through Scholastic under your child's name. I am able to look students up on my register and they pay through that account. This is a great way to set a spending limit for your child and any unused money is refunded back to you when the fair is over. Please let me know if you need any help setting this up! The link to our online shopping and eWallet is: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/avenuecityelementaryschool>

Happy reading!

Ms. Atoe

Inclement Weather

Decisions about closing school due to severe weather (snow & ice) are made with the students' safety in mind.

Early Morning Closings: Announcements will be made between 6:30 and 7:00 AM on KQTV. Announcement will also be made on KFEQ, KKJO, and KSFT radio stations. (Extreme cases will cause the announcements to be made the night before.) (When possible the announcement will also be posted on the website: <http://avenuecityschool.org/>)

Early Dismissal: Announcements will be made as soon as possible on the stations listed above. Dismissal because of inclement weather will be at 12:50 when possible. (If at all possible announcements will be made between 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM.) (When possible the announcement will also be posted on the website: <http://avenuecityschool.org/>)

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



PTO Update

With the school year in full swing, the PTO Executive Committee would like to thank our members and ACES families for all of their support so far this year. Thanks to you our annual Fall Fest was another fun-filled evening and our Culver's Nights have been very successful so far!

We have moved to only 4 meetings during the school year, which we have coupled with fun family activities, so please mark your calendars and join us! Our upcoming events and meetings include:

11/5/2019 6:30PM	PTO Meeting and Service Night
11/7/2019 5:00-7:00PM	Chili Supper
1/7/2020 6:30PM	PTO Meeting and Challenge Night
2/4/2020 5:00-8:00 PM	Culver's Night
2/15/2020 7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast
3/3/2020 6:30PM PTO	Meeting and Dr. Seuss Night
3/28/2020 5:00-7:00PM	Spring Fling
4/21/2020 5:00-8:00 PM	Culver's Night



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

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

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

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



[Avenue City Elementary - PTO](#)

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF:

*They have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, are sure that they stay home until they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Fevers tend to be normal in the a.m. then rise as day progresses.

* They have vomited within the last 24 hours

*Call your healthcare provider if symptoms worsen

To stay healthy, please remind your child to:

*Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

*Wash their hands well and often with soap and water.

*Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

*Cover their mouth/nose with their elbow if they have to cough/sneeze.

*Keep their hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth so that germs don't have a way in.

*Drink plenty of water! Encourage your child to bring a hard water bottle to school. (1 cup per hour.) They should be drinking at least their weight in ounces.



Head Lice prevention begins at home. Check your child weekly especially after sleepovers.

Our goal is to minimize the spread of germs and keep our students, staff and their families healthy! Thank you for all your help.

Doctor, Urgent Care or ER?

ILLNESS/INJURY	DOCTOR	URGENT CARE	ER
Allergic Reactions (Anaphylactic Shock)			✓
Allergic Reactions (Rash)	✓		
Asthma/Difficulty Breathing	✓	✓	
Asthma/Difficulty Breathing/ Respiratory Distress			✓
Behavior Concerns	✓		
Broken Bones			✓
Broken Bones (small)		✓	
Burns			✓
Burns (minor/small)	✓	✓	
Constipation (without severe pain)	✓		
Cough and Cold Symptoms	✓	✓	
Cuts (minor/small)		✓	
Dehydration			✓
Ear Pain	✓	✓	
Fever	✓	✓	
Fever (in infants 8 weeks of age or younger)			✓
Headache (mild)	✓	✓	
Headache (severe)			✓
Immunizations	✓		
Rashes	✓	✓	
Seizure			✓
Self-Harm (or thoughts of suicide)			✓
Severe Pain			✓
Sore Throat	✓	✓	
Sports Physicals	✓		
Vomiting and Diarrhea	✓	✓	
Warts	✓		
Well Visits	✓		

Learning through Play!

Preschool has been very busy having FUN and learning through play this fall! We are blessed with wonderful families and have already become a school family within our four classroom walls.



We concluded our unit on Apples and took our annual field trip to Schweizer’s Orchard in September where we rode behind a tractor, chose and tasted an apple of our own and then got to pick a pumpkin just our size. We ended the morning with a picnic lunch and playground time!

In October we learned all about fire safety, how to recognize and dial the numbers 911 in an emergency and reiterated our understanding with a dramatic play center focused around a fire station. We met Sparky the Fire Dog, too!



ACES Preschool partners with the Allied Arts Council in St. Joseph to bring local artists into our classroom. We got to learn about bagpipes and hear some great music from Mr. Roger Heard and got to hear one of the best local storytellers, Mr. Will Stuck!



We were also blessed with parents and nursing students who came in to help us put our skeletons together as we did a small unit on our bones. Lessons like these would not be possible without the help and support of our local communities.



Finally, we used all of our senses to conclude October. We learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin, conducted pumpkin science, carved pumpkins, toasted pumpkin seeds and felt the inside of a pumpkin with our bare hands!





Board of Education Meeting Highlights

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

August 15, 2019

- Tax Rate Hearing
- Approval of District's Annual Goals
- Approve the Last Month's Posted Policies
- Approval of the Substitute List for the 2019-20 School Year
- Approval of Increase in Long-term Substitution Pay
- Approval of Redemption of \$170,000 Principal Amount on Bonds
- Approval to Submit HMGP Intent to Apply
- Decision on Tax Rates for 2019-20 School Year

September 12, 2019

- Review of Program Evaluation for 1) Facilities/Safety and 2) Transportation
- Approval of Bus Routes/Mileage/Riders for the 2019-20 School Year
- Post New and Revised Policies and Regulations Until Next Meeting

October 10, 2019

- Approve the Proclamation of "Red Ribbon Week" for October 23-31, 2019
- Approval of Post Board Policies and Regulations From Last Month
- Approval of Local Plan for Compliance for Missouri Special Education

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7 pm.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (Public Notice Filing)

The Avenue City R-IX School District will accept declarations of candidacy from any qualified person interested in filing for a position on the School Board at the General Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Persons interested may file the necessary paperwork at the superintendent's office located at the school, 18069 Highway 169, Cosby, Missouri.

The first day of filing begins Tuesday, December 17th, at 8:00 AM. Filing will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Filing will not occur on days that school is not in session due to inclement weather and will not occur during Christmas break, beginning December 21st through January 5th. Filing will resume on January 6th. The filing deadline is Tuesday, January 21st at 5:00 PM.

There are three (3) Board Member positions available. All positions are full three-year terms. The names of the qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in order of filing.

Done by order of the Avenue City R-IX Board of Education, Andrew County, Missouri.

Janice Pankau
Secretary, board of Education

Middle School Basketball Schedule -2019

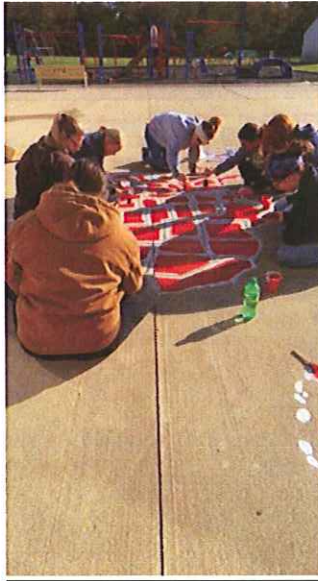
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10/28/19	5:30 PM	ACES	South Holt
10/29/19	5:30 PM	St. Francis	St. Francis
11/4/19	5:30 PM	ACES	North Andrew
11/5/19	5:30 PM	ACES	Stewartsville
11/7/19	5:30 PM	ACES	Jefferson / SN
11/12/19	5:30 PM	ACES	Osborn
11/14/19	4:30 PM	East Buch	East Buch
11/18/19	6:00 PM	King City	King City
11/19-11/23		NEN Tourney*	
11/25/19	5:30 PM	SMS	SMS
11/26/19	5:30 PM	ACES	SJC



*NEN Tournament Bracket is available at www.avenuecityschool.org

United States Map Painted on our Playground

Come to our playground to see a map of the United States! Ware's Hardware donated all the paint for the project, Andrew County Health Department arranged for the map and the Missouri Western State University Geography Club loaned us the template. Parent volunteers helped us complete this project. Thank you to Ware's Hardware in Savannah, MO; Andrew County Health Department; PTO; MWSU Geography Club; and parent volunteers.



Winter Musical Program



Ten...Nine...Eight...Seven...Six...Five...Four...Three...Two...One...Blast off! The reindeer cadets are ready to learn how to fly! How exactly do reindeer learn to fly? Is it something they just instinctively know or is it an ability they have but need to learn how to use? Well, that is a question that the reindeer cadets at the School of Reindeer are going to need to figure out.

First through fifth grades are rehearsing the musical *How to Train Your Reindeer (To Fly)* for the Winter Concert. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM** to see the gym transform into the North Pole. The Kindergarteners and Middle School students will kick off the performance with Holiday music.

Student dress for evening will be holiday attire. Reindeer ears provided for first through fifth.



NOT YOUR AVERAGE GYM CLASS!



Sponsor Mosaic Life Care Foundation joined with Avenue City School administrators, teachers and students to celebrate the launch of Project Fit America (PFA) at Avenue City Elementary. The celebration included a ribbon cutting on October 2, 2019.

A grant awarded to Avenue City Elementary School by Mosaic Life Care Foundation made possible the donation of the PFA program which includes: state-of-the-art fitness equipment specifically designed to address the deficit areas where children fail fitness tests; indoor fitness equipment; a dynamic curriculum with games, activities and challenges for kids with the PFA outdoor and indoor equipment. The academic emphasis is to create “physically educated” children and to empower them to take personal responsibility of their health with enthusiasm. PFA also provides support to the school for two years along with on-site training with the PE Teacher. The initiative goes beyond traditional fitness and is also helping them build social, character and leadership skills. This is not your average gym class. The activities are both fun and intense.

“Because of the districts geographical location, there is not access to community parks, trails or fitness equipment. The Project Fit America grant helps our school by providing much need exercise equipment for the gym and outdoor area. This program not only helps our students but helps the community members and helps us continue our tradition of being the best place for students to learn”
Rebecca Grimes - Principal

“At Mosaic Life Care Foundation, we are passionate about improving wellness in the communities we serve. We especially want to help create an environment that encourages healthy lifestyles for all children. This new equipment will allow students to play, stay healthy and have fun all at the same time.”
Christina Lund, Director of Regional Relations.

“Research does show that not only is physical education important for a child’s physical development, it actually helps kids read and learn math. Physically active kids are better learners. Quality fitness in education has a direct impact not only a child’s health but their academic success,” “We are extremely proud of our partnership with Mosaic Life Care Foundation for their commitment to bring this program to the community and for their dedication to improving the health and wellness of children.”
Stacey Cook, Executive Director.

About Mosaic Life Care Foundation:

Mosaic Life Care Foundation is a think ahead organization focused on building healthy and thriving communities through education and empowerment.

About PFA: Project Fit America (PFA) is a national nonprofit organization that creates sustainable and innovative broad based fitness programs in schools. PFA programming includes state-of-the-art outdoor fitness equipment specifically designed to address the deficit areas where children fail fitness tests; indoor fitness equipment; a dynamic curriculum with games, activities and challenges; on-site teacher training and in-class instruction on subjects such as smoking intervention, nutrition and understanding your body. PFA is in our 29th year of working with schools in over 1,000 schools in over 300 cities in 46 states. Schools report increased motivation, participation and physical improvements in their students, along with parents and faculty becoming more involved in choosing fitness activities over sedentary lifestyle habits.

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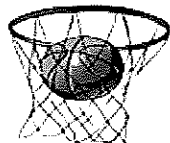


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- Raw Carrots
- Cinnamon Roll
- Drink



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