Partnership with Law Enforcement Begins at ACES

School safety has been an on-going priority for the Avenue City School. When the commons area and the new entrances were added to our school, security improvements were made in our entryways with electronic admittance. We also added security cameras along with increased lock-down capabilities. Teaching and support staff continue annual trainings dealing with increased security when dealing with outside influences. In 2017, the district acquired the use of the flashing traffic signal added to 169 Highway in front of the school. In 2018, as violent incidents increased in volume and frequency across the country, the administration and Board of Education investigated various possibilities to increase security precautions. After rejecting several potential measures the administration and Board of Education began examining the possibility of adding a school resource officer to our staff.

This past summer, the district was fortunate enough to be given permission to use a one-time grant to initiate that program. This school year the district has formed a collaborative partnership with our county government. The district and the county government have teamed together to provide a comprehensive safety program provided by a county/district resource officer. The officer will not only provide additional security but will also engage in a multitude of instructional programs, including but not limited to: bus-rider safety, drug resistance education, alcohol use resistance, prescription drug avoidance, "knowing your surroundings", self-defense courses for older students, student reporting of bullying and abusive behavior, appropriate interactive behavior between law enforcement and the general public, etc.

As our students are delivered to and from school, law enforcement officers will greet them in our school and parking lot area. These officers are here for a clear and on-going purpose. These officers will be interacting with our children and our community on a daily basis. The idea of how to interact with law enforcement in a positive way would not appear to be a thing that we need to teach our children however, the daily news seems to contradict that idea. Therefore, we take this step in a positive way and as a teaching opportunity for life.

We see this as a great educational opportunity that could be used as a model for all schools and county governments across Missouri. While providing an atmosphere of total and absolute security is not reasonable when thinking about a publicly accessible elementary/middle school, it remains our goal to provide the safest environment possible. We believe that this new program moves us one more step in that direction.

Sincerely,

Don Lawrence, Superintendent

RETIRMENT RECPTION TO HONOR COUNSELOR JUDY CURRY



Monday, October 29, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 PM the Avenue City School will be honoring Counselor Judy Curry. After twenty three years of service to the Avenue City School District's students and community, Mrs. Curry decided to retire and spend more time with her family.

Please join us for stories and refreshments as we honor her guidance, caring, instruction, and love for our children. Mrs. Curry will be glad to see you.

Writing Award

Former 8th-grade student, Ainsley Blake, competed in the Missouri State High School Activities Association middle school essay contest last spring. Ainsley was required to write an essay that focused on sportsmanship and citizenship through the use of social media. Ainsley was the only ACES student to participate in this voluntary assignment. She was awarded 6th place at the district level. Way to go Ainsley!

Professional Development News at Avenue City

As the school year is off to a great start, the staff at Avenue City has been working hard to create a Positive Behavior System throughout the building. We are using research, information from other schools, and our regional professional development center to create consistency of expectations in all areas inside and outside of the building. These expectations are posted throughout the building as a visual tool for students to remember what behavior is expected in various areas. We are continuing to review "The Essential 55" that was implemented during the past two schools year to show students the necessity of allowing them to find their own successes and see successes in other students.

Many of our staff are attending professional development opportunities offered through surrounding professional development regional centers. These attendees then bring back their knowledge gained, to share with the entire staff. Our staff members have attended Preparing Students for Writing Success, Pathways to Reading, Middle School Science Network, MASL Conference (Library and Technology), Secondary Social Studies for 6-12 grade, Reading and Teaching Students with Dyslexia, K-5 Science and K-5 Social Studies, and MCTM Summer Series (Math). We are also working to implement the new Social Studies Standards set through the MO Department of Education with our newly purchased curriculum.

2018 ACES Summer Reading Program,

Libraries Rock!

We have had a great summer full of reading fun! Music was our theme this year and we rocked the library with several different activities. Rolling Hills Bookmobile was here every week to provide extra books for check-out.



We started the summer off with Kathy Ridge from The Pony Express Museum explaining how Abe Lincoln and the Civil War used music. Angie King from the YMCA came twice and taught us how to Pound with drumsticks. Pound is a great workout and is offered for the family at the YMCA. Our own Carol Williams came and played her guitar and explained how music can be used as therapy. We were able to draw what we saw as music was played! These kiddos came up with some amazing drawings! Will Stuck joined us with entertaining music make-athome items. Sue Wagner came and talked to us about rocks and rock formations. Former ACES music teacher, Karen Vulgamott, came and had us up and moving to several different songs. Jerry Maxxoux, a blind music therapist, came and told us how he helps all kinds of people use music to communicate and remember important things.

We also rocked the Noyes Home by collecting weekly donations such as food, toys, swimming supplies, and school supplies. Thank you to those that supported the Noyes home!

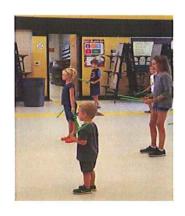
We so appreciate the funding that PTO was able to provide to make this possible! Their funds helped with guest speakers!

A huge thank you to Dairy Queen in Savannah and the St. Joseph Mustangs for making donations for our weekly drawings.

Thank you to all that came and helped make our summer reading program a success. Keep reading!







Avenue City R-IX School District Summary Schedule of Revenues Collected, Expenditures Paid, and Changes in Fund Balances School District Funds Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service <u>Fund</u>	Capital Projects Fund	Totals
Revenues Collected	\$ 1,194,412	\$ 1,212,064	\$ 350,775	\$ 925	\$ 2,758,176
Expenditures Paid	704,744	1,291,037	292,292	45,977	2,334,050
Excess of Revenues Collected Over(Under) Expenditures Paid	489,668	(78,973)	58,483	(45,052)	424,126
Other Sources(Uses) Transfers	(239,025)	78,973		160,052	
Excess of Revenues Collected and Other Sources Over(Under) Expenditures Paid and Other Uses	250.643		58.483	115,000	424,126
	250,015	33		112,000	424,120
Fund Balance					
July 1, 2017	2,206,403		2,295,214	117,646	4,619,263
Fund Balance					
June 30, 2018	\$ 2,457,046	<u>s</u> .	\$ 2,353,697	\$ 232,646	5 5,043,389

MARTIN & HANWAY CPA's, P.C.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Education of Avenue City R-IX School District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Avenue City R-IX School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the

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reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Disclaimer of Opinion on Supplementary Information Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension information on pages 4-13, 44-49 and 50-53, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedule of revenues collected by source – school district funds, schedule of expenditures paid by object – school district funds, summary schedule of revenues collected, expenditures paid, and changes in fund balances – school district funds and the schedule of selected statistics are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of revenues collected by source – school district funds, schedule of expenditures paid by object – school district funds, summary schedule of revenues collected, expenditures paid, and changes in fund balances – school district funds and schedule of selected statistics are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 12, 2018, on our consideration of Avenue City R-IX School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Avenue City R-IX School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Martin & Hanway CPA's, P.C.

Saint Joseph, Missouri

September 12, 2018

NOTE: A copy of the audit is located on the school's webpage under Board of Education, Reports from the Board. A copy of the full audit conducted by Martin & Hanway CPA's is also available in the Superintendent of Schools office at 18069 Hwy 169, Cosby, Missouri. Requests should be made to Janice Pankau, Custodian of Records.

Board of Education Meeting Highlights

A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from June 2018 to September 2018 is listed below. The minutes of each board meeting is posted on the school webpage under Board Information.

June 21, 2018

- Post 2018-19 District Handbooks for Review
- Post New Policies for Review
- Approval of 2018-19 Food Service Prices
- Approval of 2018-19 Budget for the District
- 2018-19 Salary Proposal for Certified and Support Staff
- Approval of Capital Projects Fund Transfer
- Acceptance of Certified Staff Resignation
- Creation of Personnel Position for 2018-19 School Year
- Approved Hiring of Staff Positions

July 12, 2018

- Adopt Policies Posted for Review
- Re-adoption of the "Conflict of Interest Ordinance"
- Review of Handbooks
- Approval of 2017-2018 Budget Finalization
- Approval of Additional Capital Projects Fund Transfer
- Motion to set the date for the August Tax Rate Hearing

August 16, 2018

- Tax Rate Hearing Information Reviewed
- Approval of District's Annual Goals
- Approval of the Substitute List for the 2018-19 School Year
- Decision and approval of Tax Rates for 2018-19 School Year
- Approved of the Hiring of Certified Staff Position

Sept. 9, 2018

- Approval of the District's 2017-2018 Audit
- Review of Program Evaluation for 1) Facilities/Safety and 2) Transportation
- Approval of Bus Routes/Mileage/Riders for the 2018-19 School Year
- Approved Hiring of Support Staff Position

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7 pm.

Gifted Education @ ACES

The gifted class resumed for the 2018-19 school on September 10, 2018. Because of 8th graders advancing to high school, our program is smaller. We now service 6 in our class. There are four 7th graders, one 5th grader, and one 4th grader in the program. We have a student that is going to be tested to see if he qualifies and another one who is a possibility for placement.

Our class began the year with an in depth study of 9/11/01 (its events, implications/changes on society today, and what we can do to serve our country and government). We had a guest speaker share what it was like to be in NYC that very day. Each memorial was visited online to show the class the level of pride and remembrance we have for each of the people who lost their life that day.

We are going to continue throughout the year with broadcasts produced and created by the students. Our goal is to have at least one broadcast monthly describing our school, its students, teachers, staff, and activities.

We are also going to continue participation in the Stock Market Game, an online stock market simulation, where we are "given" \$100,000 to purchase and trade stocks on the NYSE. Students will research companies and make presentations on them before we vote as a "team" to purchase or sell their particular stock. We were very fortunate last year to be the winners of division of the game with earnings of over \$17,000 on our stocks. Our students were awarded with medals, certificates, and a pizza party for our efforts. I was very proud of them. This is an excellent program that explains the market well to our students.

ACES PTO

The PTO Executive Committee is looking forward to a fun-filled year supporting the ACES student body, staff, and community. We have several exciting events planned for the upcoming year. We meet and welcome members and guests the first Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 pm throughout the school year. There are numerous ways to get involved with the PTO and we look forward to connecting with you soon.

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce our executive committee:

- Abby Sorensen-President
- Lindsey Holcumbrink- Vice President
- Heather Huff-Treasurer
- Joella Schultz-Secretary

With the school year just starting, the PTO has had some great events already! We started the year strong with our Back to School Ice Cream Social and had a great turn out for our first

Culver's Night of the year. Thank you so much to everyone who came out and supported ACES and the PTO. With the funds raised during Culver's Nights throughout the year our teachers are able to purchase extra items for their classrooms to enhance our children's classroom experience.

Mark your calendars for **October 6**th when we will host our annual Fall Fest on the playground from 4-6 pm! We have a few additions this year so be sure to come out for a fun filled family day where you might get to pie your favorite teacher!



The PTO Chili Supper will be held on **November 8**th starting at 5:00 pm. Come out and enjoy a bowl of chili and watch ACES basketball as they play East Buchanan.

Don't forget that we have apparel and trash bag sales available all year and we have recently added ACES tumblers for purchase as well.

We have recently implemented a new addition to our monthly meetings called a classroom showcase. Each month a different grade will get to showcase something they have learned or created. We look forward to seeing the amazing things our students and teachers have worked on throughout the year!

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.

Sing with Wing

This month, in the music room, you will hear a repertoire of songs from out of space as the 4th and 5th graders prepare for their upcoming field trip to Missouri Theater. We will take in a performance from the Saint Joseph Symphony with Conductor Rico McNeela. The concert will feature music from two movies: *Apollo 13* and *The Last Jedi*. The feature piece is The Planets composed by Gustave Hoist.

The kindergarteners and 1st graders are using their beat buddies (stuff animals) to find the tempo of the song, dynamics, and the steady beat while singing along with echo songs. The 2nd and 3rd graders found a surprise at the end of Haydn Surprise Symphony which lead into a study of dynamics in music. The middle school students are finding their singing voice in this first quarter using 1960's music as the genre along with discussion of current music.

Academic Teams and Middle School Scholar Bowl



Avenue City Academic Teams are getting ready for another great season! We will soon be choosing our 4th, 5th, 6th grade Academic Teams and Middle School Scholar Bowl Team.

Each team will consists of around 8 students. The Avenue City 4th-5th grade Academic Teams will compete against the Savannah elementary schools in our area including Amazonia, Helena, Minnie Cline and John Glenn. The 6th grade team will compete against Savannah Middle School and St. Joseph Christian.

The Middle School teams will enjoy competing against other small schools in the area including North Andrew, Union Star, St. Paul Lutheran and St. Joseph Christian this year. Avenue City is proud of its Academic Teams and Scholar Bowl competitors, and the sponsors, Mandy Scott and Janis Pargas, look forward to continuing the fun throughout this year!

NextEra Assembly

On Thursday, September 27, 2018, the 5th through 8th grade students at Avenue City enjoyed a different kind of assembly. The topic was Anti-bullying, Suicide prevention, and Antidrug use, but that was the only part that was typical. Students and teachers listened as three teens played instruments, sang, rapped, and talked about these subjects in a way that really spoke to the students on their level. The group call themselves NextEra Music, and the presenters taught the acronym MVP which stands for You Matter, You have Value and You have a Purpose. The assembly was made possible by the Andrew County Health Department and the group's "Defined to Be Different" tour will continue in schools throughout Missouri, Kansas and Iowa this





fall.



PTO Community Chili Supper

What: PTO Community Chili Supper

When: Thursday, November 8, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 PM

Where: Avenue City School District Cafeteria

Cost: Free Will Donation

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Hosted by: ACES Middle School Student Council

The Student Council will begin our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive on Monday, October 8th. People (from ACES and anyone else in the community that is interested) can take as many shoeboxes as they want. They can return them to the office any time before November 9th, filled and unsealed.

- 1. October 8th- Pick up Your Shoebox(es) Starting Now: Pick up your Operation Christmas Child shoebox(es) & "Gift Ideas" page from the ACES school commons. You may take as many as you like, as long as you
 - commit to filling them. Encourage family members and friends to fill boxes too! You can pick up boxes up until the first week of Nov. OR until they are gone!
- 2. Girl or Boy? Decide whether you are packing for a girl or boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Attach your label (cut it from the "Gift Ideas" page) to your shoebox.
- the power of a simple gift
- 3. "Wow" Toy: Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, action figure, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.
- 4. Other gifts: Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Refer to the list inside your box OR you can visit samaritanspurse.org/occ for gift suggestions & items you should NOT include.
- 5. Pray: If you choose, pray for the child who will receive your gifts. Include a personal note & photo.
- 6. <u>Include \$9 Donation:</u> A donation of \$9 is critical to cover shipping & other project costs. Please enclose a check in the box (In an envelope is fine. Remember: DO NOT SEAL YOUR BOX), written out to "Samaritan's Purse" OR give online through "Follow Your Box" & discover the destination of your shoebox.
- 7. November 5th- 9th- Drop Off: Drop your gift-filled shoebox off in the ACES office. Each box needs to be sent with a \$9 donation to cover the cost of transportation in the U.S. and all the way to another country. You can even "Follow Your Box" online and find out where it went. PLEASE DO NOT SEAL YOUR BOX.



2018 Junior High Basketball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	Time	Place	Opponent
10/15/18	5:30 PM	North Andrew	North Andrew
10/16/18	5:30 PM	ACES	St. Francis
10/22/18	5:30 PM	South Holt	South Holt
10/24/18	5:30 PM	ACES	Union Star
10/30/18	6:00	Stewartsville	Stewartsville
11/1/18	5:30 PM	Jefferson	Jefferson
11/5/18	5:30 PM	Osborn	Osborn
11/8/18	4:30 PM	ACES	East Buchanan
11/12/18	5:30	ACES	King City
11/12/18-11/17/18	ЗТВА	NE Nodaway	Tourney
11/19/18	5:30 PM	ACES	SMS
11/20/18	5:30 PM	ACES	St. Joe Christian



Support a Safer TEALOWEEN For kids With Food Allergies

Teal is the color of food allergy awareness and teal pumpkins have become the <u>symbol of</u> <u>food allergy awareness at Halloween</u>. When you see a teal pumpkin, it means non-food treats are available for kids with food allergies or other dietary restrictions.

1. Raise awareness about food allergies and being inclusive.

Change your social media profile picture to show others you support a safer, more inclusive celebration for all children.

2. Show others you have non-food treats available.

Placing a teal pumpkin by your door will let others know you have non-food treats available.

3. Have non-food treats available.

Use our handy list for fun treat ideas. By offering non-food treats, you will help keep all kids safe and included in Halloween celebrations.



Go to the following link for more information and to download a copy of the Teal Zone sign to display at your home

https://community.kidswithfoodallergies.org/blog/how-to-have-an-allergy-friendly-tealow een

2018-2019 ACES PTO Calendar

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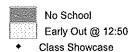
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Inclement Weather

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

Students should know where they are to go in case of an emergency early dismissal.

