

Snippets and Snapshots from the Desk of Superintendent Grimes

I look around the community and realize how extremely blessed I am. I am not a “Pollyanna”; I realize that the world is filled with upheaval, war, and wrong doings. However, as I enter this holiday season, I am filled with gratitude. While many people look at and focus on what is “bad” with the world, I continue to look for and focus on the “good.” While in the Avenue City School District, it is so easy to identify the “good.”

When I look around, I count my blessings one by one....

#1: I am grateful for opportunities. What is an opportunity? An opportunity is a set of circumstances that make it possible to do something. We are using grant opportunities made available from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to make our school safer and more secure, to maintain qualified staff, to provide professional development growth areas, and to update curricular areas. The staff is taking advantage of other grant programs that will help us offer extracurricular activities for our students and provide items for the outdoor play area. Through support of the recent bond issue, the community has granted the district a set of circumstances that will allow us to add additional classrooms. As the Superintendent, I am grateful for the opportunities made available to our district and for my opportunity to serve this community.

#2: I am grateful for our Avenue City Staff. Their creativity, work ethic, drive, and passion are beyond matched by any other school. They are full of patience, kindness, and understanding. As administration changes schedules and throws them “curve balls,” they continue to transform lives while maintaining high expectations and pushing students to grow and succeed in so many ways. Every person that works within these walls is a mentor, friend, teacher, and role model. I am grateful for their countless ways they have taught and continue to let the light of education shine brightly for our community to see and understand.

#3: I am grateful for our Avenue City Community. The Avenue City Community has the strength to build a place of belonging and offer hospitality without grumbling. From passing bond issues, volunteering to help struggling learners, decorating for music programs, organizing book fairs, and supporting PTO events, this community serves one another. The way this community shares their individual gifts and supports each other amazes me. This helps create a loving and positive place for children to learn.

#4: I am grateful for the workers who are on our campus placing brick upon brick. The engineers, architects, designers, board of education members, and project managers that have brought forth dreams from paper and the construction workers and contractors who are working to make the vision of our district a reality. From creating the frame of our building to the future work of plastering walls, their weathered hands and perspired foreheads show their dedication to their profession. Their expertise on structures, stand on a solid foundation and their experience on roofs and walls will protect our students as they learn.

#5: The KIDS... I am most grateful for the children in this district. They enter the door of this building, they smile, they make me laugh, they skin their knees, they make good decisions,

(and learn from bad ones), they learn to read and write, they reach goals, and they support each other socially and emotionally. They remind me of all of my weaknesses, teach me how to be patient and selfless, and remind me that I too can grow. Each morning they bring new experiences and perspectives to our little corner of the world and remind me how grateful I am.

My list could continue on. I encourage you this holiday season to take some time and make a list of your blessings and why you are grateful. When you are counting your blessings, I hope you include the Avenue City School District community.

I hope you have a bountiful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Becky Grimes
Superintendent

ACES HIGH FLYERS

We are excited to bring a new character development opportunity to our students called “ACES High Flyers.” We have selected a character trait to direct our focus each month, which will coincide with the Essential 55 Rules that have been an instrumental part of ACES for many years. These rules cover a range of behaviors and skills that students need to succeed, from respecting others to taking responsibility for their actions. In addition to recognizing students’ accomplishments at school, we will also be placing a special sign in their yard.



NEW SERVICES OFFERED TO STUDENTS

K-8 participated in a new program offered through the Missouri Center for Education Safety to provide education and support regarding the safety and emotional wellbeing of our students. Our district is partnering with Therapylog to provide these free services, including education and follow-up support such as counseling for students at no cost to the school or families. For more information regarding this program please contact Counselor Milne at smilne@avenuecityschool.org.

Sixth-Eighth Grade participated in "How Full is Your Cup" which is led by the Andrew County Health and Safety Coalition/Andrew County Health Department. This program aims to help students identify the impact their stressors are having on them and avoid "spill over" when possible. The *How Full is Your Cup?* Campaign highlights healthy stress vs. unhealthy stress and serves as a visual representation that describes the importance of healthy coping.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF:

*They have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher. Be 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.

* Vomiting/Diarrhea- Must be **symptom free for 24 hours** prior to returning to school

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.

*Get plenty of rest.

*Drink plenty of water! Encourage your child to bring a hard water bottle to school. 1 cup per hr. 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.

Board of Education Meeting Highlights

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

August 10, 2023

- Tax Rate Hearing
- Consider Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Series 2023 General Obligation Bonds with L.J. Hart & Company
- Recommended Tax Rates for 2023-24
- Construction Update
- District Annual Goals
- Approval of Substitute List for the 2023-24 School Year
- Local Plan for Compliance for Missouri Special Education
- Review of Seclusion and Restraint Handbook
- Review of the Avenue City Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
- Paraprofessional Hiring
- Review Policy 6211 Class Size

September 14, 2023

- Review of Program Evaluations for 1) Facilities and Safety, 2) Transportation, and 3) Guidance Counseling
- Post Board Policies and Regulations
- Construction Update

October 12, 2023

- Approval of School Audit
- Adopt New and Revised Policies and Regulations
- Motion to Approve the Proclamation of "Red Ribbon Week"
- Addition to the Substitute List
- Approval for Snow Removal
- Review of Program Evaluation for Health Services
- Construction Update

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023.

School Board Candidate Filing Opens in December

It is time to prepare for the April school board election. Candidate filing begins December 5, 2023.

- There are two seats up for election for a three-year term.
- There is one seat up for election for a one-year term.
- The first day of filing begins Tuesday, December 5 at 8:00 a.m.
- Filing will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Filing will not occur during Christmas break, beginning December 19 at 3:45 p.m. through December 25.
- The closing date for filing is December 26, 2023. On that day, filing will be open from 3:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m.
- Filing will not occur on days that school is not in session due to inclement weather.
- Candidates may call 816-662-2305 or email hhuff@avenuecityschool.org to inquire if the office is open.

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

Information on the School Board Organization

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

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

Qualified Voters in the School District

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

Candidate Qualification - Method of Filing

Qualified applicants for the Board may file for office beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Superintendent's office commencing on the seventeenth (17th) Tuesday prior to the election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the fourteenth (14th) Tuesday before the election. The candidate shall declare his/her intent to become a candidate, in person and in writing to the secretary of the Board of Education. The names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in the order of filing. The notice of election and certification of candidates must be submitted to the county clerk by the tenth Tuesday prior to the election. Candidates must comply with all of the prevailing laws concerning eligibility and campaign financing.

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

Professional Development News

With the school year in full swing, Avenue City staff is busy using time to delve into social studies curriculum as a focus area. This includes looking into state standards and working to implement a curriculum that meets these standards for the district. The professional development committee has been reaching out to companies and resources to gather the newest innovative curriculum that will best meet the needs of our students at Avenue City.

In addition, the staff is again using Ron Clark's The Essential 55 as a book study to incorporate tools that any parent or teacher can use to show a child how to act with consideration and respect as well as how to receive that from the child. We have started an "ACES High Flyer" monthly recognition to students who exceptionally exhibit specific character traits that coincide with our work from Ron Clark.

Many staff members have attended or are currently attending additional professional development opportunities outside of the school building. Staff then brings back knowledge from these opportunities to share with all staff members their learnings from their time spent. It

is a busy year and there is a lot of work for the committee to do as we move forward through this school year. Our focus of the committee is always to provide opportunities for our staff to better our teachings in the classroom and provide our students with the best education.

INFORMATION ON THE 2022-2023 DISTRICT FINANCIAL AUDIT

Included in this newsletter is:

1. A Summary Schedule of Receipts Collected, Expenditures Paid, and Changes in Fund Balances
2. An Independent Auditors' Report
3. The complete audit report is available for inspection and examination by going to the district's website at www.avenuecityschool.org. *Click on Menu; Board of Education; Reports from Board.*
4. You may also request a copy of the audit report by contacting the Avenue City School District's Board Secretary Office by phone or email (lhuff@avenuecityschool.org).

Avenue City R-IX School District
 Summary Schedule of Receipts Collected, Expenditures Paid, and Changes in Fund Balances
 School District Funds
 Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Receipts Collected	\$ 1,772,930	\$ 1,773,550	\$ 413,625	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,010,105
Expenditures Paid	<u>1,009,951</u>	<u>1,485,335</u>	<u>481,963</u>	<u>11,225</u>	<u>2,988,474</u>
Excess of Receipts Collected Over(Under) Expenditures Paid	762,979	288,215	(68,338)	38,775	1,021,631
Other Sources(Uses) Transfers	<u>(160,000)</u>	-	-	<u>160,000</u>	-
Excess of Receipts Collected and Other Sources Over(Under) Expenditures Paid and Other Uses	602,979	288,215	(68,338)	198,775	1,021,631
Fund Balance July 1, 2022	<u>3,686,066</u>	-	<u>229,469</u>	<u>509,803</u>	<u>4,425,338</u>
Fund Balance June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 4,289,045</u>	<u>\$ 288,215</u>	<u>\$ 161,131</u>	<u>\$ 708,578</u>	<u>\$ 5,446,969</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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, 2023, 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 for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter-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.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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 receipts collected by source – school district funds, schedule of expenditures paid by object – school district funds, and summary schedule of receipts collected, expenditures paid, and changes in fund balances – school district funds, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 or to 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 schedule of receipts collected by source – school district funds, schedule of expenditures paid by object – school district funds, and summary schedule of receipts collected, expenditures paid, and changes in fund balances – school district funds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the budgetary comparison information and pension information but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 9, 2023, 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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Avenue City R-IX School District's 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
October 9, 2023



AVENUE CITY SCHOOL 1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

3rd GRADE - A HONOR ROLL

Ethan Nell

3rd GRADE - A/B HONOR ROLL

Audrey Adwell
Mason Berry
Samara Browning
Sullivan Buchman
Oliver Burnett
Penelope Burns
Kolt Davis
June Etherington
Jonnie Hare
Julianne Saveland
Eli Temple

4th GRADE - A HONOR ROLL

Elliana Nold
Alden Pike
Samuel Qin
Ryder Schweizer
Maddox Vu
William Meikle

4th GRADE - A/B HONOR ROLL

Sylvanie Albin
Zechariah Albin
Harper Barsch
Easton Bodenhausen
Scott Braun
Lane Derr
Jesse Eggleston
Noah Francis
Bentley Hawkins
Isabelle Jones
Landin Thurn
Annabelle Watson
Cooper Wofford
Cameron Zeamer

5th GRADE - A HONOR ROLL

Henry Brown
Kash Davis
Naomi Forney
Grace Huff
Isabelle Seevers
Mayla Shavmore

5th GRADE - A/B HONOR ROLL

Colton Bradley
William Brooks
Maximus Burkeybile
Natalie Clary
Kensley Meikle
Joslyn Schultz
Coby Seevers
Larra Steele
Ava White
Carlee Yingling

6th GRADE - A HONOR ROLL

Aubree Clark
Beau Flatt
Larkin Greenlee
Trey Hochenauer
Joshua Salmons
April Sedlacek

6th GRADE - A/B HONOR ROLL

Alexa Cornelius
Jensen Elifrits
Karsen Garner
Hanner Hare
Macey Kerns
Avery Temple
Lillian Watson
Isabella Yager

7th GRADE - A HONOR ROLL

Lyla Colwell
Carter Farrell
Gwen Francis
Billie Hare
Sidney Huff
Abigail Morey
Landon Neil
Dixon Palmer
Jessica Qin
Jackson Salmons

7th GRADE - A/B HONOR ROLL

Casey Adwell
Emily Barsch
Keira Crain
Lukas Huff
Khloe Payeur
Kristopher Seevers

8th GRADE - A HONOR ROLL

Adelynn Arnold
Wyatt Forney
Parker Jessen
Reagan Rodgers
Maebry Shuster
Brody Worley-Glise

8th GRADE - A/B HONOR ROLL

Elijah Albin
Brenna Holcumbink
Kale Pollard
Dylan Schultz
Lucas Shavmore
Trip Shuster
Crozley Silcott



1st QUARTER
PERFECT ATTENDANCE

KINDERGARDEN - HELTON

Harper Clark
Adley Meikle
Emerson Plackemeier
Karson Puckett
Hadlee Roach
Corbyn Robinson
Raylinn Smith
Kaylene Thibodeau

1ST GRADE - ATCHITY

Charlie Burns
Rylee Christopher
Jett Guess
Ethan Thibodeau
Brently White

2nd GRADE - SVENDSEN

Elizabeth Bodenhausen
Harper Clark
Tory Hochenauer
Layla Kerns
Remi Meikle
Bastian Rosmolen
Logan Smith

2nd GRADE - HOFFMAN

Bennett Brooks
Margaret Brown
Atley Durbin
Drake Palmer
Ronald Vanourney
Hadley Zeamer

3rd GRADE - SCOTT

Samara Browning
Penelope Burn

4th GRADE - ELLIS

Liam Chrisjohn
Isabelle Jones
Ryder Schweizer
Blakely Smith
Cameron Zeamer

5th GRADE - DAVISON

Colton Bradley
Keegan Brandt
Henry Brown
Owen Burns
Kash Davis
Naomi Forney
Riley Gromowski
Grace Huff
Kensley Meikle
Taylor Rives
Joslyn Schultz
Coby Seevers
Isabelle Seevers
Audrey Temple
Ava White
Carlee Yingling

6th GRADE - FORNEY

Joshua Salmons
Chance Velazquez
Lillian Watson

7th GRADE - HOCHENAUER

Wyatt Brandt
Abigail Morey
Landon Neil
Dixon Palmer
Jackson Salmons
Kristopher Seevers

8th GRADE - SIGRIST

Dylan Schultz

Avenue City PTO

As always, the PTO Executive Committee would like to thank our members and ACES families for all of their support so far this year. We want to extend a big thank you to all those who volunteered at the Chili Supper. As well as those, that attended this event to make it a success. All your time, donations, and support are greatly appreciated.

Our Fall Apparel orders went out early September. If you missed that order, we may have what you need in back stock. We will be selling our previous year’s back stock items for a discounted price on our Facebook page. So be sure to be on the lookout for those. Sizes and designs vary.

Coming up is our Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle, please be looking for those tickets to sell. Tickets go home November 3rd and need to be turned back in by November 17th. Winner will be drawn on the 20th.

Because of a conflict of the schedule, we have changed the November PTO meeting to November 28 at 6:30 pm.

Our upcoming meetings and events include:

11/28/2024	6:30PM	PTO Meeting
01/9/2024	6:30PM	PTO Meeting
2/17/2024	7:00AM-12:00PM	Pancake Breakfast
2/20/2024	5:00-8:00 PM	Culver’s Night
3/12/2024	6:30PM	PTO Meeting
4/9/2024	5:00-8:00 PM	Culver’s Night

Due to the exciting expansion we will have to adjust our Annual Spring Fling. We are still brainstorming ideas, we are asking for volunteers to form a committee to work together on this. If you are interested, please let one of the Executive Committee Officers know.

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 always have trash bags available at the school. In addition, 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 the PTO and ACES. Because of it, 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
 Joella Schultz, President
 Kim Esley, Vice President
 Heidi Brandt, Treasurer
 Metchel Rosmolen, Secretary



Book Club Happenings

The ACES fourth and fifth grade book club has been having a lot of fun this year! We read the book, Scribble Stones, and painted motivational rocks during our first meeting. At our second meeting students participated in a book tasting where they sampled many different types of books and came away with ideas of new books to read. We will be reading, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and comparing the book to the movie.



The ACES middle school book club read and learned about the Glore Psychiatric Hospital and mental health. We then took a field trip to the Glore Museum and participated in a scavenger hunt to solve a fictional "Murder at the Asylum." A great time was had by all. We will continue our mystery theme through a book study of Enola Holmes.



Dates to Remember

- November 22 : 12:50 Dismissal
- November 23, 24, 25, 26 : No School, Happy Thanksgiving
- November 27: No School – Professional Development
- December 21-31: No School Winter Break
- January 1: No School
- January 2: No School Professional Development
- January 3: School Resumes

Award Winning Art Work for 1st Quarter

The following students were recognized because of their wonderful artwork in the first quarter. They created spooky houses and joined discussions of the placement of light and shadows within the outdoor scene.



Avery Temple
(Art Work is below)



Joshua Salmons
(Art Work is below)



ACES Basketball

The ACES basketball season is off and running! The players have been learning and working hard at our early morning practices several days a week. As of the date of this article submission, the girls and boys teams have faced off against Union Star, South Holt, and North Andrew. The girls' record is currently 3-0 and the boys' is 0-3. Each team has shown improvement each game and we are eager to see how the rest of the season turns out! We have seven regular season games and the Ravenwood Tournament coming up.



ACES Academic Teams 2023-2024

ACES Academic Teams are ready for another season! Coaches for all teams are Ashley Davis and Jolynn Zvolanek.

Academic Bowl Schedule for 4th and 5th Grades

Thursday January 11	Helena @ Avenue City Minnie Cline @ Amazonia
Thursday January 18	Amazonia @ Avenue City John Glenn @ Helena
Thursday January 25	Avenue City @ Minnie Cline John Glenn @ Amazonia
Thursday February 8	Avenue City @ John Glenn Helena @ Minnie Cline
Thursday February 15	Minnie Cline @ Avenue City Amazonia @ Helena
Thursday February 29	Minnie Cline @ John Glenn Avenue City @ Helena
Thursday March 7	John Glenn @ Avenue City Amazonia @ Minnie Cline
Thursday March 14	Avenue City @ Amazonia Helena @ John Glenn

*Thursday, March 21 will be a make-up day if needed

**Meets start at 3:30 with the order of 5th grade, then 4th grade

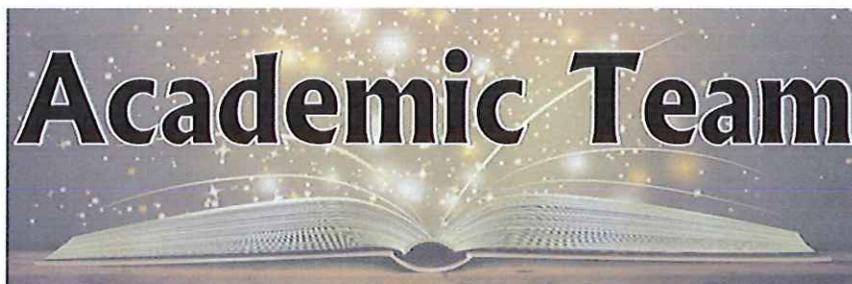
Our 4th grade team consists of: Sylvanie Albin, Harper Barsch, Noah Francis, Isabelle Jones, Ray Meikle, Elli Nold, Ryder Schweizer, Maddox Vu, and Annabelle Watson.
The 5th grade team members are: Henry Brown, Max Burkeybile, Owen Burns, Kash Davis, Naomi Forney, Kensley Meikle, Myla Shavnore, and Larra Steele.

Academic Bowl Schedule for 6th Grade

Tuesday, February 6
Tuesday, February 13
Tuesday, February 20
Tuesday, February 27
Make-up date, if needed, Tuesday, March 5

All meets are held at Savannah Middle School beginning at 4:00

The 6th grade team includes: Beau Flatt, Larkin Greenlee, Hanner Hare, Trey Hochenauer, Landon Jessen, Ben Mears, and Joshua Salmons.



Academic Bowl Schedule for 7th and 8th Grade

Tuesday, January 9: Host North Andrew- (2 rooms)

4:00-4:30 p.m.	St. Joe Christian vs. Avenue City	St. Paul vs. North Andrew
4:30-5:00 p.m.	North Andrew vs. St. Joe Christian	St. Paul Lutheran vs. Avenue City

Tuesday, January 16: Host St. Joseph Christian- (2 rooms)

4:00-4:30 p.m.	Avenue City vs. North Andrew	St. Joe Christian vs. St. Paul
4:30-5:00 p.m.	St. Paul Lutheran vs. Avenue City	North Andrew vs. St. Joe Christian

Tuesday, January 23: Host St. Paul Lutheran- (2 rooms)

4:00-4:30 p.m.	North Andrew vs. St. Paul	Avenue City vs. St. Joe Christian
4:30-5:00 p.m.	St. Joe Christian vs. North Andrew	St. Paul vs. Avenue City

Tuesday, January 30: Host Avenue City (2 rooms)

4:00-4:30 p.m.	St. Paul vs. St. Joe Christian	North Andrew vs. Avenue City
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Avenue City vs. St. Paul	North Andrew vs. St. Joe Christian

******Feb 6th- Make-up date**

The ACES 7th and 8th grade team is made up of Wyatt Brandt, Sidney Huff, Landon Neil, Dixon Palmer, Jessica Qin, Jackson Salmons, Wyatt Forney, and Parker Jessen.

Sing with Wing

Our music classes started the year with a mission to make a final performance before the gym was closed. Everyone was super busy getting ready for our big fall concert. The middle school kids and kindergartners sang the songs they had been practicing in their classes. The 5th graders were the stars in their play called "This Old Gingerbread House," and the younger kids from elementary school were the backup singers.

The play also made us notice that there is construction happening at Avenue City School, and everyone who watched it had a great time.

Do not worry; the construction will not stop us from performing during the holidays. It's just going to be a bit different. Since we don't have a stage or gym, we will perform for other classes during the day. The elementary students will sing holiday songs for a different class during the daytime, and the middle school kids will work on holiday carols for caroling. The halls will ring with Christmas music.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is Coming Statewide to Missouri!



The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and The Dollywood Foundation are working together to launch **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** across Missouri on November 8. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by delivering high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to the homes of registered children under age 5, at no cost to the family.

The Missouri Imagination Library was made possible by legislation (Section 178.694 RSMo) that identifies school districts as the local partner for this initiative. Full funding was included in DESE's Fiscal Year 2024 budget to establish and administer Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for all children in Missouri age 0-5.

There will be no cost to schools for the books or the postage to deliver them. Watch for more information in the coming week with details on this program.

FOOD FIGHT



ACES students participated in the annual canned food fight prior to the Missouri Western vs. Northwest rivalry football game. Fans of the Griffons brought in cans of corn and Bearcat fans brought in cans of green beans throughout the week. The scoreboard went back and forth each day with the competition intensifying. By the end of the week, the Griffons pulled ahead to dominate the Bearcats! Mrs. Svendsen's students organized and counted over 1600 cans (2000 pounds) that were donated to the Andrew County Food Pantry. It was

an awesome sight to see the school and community unite in a fun competition. In the end, we are all winners for helping those less fortunate!



Happy Holidays from the Avenue City Staff!

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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 local media outlets. (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. (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.

