

Avon Community Unit School District 176

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Reorganization Update

The consolidation petition for the Abingdon, Avon and Bushnell-Prairie City school districts has been approved by Illinois State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chris Koch. The petition will now be filed with the county clerks for Fulton, Knox, McDonough, and Warren counties for inclusion on the March 20, 2012 election ballot.

The consolidation question is now in the hands of the voters of the three districts. Election procedures dictate that the vote must pass by a simple majority in each of the three districts to take effect. If the vote is in the affirmative in all three districts, then the new Board of Education will be seated soon after the election by Regional Superintendent John Meixner, and the district will open for business on July 1, 2012.

As a reminder, the Committee of Ten has proposed the following configuration for the new district: the high school would be located in Bushnell; the junior high school would be located in Abingdon; and each town would retain its own elementary school. In addition, the Committee of Ten

has recommended that the new district's Board of Education be elected from seven equally populated sub-districts.

For more information, please see the Committee of Ten's website at <https://sites.google.com/site/abingdonavonbpc/home>. A large copy of the election map is being passed around the three districts' unit offices, and is currently available in the Avon unit office.

If you have questions or wish to have members of the Committee of Ten speak to your group, you may contact members of the Committee of Ten as noted on the Committee's website. You may also contact the superintendent's of each school district for factual information regarding the proposal or for the individual districts as currently constituted.

Finally, please register to vote and place March 20, 2012 on your calendar. Your input and participation in this process is crucial! Thank you for your comments and input.



Student Council Canned Food Drive

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated food for the canned food drive. As a school we collected 450 cans! The cans will be donated to the Fairview Food Pantry. Congratulations to the 1st Grade class for bringing in the most food items--120! Great job!



Top Ten Homework Tips

(Taken from <http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/learning/homework.html#cat169>. For more great articles, visit <http://kidshealth.org>.)

Kids are more successful in school when parents take an active interest in their homework — it shows kids that what they do is important.

Of course, helping with homework shouldn't mean spending hours hunched over a desk. Parents can be supportive by demonstrating study and organization skills, explaining a tricky problem, or just encouraging kids to take a break. And who knows? Parents might even learn a thing or two!

Here are some tips to guide the way:

1. **Know the teachers — and what they're looking for.** Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies and how you should be involved.
2. **Set up a homework-friendly area.** Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
3. **Schedule a regular study time.** Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
4. **Help them make a plan.** On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
5. **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
6. **Make sure kids do their own work.** They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.
7. **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. **Set a good example.** Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. **Praise their work and efforts.** Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
10. **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help.** Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.

“They won't learn if they don't think for themselves...”



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6p HBB @ Macomb 6p JBB @ Stronghurst 6p HGB @ Avon Pep Band	2 6p HBB @ Bushnell	3 TBA HBB @ Bushnell 12:30p HGB @ Knoxville
4	5 4p JBB @ Bushnell 6p HBB @ Rushville/Industry	6 6p JBB @ Canton 6p HBB @ W. Central 6p HGB @ Avon 6:30p PTA Meeting	7	8 6p HBB @ Beardstown 6p JBB @ Bushnell 6p HGB @ Elmwood	9 <i>11:30a Dismissal</i> 6p HBB @ Beardstown	10 TBA HBB @ Mon/Rose Trny. TBA HGB @ TBA 6p HBB @ ROWVA
11	12	13 Secret Santa Workshop 6p JBB @ LaHarpe 6p HBB @ Avon Pep Band 6p HGB @ Bushnell	14 TBA HBB Trny @ Monmouth 6p HGB Trny @ TBA 6:30p Board Meeting	15 5p JVB Parent Meeting @ Avon 6p JBB @ Bushnell 6p HGB @ TBA	16 <i>2:05p Dismissal</i> 6p HBB @ Bushnell	17 4:30p HGB @ TBA
18	19 5:30p PK-5 Holiday Concert 6p HGB @ Rushville/Industry	20 <i>2:05p Dismissal</i> Quarter Ends 6p HBB @ Bushnell 6p JBB @ Bushnell	21	22	23	24
No School - Winter Break						
25	26	27 TBA HBB Trny @ Mendon	28 TBA HBB Trny @ Mendon	29 TBA HBB Trny @ Mendon 6p HGB @ W. Central	30	31
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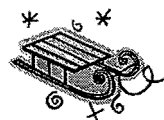
January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>No School</i> <i>Teacher Institute</i> 6p HGB @ Avon Pep Band	3 6p HBB @ Bushnell	4	5 6p JBB @ Cuba 6p HGB @ Avon Pep Band 6p HBB @ Bushnell	6 6p HBB @ S.Fulton	7 TBA HBB Trny @ Bushnell 2p HGB @ Avon Pep Band
8	9	10 5:30p JBB @ W.Central 6p HBB @ Farmington 6p HGB @ Alexis	11 TBA HBB Trny @ Bushnell 6:30p Board Meeting	12 4:30p HGB @ W.Central 5:30p JBB @ Alwood 6p HGB @ Avon Pep Band	13 <i>2:05p Dismissal</i> 6p HBB @ Bushnell	14 TBA HBB Trny @ Bushnell
15	16 <i>No School</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 4:15p JVB @ Avon 6p JBB @ Bushnell 6:30p HBB @ Bushnell	17	18 6p HBB @ Carthage	19 6p JBB @ Bushnell 6p HGB @ Abingdon	20 6p HBB @ Havana	21 TBA JVB Trny @ W.Central
22	23 6p HGB @ Bushnell 6p JVB @ Avon	24	25	26 6p HGB @ Avon Pep Band	27 <i>2:05p Dismissal</i> 4:15p JVB @ Avon 6p HBB @ Brimfield	28 9a HGB @ Havana
29	30 6p HGB @ Lewistown 6p JVB @ Rushville/Industry 6:30p HBB @ Bushnell	31 5:30p JVB @ Abingdon 6p HBB @ Bushnell				

Calendar is subject to change

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JBB – Junior High Boys Basketball
JGB – Junior High Girls Basketball
JVB – Junior High Girls Volleyball
HBB – High School Boys Basketball
HGB – High School Girls Basketball

Breakfast**Lunch****Breakfast****Lunch***Thursday, December 1*Cereal
Bearclaw
JuiceChicken, Broccoli &
Cheese Hot Pocket
Lettuce
Apricots*Tuesday, December 13*Cereal
Toast
JuiceChicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Spinach
Cinnamon Apples*Friday, December 2*Ham & Cheese Omelet
Toast
Mandarin OrangesNacho Supreme
Tomatoes/Corn
Apple*Wednesday, December 14*Breakfast Patty
Biscuit
Cheese Slice
Hash BrownsFish Sandwich on Bun
Cheese Slice/Tarter Sauce
Corn on the Cob
Pears*Monday, December 5*Cereal
Garlic Bread
Carrots
PearsSpaghetti
Garlic Bread
Carrots
Pears*Thursday, December 15*Cereal
Donut
JuiceChili/Crackers
Carrots
Apple Slices
Grahams*Tuesday, December 6*Pancakes
Syrup
Bacon
Mandarin OrangesChicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Corn
Cherry Crisp*Friday, December 16*Sausage, Egg,
& Cheese Burrito
PeachesBeef & Noodles
Green beans
Mixed Fruit*Wednesday, December 7*Cereal
Toast
JuiceHamburger on Bun
Cheese Slice/Pickle
Smiles
Applesauce*Monday, December 19*Cereal
Toast
Jelly
JuiceMeatloaf
Cheesy Hash Browns
Corn Casserole
Strawberries*Thursday, December 8*Stuffed Biscuit
Sausage Patty
AppleQuesadilla
Lettuce/Tomatoes
Peaches
Cookie*Tuesday, December 20*
Christmas BreakfastCorn Dogs
Fruit
Veggie*Friday, December 9*Cereal
Pop Tart
Juice

11:30a.m. Dismissal

*Wednesday, December 21-**Friday, December 30*
NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK*Monday, December 12*Pancake, Sausage Bites
Syrup
ApplesauceTortellini
Garlic Toast
Peas
Peaches*All meals served with 8oz. milk and bread & margarine*



AVON PTA

Secret Santa Workshop coming soon...

The PTA will be holding their Annual Secret Santa Workshop on Tuesday, December 13. The shop will be open from 9am–2:30 pm. Elementary children will be able to shop for holiday presents for family members and special friends. Items will cost between 25 cents–\$5.00. There will be a limit of 6 people for each child to shop for, this will insure that each student will be able to shop for loved ones.

Watch for further information coming home with your child in the next week.

The PTA would gladly accept any volunteers that would like to help with students shopping and wrapping gifts. Contact any PTA officer for details.



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Special points of interest:

- Dec 6th—Monthly Meeting 6pm in Teachers Work room
- Dec 13th—Secret Santa Workshop 9am-2:30pm
- Dec 19th—Christmas Program
- Dec 20th—Class Parties
- Dec 21—Jan 2—Winter Break
- January 3—Monthly Meeting 6pm in Teachers Work room

OCTOBER Students of the Month



Seven students were chosen for the PTA sponsored “Star students of the Month” for October. These students were chosen by their teachers and/or classmates. The star students were chosen for showing their ability to be respectful, responsible, and honest to their fellow classmates. Each star student received a certificate and scholastic book gift certificate.



October winners are: PreK—Cayden Cox, K— Taylor Horton, 1st— Brennan Scott, 2nd—Skylar Spangler, 3rd— Jacob Dugan, 4th—Halee Hendel, 5th— Maelea Eddington. Congratulations to these students! Keep up the good work!



MRS. CRAIG chosen as October Golden Apple Winner

Mrs. Sue Craig was chosen by the Elementary student body as the October Golden Apple Award winner. Mrs. Craig is the Kindergarten teacher at Avon Elementary. Craig received the traveling Golden Apple plaque and a basket of goodies from Avon area businesses.

