

REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2011-2012

Don't look now, but the 2011-2012 school year will begin in about one month. With the start of the new school year comes the necessary process of completing paperwork required by the federal and state governments, as well as those needed by the district for efficient functioning.

The Avon Community Unit School District #176 Board of Education and administration recognize that, for many parents and guardians, time and pertinent information are of the essence. It is our hope that this newsletter will help parents and guardians to be more informed and to help streamline the time needed to complete necessary tasks and paperwork. This newsletter contains a number of information items, many of which are referenced in the

box on the left-hand side of this page.

Also included in this newsletter are certain changes in law and procedures that will affect students and/or parents/guardians either directly or indirectly during the 2011-2012 school year.

(Please note that all students living within the boundaries of the school district are required by law to enroll in local schools unless otherwise excused by a waiver of the law or by other statute.)



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REORGANIZATION PROCESS UPDATE

The Board of Education is in the process of developing a consolidation petition in conjunction with the Abingdon and Bushnell-Prairie City school districts. The petition follows the recommendations of the Committee of 10, based on work the committee did over the past year.

The petition must now be developed by the districts'

attorneys, with legal descriptions for the territory involved as well as the boundaries for the sub-districts for board member election purposes. The petition is expected to be ready by August so the Boards of Education can officially approve the petition.

Once the petition is approved by the Boards of Education, it will be on the ballot for ap-

proval by the voters of the three districts during the March 2012 elections. All three districts must approve the ballot initiative in order for the consolidation to take effect.

Anyone having questions or comments regarding the reorganization process may contact the superintendent's office.

REGISTRATION DATES AND LOCATIONS

Registration for students of Avon Community Unit School District #176 will be held August 8-9, 2011 in the all-purpose room of the Avon Elementary School.

Times for registration are as follows: August 8—8:00 am to 4:00 pm; August 9—10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Parents who are unable to register their children during this time frame are strongly encouraged to

contact their student's office after August 5 to make arrangements to complete the registration process in order to avoid frustrations on the first day of school.

Contact information for registration purposes for the school offices is as follows: Avon Elementary School (grades PK-5)—309-465-3851 or dterwilliger@avonschools.us; Avon High School (grades 6-12)—309-465-3621 or

scowan@avonschools.us. Office hours are 7:00 am to 2:00 pm for the dates of August 4-12, and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for the dates of August 15-17. Regular office hours of 8:00 am to 3:30 pm resume August 22.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please feel free to contact your child's school.



ONLINE FORMS FOR REGISTRATION

In an effort to assist busy parents and guardians, Avon Community Unit School District #176 is offering several registration forms on the district's website this fall. The forms may be downloaded to the user's computer and filled out and printed out at home at the parent's convenience. The forms thus completed may be brought into the school during registration so that parents do not have to complete as many forms at school, thereby saving time for parents. Forms have been checked for accuracy and usability, but please report any concerns to the superintendent's office.

If you wish to use them, the online forms are located at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2d9bu38> for students in grades PK-5 and

<http://tinyurl.com/267jpxh> for students in grades 6-12.

All forms are in .PDF format.

(Please note that use and completion of the online documents is purely optional. There will still be some forms that must be completed on the registration days.)



SCHOOL PHYSICALS, ETC.

State and federal laws compel students to comply with health physical, eye examination, and dental examination reporting requirements prior to students attending public schools in the state of Illinois. Parents/guardians must present to the school proof of these required examinations.

Eye examinations are required prior to starting Kindergarten.

Dental examinations are required

for students entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade.

Health physicals are required for students entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade.

Parents objecting to these requirements may do so in writing under the following conditions: a) explanation of religious objection for any examination; b) presentation of physician's writ-

ten verification for health or immunization requirements; c) verification of undue burden or notification of lack of access to licensed physician or practitioner for eye or dental examination.

Parents with concerns regarding these requirements or presenting objections to the requirements may contact their child's school to obtain more information.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

The district website (www.avonschools.us) contains a large amount of information. Most pages are updated regularly—we have discovered that the “published” date noted on many pages does not indicate when the page was last updated, only when the page was originally created, so don’t automatically assume that a date listed as sometime in 2007 means that the page has not been updated since then.

District-level information

such as the board policy manual, budgets, board meeting summaries, and annual financial reports are available for public perusal and download.

Many teachers provide up-to-date websites for their classrooms or activities, from Mr. Hansen’s weekly listing of assignments to Mrs. Anderson’s helpful parent guides and information to Mrs. Olson’s weekly assignments and news.

The district website also

provides a portal to the Parent Connect portion of our school management program. Parents can access their student’s grades as well as other items via this portal. If you are not already using the portal, please contact your school’s office for more information.

If you see that corrections need made, or have suggestions for improvements, to our website, please email doakley@avonschools.us.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Students in grades 7-12 who meet requirement criteria of the IHSA/IESA and the student handbook may participate or try out to participate in extracurricular activities provided by the school district.

Avon High School (grades 9-12) and Avon Elementary School (grades 7-8) are a part of the Bushnell-Prairie City Avon athletic cooperative, and all athletic teams

offered by the district are operated under the cooperative agreement. Students in grade 6 may be eligible for athletics in certain sports; in those cases, the coaches and/or administration will notify the 6th grade students of their eligibility and/or tryout information.

Athletic physicals can be completed at Dr. Arnold’s office in Bushnell July 20, with middle school sched-

uled for 1:00-2:30 pm and high school for 2:30-4:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per athlete. No appointment is necessary, but athletes must bring the parent-signed physical form available at your school’s office. (Note: freshman physicals will be used as a sports physical.)

Any student wishing more information regarding extracurriculars may contact the school.



DISTRICT FINANCE UPDATE

Finances for the FY11 school year (2010-2011) ended better than anticipated, due in large part to 40%+ early taxes and full payment of state aid in the FY11 fiscal year. Due to these and frugal spending through the end of the fiscal, the Education Fund budget will be in the red at around \$232,000 instead of the projected amount of \$500,000-\$600,000.

Early taxes happen in some years, but cannot fully be accounted for in the budget process, as there is not guarantee that any early tax dollars or what percentage will arrive prior to July 1.

As noted in prior writings, recent years have found that predicting funding from the state of Illinois is like chasing leaves on the wind—hard to predict. The FY12 fiscal year appears that it will be no different in this regard.

THE AVON ART DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING...

In an effort to provide a wide variety of art experiences for Avon art students, the Avon Art Department is looking for these items: a serger (overlock machine); sewing supplies; fabric; quilt batting; fiberfill and batting scraps; hand tools, (drills, coping saws, and pliers); wire; brushes; colored pencils; scissors; beads;

unlined paper; yarn; Popsicle sticks; hot glue guns and glue sticks; staple gun and staples; plastic storage containers; markers; fabric dyes.

Any donations may be brought to the school, labeled "Art Room".

FREE - REDUCED LUNCH FORMS

The district strongly encourages all families to complete the free-reduced lunch forms. While many families may not qualify and others may have reasons for not accepting the available assistance if they do qualify, simply having a higher count of eligible free-reduced lunch students helps the district. Higher counts may make the district eligible for programs and funds to help our students and educational programs that are not otherwise available. Your child's involvement in this pro-

gram is confidential.

Many grants that are available from both the state and federal governments require a certain percentage of students participating in free/reduced lunches in order to qualify for the grant.

If a family submits the form and qualifies but does not wish to accept the assistance for free or reduced lunch, that family should notify their child's office of the request.



HOMELESS STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Students in the district who are homeless have the right to a free and appropriate education, and should be enrolled in school as soon as possible. Schools are required to enroll homeless students even without access to any records such as birth certificate or records from past schools.

Who are homeless students? According to guidance from the federal government through the McKinney-Vento legislation, homeless students include but are not limited to those who are: sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of

housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; are awaiting foster care placement; are staying in public or private places not ordinarily used as sleeping accommodations; are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings; or are otherwise not residing in a fixed, regular and adequate

nighttime residence.

If you believe that your child meets or may meet these conditions, please speak with your building principal to ensure proper arrangements are made.

More information may be obtained from the school upon request.



QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?



Anyone having questions or concerns regarding the upcoming school year or registration may contact the appropriate school office for assistance. Office staff will either answer your questions or direct you to resource persons who can.

Grades PK-5
Grades 6-12

309-465-3851
309-465-3621

HANDBOOK CHANGES

There have been several important changes to the student handbooks over the summer. Parents and students will be made aware of the specific changes to the handbooks as the school year begins. Please read the handbook(s) carefully for information that pertains to your child(ren).

FACULTY / STAFF FOR 2011 - 2012

There have been several changes in faculty/staff and assignments for the start of the 2010-2011 school year. For your convenience, here is the faculty/staff listing for the upcoming school year as of this writing

Board of Education

President: Mr. Frank Craver
 Vice-President: Mrs. Diane Thompson
 Secretary: Mrs. Barbara Serven
 Financial Secretary: Mr. Brian Friedrich
 Members: Mr. Jeremy Stutsman, Mr. JC Staggs, Mrs. April Tatham

Elementary School Staff (grades PK-8)

Pre-Kindergarten: Mrs. Alison Darst
 Kindergarten: Mrs. Sue Craig
 1st grade: Mrs. Nikki Sloan
 2nd grade: Mrs. Alicia Ferry
 3rd grade: Mrs. Lindsey Tedrow
 4th grade: Mrs. Alicia Rogers
 5th grade: Mrs. Robyn Olson
 1st-5th grade Special Education: Mrs. Michelle Dunbar
 6-8th grade math: Ms. Jessica Travis
 6-8th grade science: TBA
 6-8 social studies: Mrs. Naydeen Mahr
 6-8th English/language arts: Mrs. Lou Anne Rhoads, Mrs. Naydeen Mahr
 Physical Education: Mr. Mitch Russell, Mr. Lucas Lovejoy
 Health (6-8): Mr. Lucas Lovejoy
 6-8th Special Education: Mrs. Lynn Anderson, TBA
 Title I: Mrs. Sarah Shamblin
 Music/Band: Mrs. Amelia Rakestraw
 Art: Mrs. Deon Maas
 Keyboarding: Mr. Phil Oloffson
 Principal: Mr. Dan Oakley (PK-5), Mrs. Tina Stier (6-8)
 Secretary: Mrs. Debbie Terwilliger (PK-5), Mrs. Susan Cowan (6-8)

Nurse: Mrs. Amber Petty
 Custodian: Mrs. Joann Frakes

High School Staff

Social Studies—Mrs. Jennifer Burdette
 Mathematics—Mr. Howard Hansen
 English—Mrs. Meredith Gravina
 Business/Computer Applications—Mr. Phil Oloffson
 Art—Mrs. Deon Mass
 Science—Ms. Carrie Brazelton
 Agriculture—Mrs. Alison McGrew
 Special Education—Mr. Martin Pio
 Physical Education—Mr. Lucas Lovejoy, Mr. Mitchell Russell
 Health—Mr. Lucas Lovejoy
 Chorus—Mrs. Amelia Rakestraw
 Band—Mrs. Amelia Rakestraw
 Principal—Mrs. Tina Stier
 Jazz Band—Mrs. Tina Stier
 Secretary—Mrs. Susan Cowan
 Custodian—Mr. Ray Warner

District Staff

Counselor: Ms. Tami Hains
 Library: Mrs. Stephanie McKinley-Miller (librarian), Mrs. Peggy Williams (library aide)
 Specials: Mrs. Melissa Mathes (Psychologist), Mrs. Alicia Nelson (Speech Pathologist)
 Facilities & Properties: Mr. Trevor Sloan
 Cafeteria staff: Mrs. Darla Sackfield, Mrs. Linda Gardner, Mrs. Susan Rose
 Bus drivers: Mr. Randy Brannan, Mrs. Pam Dallefeld, Mr. Rod DeJaynes, Mr. Terry Johns, Mr. Ron Ray
 Unit office: Mrs. Dawn Ginther, Mrs. Tami Ruff
 Superintendent: Mr. Dan Oakley

Avon Community Unit School District #176
2011-2012 School Year Calendar

August 18	Teacher institute
August 19	No school – Fat Steer Show
August 22-September 2	Early dismissal 2:05 pm
August 22	Student first-day attendance
	Early dismissal 11:30 am
September 2	Early dismissal 11:30 am – School Improvement
September 5	No school – Labor Day
September 23	1 st quarter mid-term
October 10	Teacher institute
October 21	End of 1 st quarter
October 26	Parent/teacher conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
October 27	Parent/teacher conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
October 28	No school
November 11	No school – Veteran’s Day
November 18	2 nd quarter mid-term
November 23-25	No school – Thanksgiving break
December 9	Early dismissal 11:30 am – School Improvement
December 20	End of 2 nd quarter
December 21-30	No school – Winter break
January 2	Teacher institute
January 3	School resumes
January 16	No school – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 10	Early dismissal 11:30 am – School Improvement
	3 rd quarter mid-term
March 5	No school – Casimir Pulaski Day
March 9	End of 3 rd quarter
April 4	Early dismissal 11:30 am – School Improvement
April 5-10	No school – Spring break
April 13	4 th quarter mid-term
May 4	Early dismissal 11:30 am – School Improvement
May 22	Last scheduled day of student attendance – tentative*
	End of 4 th quarter – tentative*
May 23	Teacher institute – tentative*
May 24 – May 31	Emergency days*
May 28	High school graduation 2:00 pm

*Dependent on district usage of emergency days

Avon Community Unit School District #176
2011 - 2012 Class Supply List

**GS - Regular Size Backpack(without handles & wheels), NO RoseArt Supplies (Due to Quality),
NO Gel Pens and NO Binders or Trapper Keepers (they don't fit in the desks) - THANK YOU**

PreSchool

1 pkg White Cardstock
1- Containers of Clorox Wipes
4- 5 oz Dixie Cups
1-box sandwich size ziplock
1-box snack size ziplock
1 -pkg each of plastic spoons & forks
Complete Change of Clothing

Kindergarten

4 Two-Pocket Folders Homework(1 for ea. Quarter)
One Box Crayola Crayons (box of 16)
1- Subject spiral Notebook
2- Pack dry erase markers (black)
Two Large PINK PEARL Eraser
8oz. White Glue
Fiskar Rounded Scissors
Pencil Box (no larger than a cigar box)
1-roll paper towels (**girls only**)
1-box of sandwich bags(**boys only**)
Kleenex tissues (3bx 250)
1 Box gallon size ziploc bags Art Room supply
Complete Change of Clothing to keep in locker
1- pr. tennis shoes to keep in locker

First Grade

24 - #2 Pencils (No Mechanical Pencils) & 1 pencil box
1-pencil sharpener
2 packs of crayola crayons-24 ct
4 Two-Pocket Folders for HOMEWORK
Fiskars Pointed Scissors
1 ruler with inches and cm
1 package of Pencil top Erasers
4 pack Dry Erase Markers fine line
2 Large Pink Pearl Eraser
1-4 pack glue sticks
1 bottle hand sanitizer
1 large container of disinfecting wipes
3 pack of Kleenex & 1 pkg of napkins (for snack)
Regular Size Backpack (without handles & wheels)
1 box sandwich size ziplock baggies
1-box wax paper (for art)
Complete change of clothing to keep in locker

Second Grade

4 Two-Pocket Folders for HOMEWORK
Crayola Crayons -Box of 24 Regular
Crayola Colored Pencils Box of 12 - 9" pencils
(optional)
24-#2 Yellow only pencils(NO MECHANICAL ONES)
2-Colored pens
1 package of Pencil top Erasers
Fiskars Pointed Scissors
2 glue sticks
Pencil Box (No larger than a cigar box)
1 wide ruled spiral notebook
Clorox disinfecting wipes
3 boxes kleenex
Regular Size Backpack (**without handles & wheels**)
1 bottle of hand sanitizer
1-box sandwich ziplock bags
1-box gallon ziplock bags
Complete Change of Clothing to keep in locker

Third Grade

4 Two-Pocket Folders (for homework)
1 pkg Crayola Crayon Washable Markers
Crayola Colored Pencils Box of 12 - 9" pencils
1 pkg pencil top erasers
24 - #2 Plain Yellow Pencils (No Mechanical Pencils)
1 pkg loose leaf paper
1 colored pen and 1 highlighter
1-pkg dry erase markers
2- Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook (1 subject)
2- Large PINK PEARL Eraser
Fiskars Pointed Scissors
8oz. White Glue & 1 Scotch tape
Ruler w/both metric & standard sides
1-box of crayons
Girls-1box sandwich size ziploc bags
Boys-1 gallon ziploc bags
Girls-1 container disinfecting wipes
Boys-1 hand sanitizer
3 Boxes Kleenex
1-pkg napkins
1 Skein of yarn-any color
**Students will be asked to bring \$1.50 later for
basket making supplies**
Complete change of clothing to keep in locker

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NO Gel Pens and NO Binders or Trapper Keepers (they don't fit in the desks) - THANK YOU***

Fourth Grade

6 Two-Pocket Folders for HOMEWORK
Crayola Crayons -Box of 24 Regular
Crayola Colored Pencils Box of 12 - 9" pencils
Crayola Washable Markers - 8 Basic Colors
Twenty-four - #2 Pencils (No Mechanical Pencils)
One Large PINK PEARL Eraser
1 package of Pencil top Erasers
1 Red Pen and 1 Highlighter
Fiskars Pointed Scissors
8oz. White Glue
5 One Subject, **Wide Ruled** Spiral Notebook -

No Perforated pages

2 pkg Loose Leaf Paper (100 sheets, Wide Ruled)
Pencil Box (No larger than a cigar box)
1 black Sharpie Fine Point
Regular Size Backpack (**without handles & wheels**)
Wooden Ruler - Metric/Inches
1 pkg Expo Markers - Dry Erase
Kleenex Tissues (3 boxes of 250)
Boys bring 1 bx Qt Baggies Girls bring 1bx Gal
1 Container of Disinfecting Wipes

Fifth Grade

4 Two-Pocket Folders for HOMEWORK
Crayola Colored Pencils Box of 12 - 9" pencils
Twenty-four - #2 Pencils (No Mechanical Pencils)
1 Sketch Pad
One Large PINK PEARL Eraser
1 package of Pencil top Erasers
4 Red pens and 2 highlighters
Fiskars Pointed Scissors
8 oz bottle of white glue
7 - 1 Subject, Wide- Ruled Spiral Notebook
2 pkg Loose Leaf Paper (100 sheets, Wide- Ruled)
7 - 2 Pocket folders color coordinated
Wooden Ruler - Metric/Inches
Pencil Box (No larger than a cigar box)
4 pack Dry Erase Markers (red, green, blue & black)
Glue sticks for hot glue gun (30 bag) mini
Kleenex Tissues (3 boxes of 250)
2 Clorox disinfecting wipes (or generic brand)

**NO BINDERS (STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO
BRING \$2.00 FOR TILE IN JANUARY FOR ART)**

Junior High Classrooms

P.E.

P.E. shirt (school provided) - \$6.50
lock (school provided) - \$5.00
knee length shorts
tennis shoes
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Health

1 folder
1 one-subject notebook

Math (6th, 7th, & 8th)

2- one-subject notebooks 1- folder
calculator (Texas Instrument TI-30X II S)
book cover materials (wrapping paper, shopping bag,
1-roll masking tape
NO STRETCHY BOOK COVERS

Science: (All 6th, 7th & 8th)

1- 3 subject Notebook
1- Two-pocket folder
1- Composition Notebook
2- Red pens
2- Large Glue Sticks
Pencils and Pens

6th Grade Social Studies:

1- 1" 3-ring binder w/ loose leaf paper
1- 1-subject notebook
1- Two-pocket folder
1- Large Glue Stick
2- Red Pens
Pencils and pen

English:

1 one-subject notebook
1 folder
1 1" 3-ring binder
Pencils and pens

Correction

There is a correction to the school calendar that was found after the newsletter was printed. A new state law disallows early dismissal (for a school day of less than 5 hours) on the first school day with students and still calling the day a full day of school for state aid and reporting purposes. Therefore, on Monday, August 22, 2011, the dismissal time will be 2:05 pm instead of 11:30 am as stated on the calendar.

Sincerely,

Dan Oakley, Superintendent