

# May/June Newsletter

## *Mark These Dates on Your Calendar!*

May 2—Elementary Grandparents Day – 1:00pm-2:30pm

May 12—Board of Education meeting 6:00 pm; Committee of 10 special meeting 7:00 pm

May 26—Committee of 10 meeting at Avon 7:00 pm

May 29—High School Graduation 2:00 pm

May 30—No School – Memorial Day

June 1—Last student attendance day—early dismissal 2:05 pm

June 2—Teacher's Institute

June 6—Work begins on elementary roof—caution should be taken in work zone—elementary playground next to building will be closed during working hours until work is completed

## Reorganization Update



The Committee of 10 for the Abingdon, Avon and Bushnell-Prairie City school districts has continued its work over the past few months, with the culmination of the project drawing near. The Committee of 10 formed several subcommittees, which were Building and Grounds, Communication and Media, Curriculum, Extra-Curricular, Finance, and Transportation. Each of the subcommittees have delivered initial recommendations to the Committee of 10, with the exception of the Finance Committee, and the Committee of 10 is considering the recommendations that have been.

By the time you receive this

newsletter, the Committee of 10 will have met on April 28. The Finance Committee will deliver its recommendations at that time, and all committees and the Committee of 10 will be asked to review all facets of the recommendations given by the subcommittees.

The Committee of 10 will also meet with the three Boards of Education in special session Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 7:00 PM in the Avon High School gymnasium. The purpose of this special meeting is to deliver the Committee of 10's recommendations to the three Boards of Education simultaneously, and to provide an opportunity for

the members of the Boards of Education to ask questions directly of the Committee of

10. This is a meeting open to the public.

The Avon school district will publish a newsletter in May or June, deliverable to all mailboxes in the community, that outlines the recommendations of the Committee of 10. The Board of Education will also make a determination at a Board meeting to be announced as to whether the Board supports the findings and recommendations of the Committee of 10.

You may access the Committee of 10's website at <https://sites.google.com/site/abingdonavonbpc/home>

## Newsletter Subscription

The school newsletter is a free service to any resident of the district wishing to receive the newsletter. Email addresses for any person, whether a district resident or not, may be added by sending a request to [doakley@avonschools.us](mailto:doakley@avonschools.us). Paper copies will be sent to district residents upon request and receipt of a mailing address.

If you have suggestions for inclusion in the newsletter, please submit your suggestion to [doakley@avonschools.us](mailto:doakley@avonschools.us).

## Summer School and Food Service

Avon Elementary School will be hosting a summer school program this summer. Illinois state law requires that we also provide food service while the summer school is in session.

Summer school will be held June 13-15, 20-23, 27-30, and July 11-14, 18-21, and 25-28.

Food service will be available for breakfast each day 8:00-9:00 AM. Food service will not be available on days when summer



school is not in session.

This food service is a FREE service and is available to

serve any child under the age of 18 living in the Avon district boundaries. Students with an IEP are eligible through age 21.

The food service will be provided in the junior high wing of the Avon High School building, as the roof of the elementary building will be replaced this summer.

If you have any questions regarding the summer food service, please call the unit office at 309-465-3708.

**“Education is a companion which no future can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate it, and no nepotism can enslave.”**

**Ropo Oguntimehin**

## Elementary Awards Assembly

We will have our annual elementary awards assembly at 1:00 PM on June 1st in the elementary all-purpose room. Summer vacation will begin at the conclusion of our assembly at approximately 2:05 PM. We wish all of our families a safe and healthy vacation!



## Early Yearbook Shipment

Mrs. Peterson wants to notify everyone that yearbooks are scheduled to arrive here July 21 this year because of her retirement.

If there is any parent that has not ordered yet, you need to be doing so. Mrs. Peterson has already ordered a set number (because she guessed, she says). It will be first come, first serve for whatever extras there are when they arrive, and she

never knows how many extras she is going to get. Every year she gets people saying they did not realize that our book covers the entire school district. We are different in this respect. A parent in our district can have a record of his or her child's entire school history here.

Price remains at \$40 for the book.

## Summer Hours for the School Offices

<b>Central Unit Office</b>	7:00am to 2:00pm June 07 – August 19 (closed July 25-29)
<b>High School Office</b>	7:00am to 2:00pm June 07 – August 19
<b>Grade School Office</b>	7:00am to 2:00pm June 06 – June 16 Office Closed June 17 – Aug 03 7:00am to 2:00pm Aug 04 – August 18

## District Communications

The Avon Community Unit School District 176 communicates with parents and community members through a number of methods. The district website is always available at [www.avonschools.us](http://www.avonschools.us). Many teachers have individual sites for their classes, and district information such as financial documentation and legally required postings are provided through the website.

The district operates a Twitter site under the username AVONCUSD176. The Twitter site provides daily postings of events, reminders and cancellations/rescheduled events.

Administrative and teaching staff members are available through email. You may find email addresses at <http://www.avonschools.us/vnews/display.v/SEC/Staff%20Directory>.

The district maintains telephone and fax numbers in each building. Numbers are as follows: Elementary—309-465-3851 (PH), 309-465-9055 (F); MS/HS—309-465-3621 (PH), 309-465-7194 (F); and Unit Office—309-465-3708 (PH), 309-465-9030 (F).

Transportation calls may be directed to either 309-465-3660 or to 309-465-3708.

The district also sends out this monthly electronic newsletter via email through the school year. Email addresses may be added or updated by emailing [doakley@avonschools.us](mailto:doakley@avonschools.us).

FOIA requests should be directed to the district FOIA officer, Mr. Dan Oakley. Requests must be in writing delivered to 320 East Wood Street, Avon, IL 61415 or by email to [doakley@avonschools.us](mailto:doakley@avonschools.us).

**“If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.”**  
Chinese proverb

## Elementary Report Card Distribution

Elementary school report cards:

At the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year on June 1st, your child's report card will be given to him/her in the Elementary building. The envelope will also contain information about requirements for the upcoming school year.

IF your student has any outstanding fees their actual report card will be held in the elementary office until the fees are paid. There will be a letter in your child's envelope indicating how much is owed along with information about the upcoming school year.



## Annual Clothing Drive/Candy Sales

The Junior High Student Council will be hosting our annual clothing drive May 2-13th this year. Please bring clothes for donation to any of the three buildings between those two dates. We hope to make



this community service event even bigger than last year with your help!

The Junior High Student Council will be selling World's Finest Chocolate Carmel candy bars for \$1 per bar from now until the end of the year. Anyone wishing to

purchase one, please see Mrs. Bainter or any Junior High Student Council member. Thank you for your continued support!



## Food For Thought

The cafeteria opens at 7:45am for breakfast. If your children are going to eat breakfast please allow enough time for them to eat and get to class on time. Serving stops at 8:05am. Students must be in their classrooms before 8:15am.

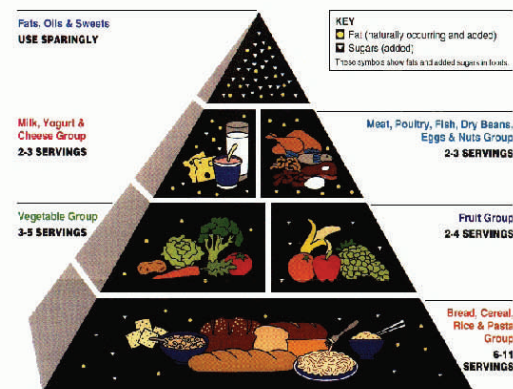
School will be in session for 23 days in May/June [23 Breakfast, 23 Lunches]. To follow is the cost per month or per week:

GRADE SCHOOL	Month	Week
Breakfast	\$0.90	\$20.70
Lunch	\$1.60	\$36.80

HIGH/MIDDLE	Month	Week
Breakfast	\$0.90	\$20.70
Lunch	\$1.80	\$41.40

REDUCED COST	Month	Week
Breakfast	\$0.30	\$6.90
Lunch	\$0.40	\$9.20

SNACK MILK	Month	Week
\$0.30/ milk/day	\$6.60	\$1.50



Family members are welcome to join students for lunch. If you are planning to eat lunch at school please call in advance so a lunch can be ordered for you. Stop in the office prior to going into the cafeteria to purchase a lunch ticket. The cost of an adult lunch is \$2.10.

## August Dates to Make Note Of

### Registration Newsletter

Be watching in July for the annual Registration Newsletter. The newsletter will contain information including dates and times, tuition expenses and procedures, and other pertinent registration information. The newsletter should be released around July 15.

**“Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can.”  
Lowell Thomas**

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

#### Kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

August 8	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
August 9	10:00 am to 6:00 pm

#### Preschool Registration

Preschool parents will be getting letters from the teachers at a later date to let you know how the registration for preschool will be handled.

### Back To School

August 22	First Day of School for Prek – 12 <sup>th</sup> students
August 22	Early dismissal—11:30 am
August 23—September 2	Early dismissal—2:05 pm
September 5	No school—Labor Day

## Medical Information for Next School Year

### DENTAL PHYSICALS

All students entering Kindergarten, Second Grade and Sixth Grade must provide proof of being examined by a licensed Illinois Dentist at the time of school registration. Dental forms will be sent home with report cards at the end of the year for the students who will be



entering the above mentioned grade levels. This is a state requirement.

### SCHOOL PHYSICALS

Students entering Preschool (for the first time), Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, Ninth Grade and New Students to the district must bring a doctor's physical with updated immunizations to school registration. This is a state requirement. A sports physical cannot replace this state required doctor physical.

Make your appointments now!

### MANDATORY SCHOOL EYE EXAMINATION

The State of Illinois now requires all children, beginning kindergarten or first grade for the first time, or children who are transferring into Illinois from out of state, to have a comprehensive eye examination prior to starting school. The examination must be done by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. The results must be submitted to the school by the parents, on a form approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health, prior to October 15, 2010. The examination may be done within one year prior to beginning school. This requirement began with the 2008 school year and applies to all future years.

## Levy and Taxation Information

The County Clerks' offices for Fulton, Knox, and Warren counties have released tax rate and levy information for 2010, payable in the summer of 2011, due to schools for the 2011-2012 school year. The district EAV increased by approximately 4.61% to \$30,952,642.

The tax rate necessarily increased as well, as the district asked for the full amount in capped rates including Transportation, as noted in a previous newsletter. The district had consciously kept the transportation rate down in previous years to help alleviate the tax burden to district property owners, but the financial crunch facing the district, along with Governor Quinn's drastic reduction of transportation dollars to schools districts, has forced the district to ask for the full amount on transportation dollars as well.

The certified tax rate for the Avon school district payable this summer is \$5.3156.

**Breakfast****Lunch***Monday, May 2*Cereal  
Grahams  
Juice*Tuesday, May 3*Scrambled Eggs  
Toast / Sausage  
Juice*Wednesday, May 4*Cereal  
Donut  
Juice*Thursday, May 5*Sausage Pancake on a Stick  
Trail Mix*Friday, May 6*Cereal  
Toast / Cinnamon  
Juice*Monday, May 9*Cheese Omelet  
Sausage  
Cherries*Tuesday, May 10*Cereal  
Bagel  
Juice*Wednesday, May 11*Biscuit & Gravy  
Mandarin Oranges*Thursday, May 12*Cereal  
Toast  
Juice*Friday, May 13*

Cook's Choice

*Monday, May 16*Cereal  
Nutri-grain Bar  
Juice*Tuesday, May 17*French Toast  
Bacon  
ApricotsChicken & Noodles  
Green Beans  
Peaches  
RollHot Dog on Bun  
Chips  
Fresh Fruit & Veggies  
JelloSalisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes / Gravy  
Corn  
Mandarin OrangesPK-5 Chicken Nuggets  
6-12 Baked Potato  
w/Toppings  
Broccoli / Peach CrispPizza  
Lettuce  
PineappleHamburger Helper  
Tater Tots  
Corn  
PeachesChicken Patty on Bun  
Pasta Salad  
Veggies  
Apple CrispHam Sandwich  
Cheese Slice / Baked Beans  
Kidney Beans  
Ice CreamSpaghetti  
Garlic Bread  
Hot Cinnamon Apples  
SpinachBosco Sticks / Sauce  
Mixed Fruit  
Veggies  
PuddingNachos Supreme  
Lettuce / Tomatoes  
Corn  
AppleTenderloin on Bun  
Pickles  
French Fries  
Pears  
Jello Cake**Breakfast****Lunch***Wednesday, May 18*Cereal  
Toast & Jelly  
Juice*Thursday, May 19*Skillet Omelet  
Yogurt  
Cherries*Friday, May 20*Cereal  
Pop Tart  
Juice*Monday, May 23*Taco Omelet  
Fruit*Tuesday, May 24*Cereal  
Toast / Cinnamon  
Juice*Wednesday, May 25*Pancakes / Syrup  
Ham  
Fruit*Thursday, May 26*Cereal  
Toast  
Juice*Friday, May 27*

Cook's Choice

*Monday, May 30***No School  
Memorial Day***Tuesday, May 31*

Cereal

*Wednesday, June 1*

Cook's Choice

Ham  
Cheesy Hashbrowns  
Mandarin Oranges  
Lima BeansBBQ on Bun  
Sweet Potatoes  
Mixed Fruit  
Fruit SnacksPizza  
Lettuce  
PineappleTuna or Chicken Salad  
3 Bean Salad  
Applesauce  
Pumpkin Bar

Cook's Choice

Chicken Gravy on Biscuit  
Green Beans  
Peaches  
Jello

Cook's Choice

Corn Dog  
Chips  
Fruit  
VegetablesRavioli  
Muffin  
Fruit / Vegetable

Sack Lunch

Have a great & safe summer-  
Linda, Darla & Susan

*All meals are served with 8oz. of milk and Bread & Margarine*

Avon Community Unit School District 176

# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2p BbB @ Abingdon	2 1p Grandparents Day 3:30p JBGT @ Lewistown 4p HbB @ ROWVA 4p HBT @ Mon/Rose 4:30p HGS @ Knoxville TBA JH Schol. Bowl Sect.	3 4p BbB @ BPC 4:15p HGT @ BPC 4:30p HGS @ Abingdon	4 2:05p Dismissal	5 4p HGS @ Lewistown 4p JBGT @ BPC	6 4:30p HbB @ Sherrard 4:30p HGS @ Avon *Senior Night TBA State JH Schol. Bowl @ Normal, IL	7 10a HGS @ N. Fulton 10a JBGT @ BPC TBA HbB @ TBA
← JH Student Council Annual Clothing Drive →						
8	9 D.A.R.E. Trip to Peoria Chiefs Game - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 4p HBGT @ Havana 4:30p HGS @ Avon	10 4:30p HbB(V) @ BPC 4:30p HbB (JV) @ N.Fulton 4:30p HGS @ Avon	11 Lake Days	12 4:30p HbB @ BPC 6p Board Meeting 7p Committee of 10	13 Lake Days Rain Date 4:30p HGS @ Monmouth/Roseville TBA HBGT @ IHSA Sectional	14 10a HGS @ Avon 10a HBGT @ Farmington TBA HbB @ TBA
← JH Student Council Annual Clothing Drive →						
15 4:00p FFA Banquet in All Purpose Room	16 4:15p HBT @ BPC TBA HGS @ IHSA Reg.	17 6p K-5 Reading Night	18 2:05p Dismissal	19 TBA HGT @ IHSA State Meet	20 TBA HBT @ IHSA Sectionals	21 TBA HGS @ Regionals
22	23	24 4p HBGT @ Peoria 6:30p PTA Meeting	25	26 TBA HBT @ IHSA State Meet 7p Committee of 10	27 Elementary Field Day	28
29 2:00p Graduation	30 No School Memorial Day	31				