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## Reorganization Update

The consolidation petition for the Abingdon, Avon and Bushnell-Prairie City school districts was heard by Regional Superintendent John Meixner of the Hancock-McDonough ROE on Thursday, October 27. Testifying at the petition hearing were members of the Committee of Ten Jerry Arthur, Bonnie Froelich, Dan Mahr, David Serven, Jeanne Serven, and April Tatham. Also testifying as an expert witness was Dan Oakley.

Several community members also testified. They were:

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, 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.

## Third Graders Receive Dictionaries



The Avon Third Graders received a surprise at the end of lunch on Thursday, September 29, 2011, when the officers of the Avon High School Interact club presented them with a paperback student dictionary purchased by the Bushnell Rotary Club. Each dictionary had a personalized nameplate.

This is the sixth year for the Bushnell Rotary Club to give dictionaries to students in the third grade. Funds for this literacy project come from the various club fundraising projects. The rotary club also sponsors the Interact club at the high school.

Pictured are the 12 Third Graders and the officers of the Interact Club: Left to Right Seth Tolley, Michelle Dare, Macie Coupland, Justin Bodenhamer, Nada Stonebraker, Abby Stier and Phil Lopez.

## Avon FFA Chapter Fruit & Cheese Sales

Once again the Avon FFA Chapter will be selling fruit, cheese & sausage during November. Avon FFA members will receive information & brochures by November 4th and all orders will be due November 21 in order to assure delivery by December 20th.

We pride ourselves in selling fruit, cheese and sausage from the highest quality companies and this year will be no different. If interested in supporting the Avon FFA Chapter and buying fruit, cheese and/or sausage contact a member or call Alison McGrew at the high school to place your order.



## High School Student Council Canned Food Drive

The first of November the High School Student Council will kick-off their annual Canned Food Drive. **NOVEMBER 1 through NOVEMBER 18**. This will be a school wide event. (Pre-K—seniors) The class that brings in the most canned goods during this time will be awarded an **ICE CREAM PARTY!!!** All canned goods will be donated to the local food bank.

## Staying involved: Helping Middle and High School Students Learn

A common view held by parents with children in middle school and high school is: "Since I don't know how to teach chemistry, literature, algebra, or (*choose a subject*), I can't help my child with schoolwork".

This view is far from true. In fact, parents can play a central role in helping their adolescent children grow into independent learners. By helping children learn the vital *skill* of learning, parents can support their children's success not only in secondary school, but also as they move on to work and higher education.

During middle school many parents begin to struggle maintaining the teaching role that they have identified with during the preschool and elementary years. There are fewer resources available to support us as we try to remain connected to our children's learning. As students begin to learn more specialized subject matter, many parents lose confidence that they can be helpful. It also doesn't help that our children turn into adolescents who

seek to increase their independence from us in all aspects of their lives.

Despite the more difficult educational environment in the older grades, parents remain one of the most important learning resources children have. Even in late adolescence, our children can greatly benefit from family support.

Understanding *how* children learn and *how* parents fit into this learning process are the first steps in being able to help our older children with schoolwork. This article introduces a model of how we can begin to understand learning, and then provides practical advice on how parents can help their adolescent children learn.

(Excerpted from <http://www.academicresources.org/learning.html>, written by Krzysztof Grabarek for Parent Academic Resources Inc. To read more, please access this link.)

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## Instill a Love of Learning

(This article was taken in excerpts from <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/succeed/lovelearn.cfm>. For more about parents helping children succeed in school, go to <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/succeed/default.cfm>.)

Children who have a broad foundation of knowledge and background on a variety of subjects will find school and learning easier and more interesting than those who do not. Parents have the privilege and responsibility to share the world with their children.

Talking with your child about life's everyday experiences will help each of you understand the others' viewpoints, values, dreams, and interests. Parents need not only talk, but also listen to their children. Answering questions, or helping children find the answers, will help your child develop a sense of value and self-respect.

Many parents think activities such as going to the zoo, museums, or shows make up for lost time with their children. But, there can be just as much educational value in everyday activities, such as going to the bank, going grocery shopping, or doing a project at home. Parents just need to plan ahead a little to help their child discover the world.

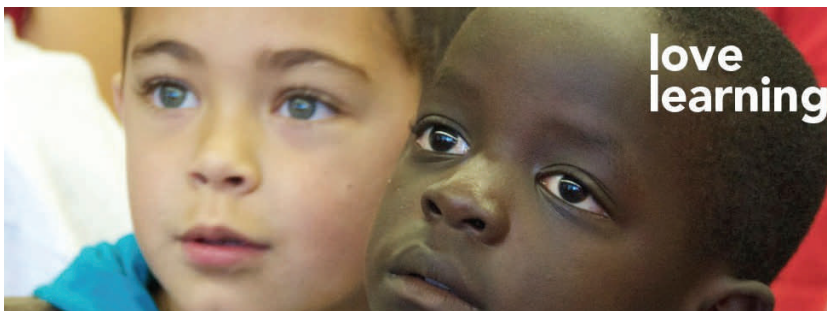
Here are a few suggestions for activities to enjoy with your child:

- Watch news and documentaries on TV.
- Rent or buy educational videos.
- Visit natural history museums, science museums, art museums, children's museums, zoos, botanical gardens, and historical sites.
- Experience national or state parks and forests. Sign up for a tour.
- Read articles in the newspaper, news, and magazines together.
- Go to the public library.
- Make vacations learning experiences.
- Plan "theme" parties that involve

some research. For example, an American Revolution costume party, a play, or a display of inventions of the time.

The important thing for parents to remember is that they are the most important teachers in their child's life. Children are born eager to learn, but parents need to help them channel that learning. Talking with children before, during, and after any activity helps them learn the steps involved in learning.

This conversation also will improve your communication and in turn, your relationship with your child. The more you talk with each other, the more rewarding your conversations will be, and the better you will get to know your child.



Avon Community Unit School District 176

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6p JBB @ BPC 6:30p PTA Meeting	2 Picture Retakes	3 6p JBB @ NC-Warsaw 6p JGB @ BPC	4 FFA Fruit & Cheese Sales Begin	5 IMEA District Festival
6	7	8 6p JBB @ BPC 6p JGB @ Central	9 6:30p Board Meeting	10 2:05p Dismissal FFA Sec. 4 Crops CDE TBA JBB Trny @ BPC 6p JGB @ S.Fulton	11 No School Veteran's Day TBA JBB Trny @ BPC	12
13	14 TBA HGB @ Ridgewood Trny 6p JGB @ Havana	15 TBA HGB @ Ridgewood Trny 6p JBB @ Avon 7p Bradey JV Honor Band	16 TBA HGB @ Ridgewood Trny	17 Bradley JV Honor Band 6p JBB @ S.Fulton	18 Mid-term TBA HGB @ Ridgewood Trny	19 IMEA Jazz Festival TBA HGB @ Ridgewood Trny
20	21 6p JBB @ Macomb 6p HGB @ Avon Pep Band	22 6p JBB @ BPC 6p HBB @ BPC	23 6p HBB Trny @ BPC	No School – Thanksgiving Break		26 TBA HBB Trny @ BPC
27	28 5:30p JBB @ Farmington 6p HGB @ BPC	29 6p HBB @ N.Fulton	30			

[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)  
[www.avonschools.us](http://www.avonschools.us)

Calendar is subject to change

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

**Breakfast****Lunch**

*Monday, October 31*  
Breakfast Burritos  
Raisins



Halloweenies  
Cobwebs/Broomsticks  
Goblins Delight  
Monster Mash  
Witch's Brew



*Tuesday, November 1*  
Cereal  
Juice  
Toast

Spaghetti  
Green Beans  
Pears  
Garlic Toast

*Wednesday, November 2*  
Egg, Cheese Omelet  
Toast/Jelly  
Hash Browns

Chicken Nuggets  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Spinach  
Peaches

*Thursday, November 3*  
Cereal  
Juice  
Poptart



Hamburger/Bun  
Cheese Slice  
Pickles  
French Fries  
Cinnamon Apples

*Friday, November 4*  
Breakfast Pizza  
Pineapple

Fajitas/Toppings  
Lettuce/Tomatoes  
Corn  
Apricots

*Monday, November 7*  
Egg, Cheese & Ham Biscuit  
Mandarin Oranges

Tenderloin/Bun  
Pickles/Cheese  
Chips  
Applesauce

*Tuesday, November 8*  
Cereal  
Toast  
Juice



Chicken & Noodles  
Cinnamon Roll  
Green Beans  
Peaches

*Wednesday, November 9*  
Pancakes  
Syrup  
Sausage  
Pears

Tacos  
Toppings  
Corn  
Applecrisp

*Thursday, November 10*  
Cereal  
Juice  
Animal Crackers

Pizza  
Lettuce  
Pineapple



*Friday, November 11*  
No School

*Monday, November 14*  
Breakfast Pizza  
Pineapple

Chicken Gravy on Biscuit  
Peas & Carrots  
Peaches

**Breakfast****Lunch**

*Tuesday, November 15*  
Cereal  
Toast/Cinnamon  
Juice

PK-5 Mini Subs  
6-12 Baked Potato  
w/Toppings  
Broccoli  
Apricots

*Wednesday, November 16*  
French Toast  
Syrup  
Bacon  
Applesauce



Corn Dogs  
Peas  
Pears  
Rice Krispie Treat

*Thursday, November 17*  
Cereal  
Donut  
Juice

Vegetable Beef Soup  
Grilled Cheese  
Raisins

*Friday, November 18*  
Cereal  
Poptart  
Juice



Thanksgiving Meal

*Monday, November 21*  
Waffles/Syrup  
Sausage  
Pineapple

Chicken Patty on Bun  
Pasta Salad  
Fresh Veggies  
Fruit

*Tuesday, November 22*  
Cereal  
Poptart  
Juice

Bosco Sticks  
Lettuce  
Fruit Snack

*Wednesday, November 23-  
Friday, November 25*



**No School – Thanksgiving Break**

*Monday, November 28*  
Pancake Sausage on Stick  
Syrup  
Applesauce

Ravioli  
Carrots  
Pears  
Bread & Butter

*Tuesday, November 29*  
Cereal  
Toast/Jelly  
Juice



Hot Dogs/Buns  
Tater Tots  
Peaches  
Cupcakes

*Wednesday, November 30*  
Biscuit & Gravy  
Mandarin Oranges

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Green Beans  
Mixed Fruit

*All meals served with 8oz. milk and bread & margarine*