

## October 2018 Newsletter

### Important Dates

Oct. 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Oct. 5 – Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM  
Oct. 5 – Grandparent’s Day – 10:00 AM  
Oct. 8 – No School – Columbus Day  
Oct. 17 – Pictures (Choir, Concert/Marching Band, Jazz Band)  
Oct. 18 – Pre-K Field Trip  
Oct. 18 – School Board Mtg. 7:00 PM  
Oct. 18 – Girl Scouts in MR – 3:00 PM  
Oct. 19 – End of First Quarter – Grs. 5-8  
Oct. 20 – Fire Prevention Day  
Oct. 20 – Junior High Fall Dance – 7-10:00 PM  
Oct. 24 – 5:00-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conf.  
Oct. 25 – 3:30-6:30 Parent/Teacher Conf.  
Oct. 25 – End of First Trimester – Grs. K-4  
Oct. 26 – No School – Teacher’s Institute  
Oct. 31 – Holiday Carols at the Nursing Home

### Grandparents Day

Grandparents’ Day will be 10:00-11:45 AM on Oct. 5. The building will open for guests at 9:30 AM and guests may park on the front or rear lot and enter from the nearest door. Grandparents should gather in the gym for welcome activities and a song from the K-4 students. Free time to visit classrooms and enjoy snacks is scheduled as well. Students will need to return to their classrooms around 11:30 AM and are expected to wait until 11:45 AM dismissal to leave the building.

If for some reason your child must leave early, a note from a parent to the office is required and they must be signed out in the office. The school is responsible for all children and we cannot allow anyone to take a child out of school without prior authorization from a parent. If grandparents wish to take a child for the remainder of the day, please ask them to wait until the 11:45 AM dismissal. We have 385 students to care for and Grandparents’ Day is very exciting, but also brings over 600 additional people to our building. For everyone’s safety, we ask for your cooperation.

The PTA is in need of 15 Volunteers to assist with Grandparents’ Day from 8 AM-12 PM. If you are able to help, please email Alicia Renth at [avistonelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:avistonelementarypta@gmail.com).

### Subdivision Watch

Please avoid driving down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; there are no sidewalks available. Drivers should please consider using Railroad St. or 4<sup>th</sup> St. instead. We encourage all of our students to use the crosswalk by the bike rack to avoid walking across the parking lot. Also, please remember that it is illegal to use a cell phone near a school while driving.

### Morning Drop-off

If your child does not participate in the PSR program, they can be dropped off as early as 7:40 AM and are to wait in the cafeteria until the 8:15 AM bell. We do not provide a morning supervisor until 7:40 AM.

### Office Request—After School Pickup

Please make every effort to have after school transportation resolved and communicated to your child before they arrive at school. Calling to inform students about transportation changes is disruptive to everyone in the class. Please let your child know what to expect before school starts. It saves confusion and worry for your child and prevents class disruption. Changes must be called in by 2:45 PM. Thanks!

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent sign-up forms were sent out the week of Sept. 24th. We will do our best to schedule your student times close together if you have more than one child. If you have a child in Jr. High, your times are not scheduled, as you will be meeting with several teachers that night. If you would like to meet with Mrs. Semanisin or Mrs. Markus, please make note of this on your form. Conferences should last no more than 10 minutes. If you know you will need more time, please contact the teacher directly for an alternate appointment.

#### **4-H Information**

Come and learn more about 4-H at two upcoming events! Join us for an Open House on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM at Clinton County Extension Office, 1163 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Breese, IL 62230. You will have the opportunity to learn about great opportunities in 4-H, meet current members, see projects, and sign up for the 2018-2019 year. RSVP by calling 618.526.4551 or visiting the website at [web.extension.illinois.edu/bcjmw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bcjmw)

Can't make the open house but still want to join 4-H? Join the Aviston 4-H Aces on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM at Aviston Park lower pavilion. Come find out what 4-H is all about, take part in our monthly meeting, and enjoy some games after the meeting. Ages 5-18 are eligible to be a 4-H member. To learn more, contact Kimberly Wolter at 228.7086.

#### **Boys Basketball Team**

6th Gr. Basketball Tryouts at the Parish Gym:

Oct. 15 – 5:00-7:00 PM

Oct. 16 – 4:00-6:00 PM

5-6th Gr. Basketball Practice at the Parish Gym:

Oct. 17 – 5:00-7:00 PM

Oct. 18 – 5:00-7:00 PM

7-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball Tryouts at AGS:

Oct. 8 – 7:00-9:00 PM

Oct. 9 - 7:00-9:00 PM

7-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Basketball Practice at AGS:

Oct. 10 – 7:30-9:00 PM

#### **Jr High Fall Dance**

This year's dance will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00 PM in the school cafeteria. We encourage all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend. The theme this year is Halloween. We want to remind the students that this is **NOT** a formal dance and no formal attire may be worn. The entry fee for the dance is \$2 per student and each 6<sup>th</sup> grade student is asked to bring a 2-liter bottle of soda to be used as door prizes. If any parents have any questions please contact Alicia Renth at [avistonelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:avistonelementarypta@gmail.com).

#### **Box Tops for Education**

The PTA is encouraging families to collect box tops. We earn \$0.10 for each box top we collect. We will be holding a friendly classroom contest to see which class can collect the most box tops. A packet with instructions and collection sheets will be going home shortly. The contest will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> and run through October 18<sup>th</sup>. The winning classroom will receive a reward for collecting the most.

#### **Chrysler Drive 4 Classrooms**

The PTA encourages everyone to come out to Aviston Elementary on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and take a quick test drive. Each test drive will earn \$20 for the PTA if we have 150 people participate. This is an extremely easy fundraisers and we hope everyone will come out.

#### **Officially a PTA**

The Aviston PTCC officially has changed its name to Aviston Elementary PTA as we became a recognized 501c3 not-for-profit. The organization will function very similarly as the PTCC had in the past. Everyone at the school including students, parents, teachers, and staff will be part of the PTA community. The members will be the individuals who will vote when decisions need to be made. In our initial year as a PTA it was voted that the PTA would cover the membership dues of \$4.50 per person for each person who wanted to be a member of the PTA. Almost everyone who attended the "night of meeting" signed up to be members. We want to reach out to all parents, teachers, and staff who were not able to attend and ask if you would like to be members as well. If you would like to be a member, please email Alicia Renth at [avistonelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:avistonelementarypta@gmail.com). We encourage every parent, teacher, and staff member to join as a member. We want to thank everyone who has already become a member and we look forward to the year ahead!

#### **Holiday Carols at the Nursing Home**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be at the nursing home at 1:00 on October 31<sup>st</sup> to sing Halloween carols and visit with the residents.

Students will get dressed in their costumes right after lunch and stop at classrooms in the primary hall to share some of their Halloween spirit by singing for them before they walk to the nursing home! The nursing home is very happy to have them visit!

### **Online Superintendent/Principal Search Survey**

The Aviston SD 21 Board of Education is conducting a search for a new superintendent/principal due to the upcoming retirement of Dr. Kampwerth in June 2019. The selection of a new superintendent/principal is probably the most important decision a board of education has to make; therefore, the Board has hired the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) to assist in this process.

The Board of Education is seeking everyone's input in the search process. The Board requests that all staff and all parents and community members complete an online survey provided by the IASB. The results will be tallied and used by the Board and Screening Team to develop a brochure to advertise the position.

The survey can be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SY7RQZ5>

The survey deadline is: October 11, 2018 at 11:45 p.m.

Thank you for taking time to complete the survey.

### **Pawty in the Park**

Presented by Clinton County Humane Society, Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Breese North Side Park. Fun for pets, kids, families, and adults! Cardinal Themed Fire Pit Raffle Drawing filled with goodies! \$5 each or 3/\$10. Must be 21. Tickets also available prior to event. CCHS 2019 Calendars will be on sale!

10-12:00 PM – Pet/Family Walk/Costume Judging

10-11:00 AM – Walk Registration (\$10/person or \$25/family)

11:00 AM – Pet/Family Walk (max 6ft leash-no retractable leashes please)

12:00 PM – Pet costume judging

10-12:00 PM – Meet & Greet

10-2:00 PM – Kids/Family Fun (face painting, games start after walk, food/drink/bake sale)

12:30 PM – Clinton County Sherriff's K-9 Officer Demonstration

ADULTS: Wine/Music 1-4:00 PM - Vote for your favorite!

### **Looking Ahead**

Nov. 1 & 2 – Hearing and Vision Testing

Nov. 12 – No School – Veteran's Day

Nov. 16 – Unsatisfactory work reports sent home (Grs. 5-8)

Nov. 21 – No School – Comp Day for Conferences

Nov. 22 – No School – Thanksgiving

Nov. 23 – No School

Nov. 29 – Girl Scouts in MR – 3:00 PM