

September 2018 Newsletter

Important Dates

Aug. 31 – Early Out – 11:45
Aug. 31 – Reagle Eagle Forms Due
Aug. 31 – Spiritwear Forms Due
Sept. 3 – No School – Labor Day
Sept. 5 – Title I Open House 6-7pm
Sept. 10 – Blood Drive in Café 2-7pm
Sept. 11 – Night of Meetings 6:30-8:30pm
Sept. 12 – Beginning Band Instrument Petting Zoo – 7pm
Sept. 15 – Reagle Eagle Run
Sept. 17 – School Board Meeting – 7pm
Sept. 17 – Bob Tarter Assembly 12:30 - Grs. 5-8
1:30 – Grs. Prek-4
Sept. 20 – Girl Scouts in MR – 3:00pm
Sept. 21 – Unsatisfactory work reports sent home
Grs. 5-8
Sept. 27 – Picture re-take day

A Message from Dr. Kampwerth:

Welcome back to a great school year! I want to commend all of our students, because we are off to a terrific start with friendly attitudes and kind behavior. We are fortunate to welcome many new Eagles in our nest. In addition to our 27 kindergartners, we have 26 new students from other school districts. Our current enrollment is 384 in PreK-8th grade. Our staff has been energized with the addition of newly hired staff and even more technology to use with students. This year is off to a wonderful start.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly announce my retirement from Aviston Elementary at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. I have served as the superintendent/principal at Aviston Elementary since 2005 and I absolutely love the children, the staff, and the Aviston community. I take tremendous pride in our school and its achievements and I will be forever grateful for everyone's support over the past 14 years. This school and everyone in it means the world to me, but I would also like to find more time to invest in my family, volunteer work, and travel. I'm excited for what the future holds for all of us.

In order to give the Board of Education plenty of time to seek a new superintendent, it's necessary to make this announcement early in the school year. The search for a new superintendent will be managed by the Illinois Association of School Boards and will be publicized state-wide in the beginning of September. Tom Leahy, Director of Executive Searches for IASB (and former Aviston teacher and board member), will personally manage the search.

I am looking forward to a very productive school year. My door continues to be open to help children and families who need assistance at our school. My goal is to help everyone have a smooth transition to new leadership, while making the very most of this school year.

Mr. Craig Zurliene

Mr. Craig Zurliene, 7/8 basketball coach, has resigned his position due to a new employment opportunity. While he regrets leaving, he wants everyone to remember he's always an Eagle. Mr. Chris Dickshot, the assistant basketball coach for 7/8 and former 5/6 head coach, will take over the 7/8 head coach position for the 2018-2019 school year.

Bus Routes

We would like to thank the parents and daycare providers for their patience with the school and bus company while we worked through bus route changes for the new year. We appreciate everyone who turned in their registration forms on time, this makes scheduling easier for everyone.

If your child will not be riding the bus in the morning, please contact the bus driver prior to pick-up time. This can save them time and gas on some routes.

Reagle Eagle Run

5K starts at 9:00 am & 1 mile starts at 10:30 am; 5K awards presented before the start of 1-mile race. Silent Auction at the Reagle Eagle 5K this year from 8-10 am in the gym. Items include old baseball and softball jerseys, State Championship Street Signs ('93' '00' '14' Volleyball, '09' Girls Track, '11' 4x100/4x200 Girls Track, '13' 4x400 Boys Track, '17' Baseball), and signed memorabilia. Old baseball and softball pants/hats will also be for sale for \$5. Trophies that have been cleaned out of the case will be out for FREE if anyone wants them. Packet pick-up and late registration will be held at the school from 6:00-7:00 pm Friday, Sept. 14 and 7:30 – 10:00 am on Race Day.

Party on the Patio

Dr. Kampwerth invites all Reagle Eagle participants to Party on the Patio on Monday, Sept. 17. Wear your Reagle Eagle t-shirt and come out and enjoy snacks and a bonus recess. Everyone who purchased a shirt is invited.

Head lice Information

Please check your child's hair, keep hair pulled up, and report any cases of head lice to the office. Any child with head lice will be sent home and will not be able to return until treated for the respective condition. The first full day of school missed will be considered an excused absence. Further absences will be unexcused.

Beginning Band Petting Zoo

4th grade parents – If your child is interested in band, please attend the Beginning Band Petting Zoo on Sept. 12 at 7pm. Students will have the opportunity to touch, hold, discover, and play all the different instruments. Mr. Murphy and Music & Arts will be available for questions.

Blood Drive

On Monday, Sept. 10, AGS will host its annual Fall Blood Drive from 2-7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Donors can sign up online by going to www.redcrossblood.org and using the Sponsor Code: Aviston.

Night of Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018

- Band Parents – 6:30 pm

If you have a child in band, you SHOULD attend this meeting. We will be giving away 4 front row seats to the Christmas Concert!

- PTCC – 7:00 pm

All parents should attend this meeting. You will have a chance to meet teachers, discuss upcoming fundraisers, etc. Plus, the classroom with the most parents will receive an extra recess!

- Sports Booster Club – 7:45 pm

If you have children in grades 5-8th playing sports, you SHOULD attend this meeting. We will be giving away 2 season passes to the 2017-2018 games!

Reporting an Absence or Change in Afterschool Transportation

Please report all absences and tardies to the office by email (schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org) or phone (618-228-7245). We will contact your child's teacher.

Through our telephone system, you are able to report your child's absence by pressing 1. The message should include your child's name, grade, homeroom teacher, and the reason for their absence. Please let us know how you would like homework handled for your child.

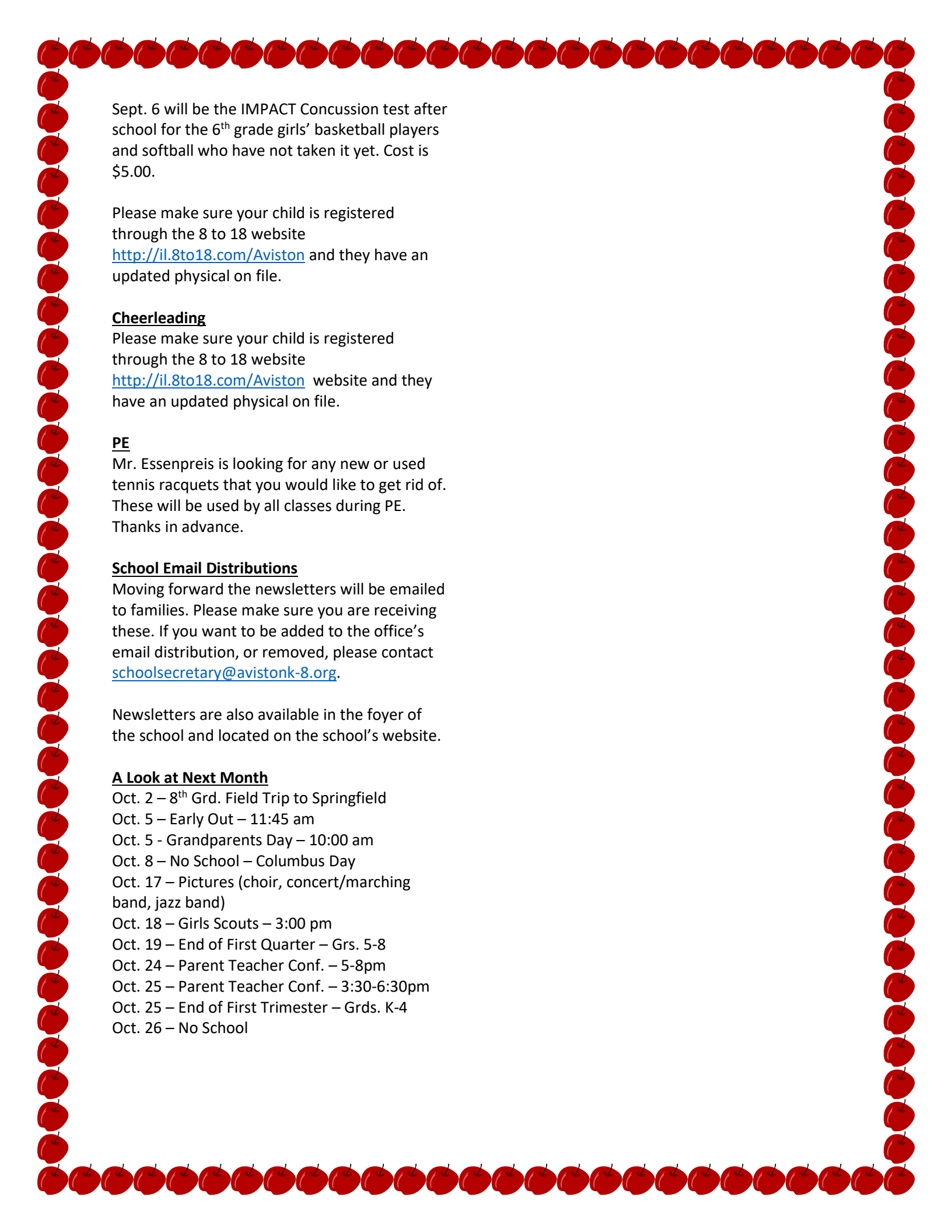
To report a change in afterschool transportation, please press 2. Include your child's name, teacher, and transportation change.

Morning Drop-off

If you are dropping off your children before 8:15, please make sure to take them to the cafeteria and not to their classrooms.

Girl's 5th/6th grade Basketball

5th-6th grade girls' basketball practice starts Sept. 5 from 5:30-7:00. This is optional for current 6th grade softball players that plan on playing 6th grade basketball.



Sept. 6 will be the IMPACT Concussion test after school for the 6th grade girls' basketball players and softball who have not taken it yet. Cost is \$5.00.

Please make sure your child is registered through the 8 to 18 website <http://il.8to18.com/Aviston> and they have an updated physical on file.

Cheerleading

Please make sure your child is registered through the 8 to 18 website <http://il.8to18.com/Aviston> website and they have an updated physical on file.

PE

Mr. Essenpreis is looking for any new or used tennis racquets that you would like to get rid of. These will be used by all classes during PE. Thanks in advance.

School Email Distributions

Moving forward the newsletters will be emailed to families. Please make sure you are receiving these. If you want to be added to the office's email distribution, or removed, please contact schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org.

Newsletters are also available in the foyer of the school and located on the school's website.

A Look at Next Month

Oct. 2 – 8th Grd. Field Trip to Springfield
Oct. 5 – Early Out – 11:45 am
Oct. 5 - Grandparents Day – 10:00 am
Oct. 8 – No School – Columbus Day
Oct. 17 – Pictures (choir, concert/marching band, jazz band)
Oct. 18 – Girls Scouts – 3:00 pm
Oct. 19 – End of First Quarter – Grs. 5-8
Oct. 24 – Parent Teacher Conf. – 5-8pm
Oct. 25 – Parent Teacher Conf. – 3:30-6:30pm
Oct. 25 – End of First Trimester – Grds. K-4
Oct. 26 – No School