



December 2018 Newsletter

Important Dates

Dec. 6 – K-4 Christmas Program at 1:30 & 6:30
Dec. 10 – Band & Choir Concert at 1:30 & 6:30
Dec. 10 – Preschool Christmas Concert at 6:30
Dec. 19 – School Board Mtg at 7:00
Dec. 20 – 5th Grade to Nursing Home for Jingo
Dec. 21 – End of Second Quarter – Grs. 5-8
Dec. 21 – Early dismissal – 1:45
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 – Winter Break – No School
Jan. 3 – Teacher’s Institute – No students
Jan. 4 – Students return to school

Christmas Program – Grades K-4

This year’s program will be held on Dec. 6 with performances at 1:30 and 6:30 pm. Doors for the 6:30 performance will open no earlier than 6:00 pm. The program will be similar to past years with Christmas themed songs and speaking parts from the 4th graders.

Pre-K Christmas Concert

Pre-K Christmas Concert will be at 6:30 at the start of the band/chorus concert on December 10th. They will not perform at the afternoon concert.

Band/Choir Christmas Concert

The Band/Choir Christmas Concert is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 1:30 and 6:30 pm. The concert will open with the preschoolers singing a few songs for everyone. Preschoolers and their families may leave after their performance. The doors will open no earlier than 6:00 for the 6:30 performance.

There will be a rehearsal during school on Monday morning. The schedule will be as follows:

8:30 - 8:50 Set up
9:00 - 9:30 Beginning Band
10:00 - 10:20 Choir
10:20 - 10:40 Jazz Band
10:40 - 11:00 Concert Band

Concert 1:30 – Band students will be released from class at 1:00 so they can get changed and come to the band room to tune.

For the 6:30 concert, the ‘Call Time’ (time when the students are expected to be at the school) will be 6:00 at the West Entrance (by the band room) so we can run through our pieces and tune.

Concert Dress:
Aviston band shirt
Black pants
Black shoes
Black socks

Schwan’s Cares

The PTA is currently holding a fundraiser with Schwan’s Cares. We receive a 40% return on all e-gift cards purchased and a 20% return on all orders placed through December 15th. All you have to do is log into your Schwan’s account and order online. During the checkout process select Aviston Elementary PTA as your “fundraiser” (code 43280). You arrange delivery directly to your door. It’s that easy!

After December 15th the PTA will continue to earn 5% back on all orders placed through the end of the fundraiser on March 16, 2019. Stock up on all your goodies and help the PTA at the same time!

Elf Drive

Aviston Elementary has a grade level competition based on which class brings in the most for this charity. A dedicated committee of 7/8th graders run this project. The winning class enjoys hot chocolate and cookies as their prize. We will be collecting items starting Nov. 26 through Tuesday, Dec. 04. Attached to this newsletter you will find value sheet for donated items.



Cardinals Calendars

The Cardinals calendars will be delivered to school the week of December 3rd. We did order extras so if you need any additional ones please let us know. They make great Christmas gifts!

Covered in Chocolate

The PTA will be holding a fundraiser again with Covered in Chocolate for Christmas. We will be offering peanut butter Christmas trees, sugar cookies, peanut butter bon bons, and cake pops. Pickup will be on December 22nd. A flyer with more specifics will be sent home next week!

Spirit Wear

The Christmas Spirit Wear orders should be delivered by December 17th for anyone who placed an order.

Scrip Program

The Scrip Program is up and running. We are placing an order each week in the month of December. This is a great way to purchase gifts for people on your Christmas list while earning a little back for the PTA. An email went home earlier this week with the listing of available gift cards and an order form. If you have any questions, please let me know! I am happy to help avistonelementarypta@gmail.com.

Order dates:	Delivery dates:
11/29/18	12/6/18
12/7/18	12/14/18
12/15/18	12/22/18

We can place a last minute order if needed and if we have enough interest.

The school office also has a selection of gift cards on hand if you need one on short notice. Please feel free to stop in and inquire.

Fun Day

This year we will be sending home with the children over Christmas break some instructions for those who would like to design an entry for the 2019 Fun Day shirt drawing contest. The drawing should be completed on an 8 ½ x 11

sheet of white paper. The drawings will be due on January 8th, 2019.

Amazon Smile

The PTA would like to remind everyone as they do their holiday shopping to consider using Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon. All you need to do is select Aviston Elementary as your fundraising organization. You do need to use the actual Amazon Smile website and not the Amazon App to make these purchases. It's an easy way to earn extra money for our PTA without actually having to fundraise!!

Discount Cards for Sports Boosters

Discount cards are \$10 and available in the office. Don't miss out on some great deals!

Clinton County Humane Society

Clinton County Humane Society is offering pictures with Santa for your pets and/or kids on Friday, December 14, from 6:30-8:30. Keep updated on our Facebook page for more upcoming dates! We also have 2019 pet calendars available for \$10 each or 3/\$25. All proceeds go directly to CCHS. We are always in need of items for our animals such as toys, clumping litter, bleach, paper towels, Purina One cat or kitten food, Purina Dog Chow, gift cards to Tractor Supply, Walmart, gas cards, as well as used towels, comforters, and sleeping bags (no sheets at this time please). Contact Shelly Albers with any questions or to arrange drop off at school. Thanks for your support and always appreciated!

Looking Ahead

Jan. 4 – Students return to school
Jan. 7 – Blood Drive 2-7:00
Jan. 8 & 9 – Vision/Hearing Re-Screening
Jan. 11 – Report cards sent home
Jan. 11 – 8th Grade Boys Sports and Cheerleading Recognition Night
Jan. 16 – Winter Sports Pictures
Jan. 16 – School Board Mtg at 7:00
Jan. 21 – No School – Martin Luther King Birthday
Jan. 30-Feb 8 – Library Closed – Book Fair-Enchanted Forest