



April 2019 Newsletter

Important Dates

Apr. 1 – Kindergarten Registration Begins
Apr. 3 – Central Math Contest
Apr. 4 – 6th Gr. JA Biztown Field Trip
Apr. 6 – District Band Contest at Triad (5th-8th)
Apr. 11-12 – PreK Screening
Apr. 11 – 4th Gr. Courthouse, Spaghetti Factory, & O’Fallon15 Cinema Field Trip
Apr. 12 – Unsatisfactory Work Reports (5-8)
Apr. 17 – Early Dismissal – 1:45
Apr. 17 – Blue Ribbon Festival
Apr. 18-22 – Spring Break
Apr. 24 – 5th Gr. Resource Day @ Carlyle Lake
Apr. 24 – School Board Meeting at 7:00
Apr. 24 – Girl Scouts Meeting @ 3:00 pm
Apr. 26 – Earth Day @ Carlyle Lake Field Trip (Grades 1, 2, 3, & 7)

Blue Ribbon Award Celebration

AGS Blue Ribbon Award Celebration is on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Festivities will include a whole school outdoor group picture, a “Breakfast of Champions,” an assembly with local dignitaries, a parade through town, and a talent show. Public activities will begin at 9:30 am with a welcome and speakers.

At 10:15, the parade will step off, circling from the school, to the Vintage Hall area, and back down 4th Street. The day will end with a student talent show and dismissal at 1:45 pm.

Please tell all family and community members to line the streets to congratulate our kiddos on a job well done!!! They deserve the recognition and would love to see many people line the parade route.

SHOUTOUT Videos – Blue Ribbon Award

Your Friends at Aviston Elementary are looking for 15 second congratulatory videos for our Blue Ribbon Celebration. Our Alumni are part of our success and we would love to have a SHOUTOUT message from you! Please see the attachment for further information. SHOUTOUT videos can be sent to techsupport@avistonk-8.org.

Blue Ribbon T-Shirts

As part of the National Blue Ribbon Celebration on April 17th the PTA has been asked by the teachers and staff to assist with a t-shirt design to commemorate the day and this outstanding achievement. The PTA will be covering the cost of the t-shirts for the students, teachers and staff. However, we wanted to allow any parents who may be interested to also purchase a t-shirt. The order form is attached. The t-shirts are \$10 each and are a great way to show not only school pride but spread the word about our outstanding students and teachers! Orders are due on **April 1st**. The PTA is asking for volunteers to help with the National Blue Ribbon Celebration on April 17th. The staff and teachers have many fun activities planned for the students that day. If you are available and would like to help please email avistonelementarypta@gmail.com.

Fun Day

Fun Day is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd. We need about 50 volunteers to make this day a success for the kids. If you previously signed up at the Night of Meetings, then I will be contacting you soon. If you would like to sign up, please email Alicia Renth at avistonelementarypta@gmail.com. We still **need** volunteers and the day is a lot of fun. If you can, please join us!

Discipline, Conduct and Dress Code

General rules 6.00—page 11 in the Student Handbook Cell phones and smart watches must be **turned off** and placed in lockers or backpacks if brought to school. If a student uses a cell phone on school campus (with the exception of being picked up from extracurricular activities after school hours), it will be confiscated and a parent will be called to pick it up. After a second cell phone offense, a conduct detention will be administered and the phone will have to be picked up by a parent in the office. A third offense will result in the same consequences as the second, and the student will be required to check the phone into the office on a daily basis if brought to school.



Absenteeism

Please remember that it is the parents' responsibility to notify the office of their child's absence. We have an automated system, making it quick and easy to leave a message for the office staff. You may also email the school at schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org. Also, Bring Your Son or Daughter to Work Day is April 25th. Please note that this is not an excused absence from school.

Scholar Bowl News

The Scholar Eagles, coached by Mrs. Kuper, are currently 37-2 with a little over a month left in the season. Best of luck!

Apr. 7 "Smarties" vs. "The Parents"

Apr. 8 @ ICS

Apr. 24 Regionals @ Aviston

Apr. 29 Sectionals @ Jacksonville

KC Spelling Bee Update

Cohen Wieggers & John Koerkenmeier participated in the ROE13 Clinton County Spelling Bee on March 25. John placed 2nd & Cohen placed 3rd. At the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee on March 9, Cohen placed first and John placed 2nd. They will both participate in the State Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in April. Best of luck! Thanks for making Aviston proud!!

Mater Dei Summer Camps

Boys Basketball: May 28-31

Girls Basketball: June 3-6

Volleyball: June 10-13

Cheerleading: July 1-19

Football: July 15-18

Soccer (Girls & Boys): July 22-25

Central High School Summer Camps

Football: May 28-31

Girls Basketball: May 28-31

Boys Basketball: June 17-21

Cross Country: June 3-7

Volleyball: June 24-26

Baseball: June 24-27

Golf (Girls & Boys): July 23-25

Soccer (Girls & Boys): August 5-8

***Any high school camp registration forms received by AES were emailed out as soon as they were sent to us. (See Mater Dei's & Central's websites for specific details and forms)**

Math Team

The Aviston Math Team are Melanie Hilmes, John Koerkenmeier, Mason Millard, Jake Richter, Cohen Wieggers, and Luke Pingsterhaus (alternate). They will participate in the Central Math Contest on April 3rd. Best of luck!

Gateway Grizzlies Honor Roll Night

Order forms for the Gateway Grizzlies Honor Roll night were sent home in March with the Students that earned them. Our award night is Tuesday, May 21st. The form is good for 2 FREE tickets to the game. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 each. The form and money need to be mailed directly to the Gateway Grizzlies. Do not send the form to school. It is due at least one week prior to the game.

Cardinals Tickets

Cardinals Tickets are currently on sale for the June 20th game vs the Florida Marlins at 6:15 pm. They are for the Lower Right Field Box. We are selling the tickets for \$35 each. Anyone can purchase the tickets so please spread the word! We have 200 tickets to sell so invite family, friends, and neighbors to a night out at the ball park! The tickets may not be relisted for sale on Stubhub due to their deep discount as the Cardinals monitor these sites. Any infringement of these rules could jeopardize our future opportunities at these great fundraising opportunities. Tickets are currently on sale. Please see order form attached. If you have any questions please contact Ann Venhaus at annvenhaus@yahoo.com.

Birth-5 Year Screening

Aviston Elementary School and the Kaskaskia Special Education District (KSED) will conduct FREE screenings for children birth – 5 years of age. Screenings are scheduled for Thursday, April 11 from 9:00 – 3:00 and Friday, April 12 from 9:00 – 12:00. Parents/Guardians may contact the school office at 618-228-7245 to schedule an appointment. Information that will be needed include: Child's full name (1st, MIDDLE, last), Medicaid # (if applicable), Address, Resident School, Birthdate, Parent's Names, and Phone Number. All screenings will be done at Aviston Elementary. All appointments will be made via phone call. NO EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR APPOINTMENTS.



Tuition-Based Preschool

Parents may enroll their children in preschool beginning May 1. Twenty seats will be available in each of the morning and afternoon sessions. Brochures will be available at the Birth to 5 year screenings, 1st National Bank, the Aviston Post Office, and in the school office beginning April 11th.

Kindergarten Registration

Aviston Elementary School will start registering children for Kindergarten on April 1, 2019 for children who will be 5 years of age prior to September 1, 2019. Parents/Guardians can go to the website (www.avistonk-8.org) to find the Kindergarten Registration form. Go to the "Registration Forms" link, then under Kindergarten Registration. We will only need to have the "New Student Registration" form turned in ASAP so we can start a count of incoming students. The Registration form can be dropped off in the office, mailed to the school (350 South Hull Street, Aviston, IL 62216), scanned and emailed to the office (schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org) or faxed to the office at 618-228-7121.

The following exams will be required for incoming Kindergarten students and must be turned in prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year:

- Vision Exam (from an optometrist)
- Dental Exam (from a dentist)
- Physical Exam with updated immunization record

These forms are also found under "Registration Forms Per Child" online or can be picked up in the school office. Other registration paperwork will be available AFTER May 1, 2019 for all school registration. For any questions, please contact the school office at 618-228-7245 or via email at schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org.

Crayola Marker Recycling

We will be continuing our marker recycling collection. As the end of the school year approaches please keep this in mind instead of throwing them in the trash. We would like to strive to keep them out of landfills while teaching our kids the importance of recycling. They will accept all markers, not just the Crayola brand. Anyone who would like to recycle markers can place them in the box in the front foyer at the school. We will take care of sending them in to Crayola.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

We have had great response in our efforts to recycle ink and toner cartridges. There is a tub in the entryway of school to drop off used ink and toner cartridges and we will recycle them. Thank you all for recycling!

Staples School Kits

Be on the lookout as the school year ends for the order forms/email to go home with your students to order school kits for next year. Why not take the hassle out of school supply shopping and help the PTA earn a little extra \$\$\$ at the same time?

Scrip Orders

We are continuing to submit a Scrip order once a month. Orders are due to the office on the 15th of the month. We do have several gift cards on hand in the office if one is needed in the meantime. We can submit an order earlier this month if there is interest before Easter. Please turn orders into the office ASAP if you have an order that you are wanting for Easter. We can place the order earlier this month if needed.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We are looking for volunteers to help with teacher appreciation week May 6th – May 10th. If you already signed up to help at the Night of Meetings, then I will be contacting you soon. If you would like to sign up, please email Alicia Renth at avistonelementarypta@gmail.com. We need a few volunteers to help with the luncheon on May 6th from about 11am – 1pm. We also need many volunteers to help decorate doors and the sidewalk on May 5th. Please specify in your email which door you would like to decorate. This is on a first come first serve basis so volunteer early! We are also looking for small-donated items for the week to be used in treat bags for the teachers and staff. If you or a business in town would like to donate please email Alicia at avistonelementarypta@gmail.com. We have the best teachers around and we love to show them our appreciation!!

Schwans' Cares

Thank you to everyone who supported the Aviston Elementary PTA through the Schwans' Cares fundraising program. The fundraiser has come to a close. Once we receive final figures we will let everyone know how much we were able to raise.



Spring Fundraiser

We are again offering the Spring Chocolate Fundraiser with Covered in Chocolate! Please see the order form attached. We are offering the peanut butter eggs, cake pops (set of 3) and large cupcakes this year. Orders are due in the office on Monday, April 15th. Pickup will be on Friday, April 19th from 5pm-7pm at 5217 Leah Lane Aviston. This has been a great little fundraiser for the PTA and a great way to get some wonderfully delicious treats from a local business!

2020 Technology Auction

It's crazy to think that it is time again to be planning the next Technology Auction, but that time is upon us. Please plan to attend our kick-off meeting on Thursday, April 11th at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. We need around 70 volunteers to make this a successful event. We encourage the younger students' parents (K-4th grade) to attend and get involved! We ask that all prior chairs please attend so that you can share your expertise with the new chairs to get us off on the right foot. If you would like to volunteer but cannot attend the meeting please reach out to Alicia at avistonelementarypta@gmail.com.

Trash Clean-Up

Trash clean-up has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 11th from 8am – 10am. If you would like to volunteer please email Alicia Renth at avistonelementarypta@gmail.com. We will send out a more specific email to the volunteers on where to meet and what to bring along that day. The more volunteers we have the faster we will get finished. We are hoping for better weather!!

Clinton County Humane Society

Clinton County Humane Society's Purrfect Pawty Trivia night will be held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. Doors open at 6:00, trivia starts at 7:00. \$120 for a table up to 8 people. Silent auction and raffles. Call/text Shelly 618-444-3242 or PM us on Facebook to reserve a table in advance to help get a better count. We will welcome any new tables at the door! Hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead

May 1 – 1st Gr. to St. Louis Zoo
May 3 – Early Dismissal – 11:45
May 8 – Pre-K to Children's Mus. & Airplane Park
May 8 – 4th Gr. to Behrman Processing & AG
May 8 – 5th Gr. to St. Louis Arch
May 8 – 8th Gr. to Courthouse & Busch Stadium
May 9 – Sports Awards Night
May 10 – 7th Gr. to Busch Stadium & Holocaust Mus.
May 13 – Spring Concert 1:30/6:30 (includes the 4th-8th grade Band/Choir students and 3rd grade recorder students.)
May 14 – 3rd Gr. to St. Louis Arch
May 16 – 8th Gr. Graduation @ 7:00 pm
May 17 – Preschool Graduation at 10:00 am
May 21 – School Board Meeting @ 7:00
May 22 – Last Day; (Dismissal at 1:45) & FUN DAY!!
Jun. 20 – Cards vs. Marlins Baseball Game
Jun. 25 – School Board Meeting @ 7:00