

Avon Community
School Corp.

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Maple School Day
9:00-3:40

Maple Calendar

Jan 27 - 100's day
in Kindergarten

Feb 2 - PTO meet-
ing @ 5:45pm

Feb 3 - PTO Movie
Night @ Cedar

Feb 7 - Pastries
With Parents (K-1)
@ 8:00am

Feb 8 - Pastries
With Parents (2-4)
@ 8:00am

Feb 9 - 1 hour
delay day

Feb 20 - NO
SCHOOL - Presi-
dents Day

Maple Leaflet

Be Respectful, Be Responsible,
Do Your Personal Best

January 20, 2012

A Message from Mrs. Harrison

Greetings,

It was wonderful to celebrate student accomplishments at Awards Day today! Several students set and met goals during 1st semester. Hopefully all of you have reviewed report cards with your children and set some new goals. The students have shared they miss having Awards Day each 9-weeks. While there are a variety of reasons I made this change, I'm always willing to reflect on my decisions and welcome any input you have as parents.

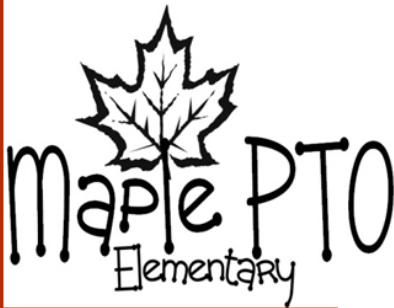
Help! We are struggling with attendance this year and attendance is part of our 4-Star School status. While I DO NOT want students coming to school sick, I would like to see the number of absences and tardiness decrease. As you recall, this year's incentive is an Air Head party for classrooms with perfect attendance each week. We also talk about our slogan: A.I.R - **A**ttendance **I**llustrates **R**esponsibility with the students on announcements. If a classroom has perfect attendance for the week, I celebrate with them on Friday at dismissal. You may think this is an easy reward to earn, but as of today I have only had EIGHT Air Head parties. Sad, but true! I believe strongly that as parents we have a role in setting the positive or negative work ethic our children will have in the future. So, as difficult as it is... it's important to get up on time and come to school daily. If they are sniffling or tired, send them on to school! If they become ill we can always have Nurse Pope call you.

I want to give a gentle reminder to all of my parents who drop students off in the morning to please follow procedures and comply with Mr. Stipe's directives. All of our restrictions are for safety. Is the 20 seconds you are going to save by passing cars or rushing through traffic worth an accident or tragedy? I also want to thank all of you who pick your children up in the afternoon for following our new arrows/signs! Thanks for helping us find a solution!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Nikki Harrison

PTO News



Kindergarten

Lunch 11:00-11:30

Recess 11:30-11:50

1st Grade

Lunch 11:00-11:30

Recess 11:30-11:50

2nd Grade

Lunch 11:30-12:00

Recess 12:00-12:20

3rd Grade

Lunch 12:00-12:30

Recess 12:30-12:50

4th Grade

Lunch 12:00-12:30

Recess 12:30-12:50

Box Tops Challenge:

Earn money for Maple! PTO is challenging each classroom to collect **100 Box Tops** before the 100th day of school (next Friday, January 27th!). Clip and send in all of your box tops with your student as soon as possible. All classes who meet the goal will earn a special activity, and Maple earns extra money!

Movie Night: Friday, February 3rd

Now Showing **Mr. Popper's Penguins** at Cedar Elementary! Doors open at 6:00 and the movie starts at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$2 per person or \$10 per family and includes one drink and unlimited popcorn. Additional concessions are available for purchase. Kids, bring your sleeping bags and pillows, adults may bring chairs.

Mark your calendars for **Pastries with Parents!** 8:00 - 8:30 am - Tuesday, February 7th: Kindergarten, First and Second grades. Wednesday, February 8th: Third and Fourth grades. A flyer and RSVP form will come home with your student next week.

Next PTO meeting: Thursday, February 2nd at 5:45 pm.

High Ability Workshop

A requirement of policy at the state level for high ability education is for a district to create a Broad Based Planning Committee (BBPC) comprised of students, teachers, counselors, administrators and parents for the purpose of assuring that a school corporation is meeting established goals. One of the high ability goal strand area requirements is to meet the social and emotional needs of high ability students. This year, the committee has requested the presence of a consultant who can help our district meet this goal.

On **January 30th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, Dr. Jean Peterson will be offering us her expertise on working with high ability students. Her workshop will be specifically tailored to your role as a parent. She will be covering:

- ◆ Characteristics of the high ability students
- ◆ Helping at-risk students negotiate the system and advocate for themselves
- ◆ Understanding potential factors of resiliency for at-risk high ability students
- ◆ What parents have wanted to ask a consultant regarding issues related to high ability

On this day, she will also spend individual blocks of time with teachers, administrators and counselors tailoring her presentation to meet each of their unique needs. We invite you to attend this valuable opportunity. We will be holding the workshop in the Administration Center Board Room. Please RSVP to Barb Marcotte at BJMarcotte@avon-schools.org.



**No School - Presidents Day
February 20th**



School Counselor Corner

The next 3 months are typically a time of tremendous growth and development here at school. We are very excited to enter this season of hard work and great results. We will be measuring some of that growth through a series of assessments in the coming weeks. I have placed the schedule below:

LAS Links	All grades-Jan. 20-Feb. 24
ISTEP Applied Skills	3-4 th grade- March 5-14
IREAD	3 rd grade- March 19-23
ISTEP Multiple Choice	3-4 th grade- April 30-May 10
NWEA	2-4 th grade-May 7-25

Here are some suggestions for helping your child prepare for the tests:

- ◆ Make sure your child gets plenty of rest.
- ◆ Provide a healthy breakfast and lunch (including proteins!).
- ◆ Encourage your child to try his/her best.
- ◆ Offer relaxing and enjoyable activities in the evenings.
- ◆ Talk about the testing experience.
- ◆ Dress your child in comfortable clothes.
- ◆ **Make every effort to ensure your child attends school on testing days.**

Thank you for your help in making these important assessments a positive experience.

Laura Samide, School Counselor

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APPC - Avon Parent Partnership Committee

The Avon Parent Partnership Committee (APPC) is comprised of two parent representatives from each building. The purpose of the APPC is to facilitate communication between parents and administrators on academic issues in the Avon Community School Corporation. At the January 3rd meeting the group was pleased to welcome Mr. Mike Swank, new principal of Avon High School. He spoke about his background in education as well as his vision for the future of Avon schools. The group was invited to ask any questions; a lively discussion resulted regarding preparing younger students for success in high school as well as making the most of the high school experience to prepare for college. The group was also pleased to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Davies, current director of the Outdoor Learning Center. The group was informed of field trip opportunities through the OLC, as well as the concerted effort to align OLC activities with the Indiana science standards and learning objectives. It was also reported that several Avon schools were given a Four-Star rating by the state, a status earned by meeting very stringent requirements. Discussion was also had regarding the possibility of all of the schools being on the same schedule for such things as Red Ribbon Week and Project Angel to simplify things for families of children in multiple schools. For more details about any of the above items, please see the full APPC minutes posted on the website.



Father Daughter *Date Night*

Saturday, February 18th  6-10 pm
Washington Township Community Park Pavilion

\$32 for Father & Daughter
\$10 for each additional daughter

Ticket prices include spaghetti dinner provided by Project Angel, a flower for each girl, DJ music, dancing and door prizes.

Keepsake pictures available for \$10 (2-4x6) by Scott Romer Photography.
All credit cards accepted. Additional photos can be purchased.

