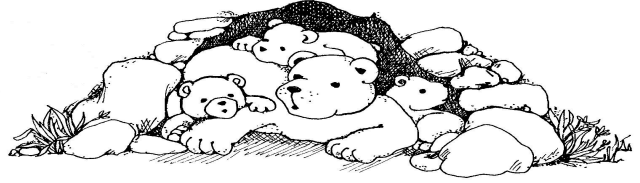


BEARS DEN

All BEARS need a DEN.

Let us keep your CUB!



The Ava R-1 School District provides **Bears Den**, a before- and after-school program funded by the Federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. The **Bears Den** Program is designed to provide a safe, positive place for kids to stay before and after school that offers fun and engaging activities, builds successful and productive citizens, and is affordable for our working parents.

Bears Den **BEFORE** school program is available for all students in **PK–8th grade**, and the **after-school** program is only for **PK–6th grade**

- The elementary morning program runs from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. each morning. Elementary school kids will check in at the elementary cafeteria. Middle school kids will check in at 7:00 in the MS gym.
- The afternoon program runs from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. each day. Students will check in and go to recess for a few minutes. A snack will be served. Then, enrichment classes will be offered (4:00–5:15).
- MS students (Grades 5–6) can attend homework help from 3:30 to 4:30 each day and then go on to enrichment classes.
- Elementary tutoring will begin the first week in October for those students who qualify. Tutoring will last until 4:30 each evening, then students can go to enrichment classes after tutoring.

Parent Pick-up

- Parent pick-up doors will open at 3:50 p.m. AFTER** the buses leave the campus. Parents wanting to pick up their students before 3:50 need to use the regular school parent pick-up line.
- There is bus transportation home within the city limits and buses leave the campus each night at 5:35 p.m.
- Pick-up for the elementary Bears Den is at the elementary office.
- Middle school students will be picked up at the Bear Cave on Spring Street.
- Students **MUST** be signed out and picked up by their parents or other people listed on the enrollment form by 5:45 each night.

Bears Den is very affordable for families.

- The cost is \$1 per day for students on free lunches. \$2 per day for students on reduced lunches and \$3 per day for students on full-priced lunches. Students must have a lunch application on file to qualify for these prices.
- There is a family cap of \$25 per week. If a child attends both the morning and afternoon programs, the family will only be charged once for the day.
- If a family cannot afford these prices, there is the **Tyler Helm Scholarship** available. The gatekeeper has the paperwork for this scholarship.
- No kids will be denied attendance due to the cost of the program.
- No weekly or monthly statements will be sent home. The gatekeeper can let you know what amount you owe and will take payments each night so a receipt can be given to you for documentation.
- Day camps** will be offered on teacher PD days when school is out. No holidays. Enrollment papers can be picked up from the gatekeeper. Must be enrolled to attend day camps.

If you have any questions, please call (417) 260-1138. Kristy Elliott, Bears Den Director