

Avoca Elementary News

January 2023

Important Dates

January

20 - HALF DAY - Noon dismissal

Popcorn Day - Provided by PTO

27 - Progress Reports sent home

February

2 - Parent Teacher Conferences as needed 5-8 p.m.

8 - PTO Meeting 9 a.m.

10 - Avoca Movie Night - Doors open at 5:30, movie begins at 6 p.m.

13 -17 BE KIND WEEK

14 - HALF DAY - Noon dismissal

17-20 - NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break

21 - Vision Screening

22 - Hearing Screening

21 - March 3 - Spring Spirit Wear Sale

Hearing and Vision Screening Information

Hearing & Vision screening will be conducted by SCCHD on February 21 & 22. Please note the following information:

Vision Screening

- Students in grades 1st, 3rd, 5th and any students referred by parents and staff will be screened on February 21st
- Screening is done by St. Clair Health Dept. technicians
- **Students who already wear glasses are screened with their glasses on to determine if their prescription is still current**
- Students are screened for visual acuity, muscle control and far sightedness. Any student who cannot pass the first screening is put on a rescreen list
- In 2-4 weeks, the technician will return to our school to rescreen students. If your child cannot pass the second screening, he/she is considered a referral. SCCHD technician will contact the parent and encourage them to seek an exam by an eye care professional

Hearing Screening

- Students in K, 2nd & 4th grades and students referred by parents and staff will be screened on February 22nd.
- The battery of hearing screening tests is administered by the St. Clair Health Dept. technicians
- Initial Screen - The child is presented with a series of sounds in both ears. If the child is unable to respond to any one or more of these sounds, he/she is put on a re-screen list
- Secondary Screen - In 2-4 weeks the, the technician will return to our school to rescreen students using a more intense hearing screening. If the child is unable to respond to any one or more of these sounds, he/she is then moved onto the next level of screening
- Threshold Screen - A threshold screening is a complete hearing screening designed to determine the exact level of a child's hearing. A child must be unable to pass all three hearing screening levels before they can be considered as having a hearing difficulty
- Parents of children who cannot pass the screening are contacted by SCCHD technician and encouraged to seek a medical evaluation

If your child is in a grade that is not scheduled for a particular screening and you would like him or her to be screened, just let his/her teacher know before the screening day.

Supper With Santa

Supper with Santa 2022 was a huge success and a TON of fun! If you contributed to this event in any way (by attending, donating, volunteering, purchasing tickets/items, etc.) we are grateful for you! Avoca has the very best community around. Thank you very much for your support of our school!



Top Dog Readers

Congratulations Avoca Top Dog Readers! These students have been working hard to achieve Top Dog and Top Pup Status: Ava Mensinger, Mason Sopha, Lucas Fox, Bryce Rhein, Brian Stacey, Karly Fuller-Sarate, Matthew Kreiner, Morgan McNaughton, Gus Schmidlin, Elliot Monroy, Andrew Monroy, and Emma Chrzanowski. Way to go!



3rd Grade News

Avoca 3rd graders had a great time learning how to make bread with former Avoca teacher Mrs. Cowper.

Students each made their own mini loaf of bread and helped make homemade butter. The classes were amazed by how much math, science, writing and reading were involved in the process!



Emmett Knights of Columbus Presents a Grant to Special Education Programs

The Emmett Knights of Columbus continued their tradition of supporting Avoca Elementary Special Education programs with a donation to our school. Mike Schieble and Jim Kinney visited Mr. Clare's students and presented them with a check to support classroom activities. As always, we are very grateful for their generous donation to benefit Avoca students.



Lost & Found

Is your student missing hats, coats, gloves or hoodies? Our Lost and Found bin is overflowing with forgotten items that students have left behind. Stop in and look through the bin to locate anything that might belong to your student. Unclaimed items will be donated to local thrift shops in the coming weeks.



Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten mathematicians are having fun with many hands-on activities. They have been busy counting groups of objects, getting familiar with teen numbers, and fluently adding and subtracting within 5. These young scholars have discovered that it is easier to count a larger amount of objects when they can see 5-groups and 10-groups inside of numbers. They are practicing these new skills by counting many different manipulatives and playing games. One of their favorite fact fluency games is called Bump, where they get to add numbers together to claim spaces on the board, in hopes of being the first to get rid of all of their game pieces. There is some strategy, because they can also “bump” their

opponent when the opportunity presents itself! These numerical thinkers are full of enthusiasm for learning!



Wear your Winter Gear for Recess

As colder weather is approaching, please make sure that students bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school. We will go outside for recess everyday unless there are temperatures below 10 degrees (wind chill). Don't forgot to send coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and boots to keep warm and dry at recess.



Officer Hoppe Visits Avoca Children's Center

Officer Hoppe from the Port Huron Police Department came in & spoke to our Pre-K class about safety, calling 911 and listening to our parents/teachers. While in Pre-K he read a story, helped with an art activity and showed us all of his cool tools on his uniform. He brought in doughnuts and ate lunch with us! Thanks Officer Hoppe!!





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