

Avoca Elementary News

OCTOBER 2022

A NOTE FROM MRS. DAMMAN

Dear Avoca Families,

I can't believe we are already seven weeks into this school year. What a great start! I'm thankful for our amazing students, staff and community, which make up "Team Avoca"! We're so lucky to be in a community that works closely together as a team to ensure the success of our students!

At school, students work to earn Team Avoca Tickets. The tickets are given to students when they are noticed for being respectful, kind, doing their best, encouraging others, and/or thinking positively. Please help us with this process by asking your children about what they might do to earn a Team Avoca Ticket.

You've probably heard, but Mr. Jim Peltier is quite famous in Avoca...loved by all! "Mr. Jim" (as all the kids call him) has been a phenomenal Head Custodian with us for many years. We'll miss seeing him daily, but are happy for him because he has been hired into the YPSD Maintenance Department. We wish him all the best!

We are happy to announce two new staff members! Miss Olivia Hoist joined our team in September as our new 3rd grade teacher. Mr. Christopher Schmidlin is our new Head Custodian and began last Monday. We welcome them both to our team!

As always, I welcome you to call, email or stop by anytime. I'm here for you!

Sincerely,
Therese Damman

THANK YOU MR. JIM!



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

17-21 Spirit Week

21 Homecoming

24-28 Fall Book Fair

25 Parent/Teacher Conferences

27 Parent/Teacher Conferences

28 Breakfast with your Bulldog 8 - 8:30 a.m.

31 Halloween Parade 10:00 a.m.

31 HALF DAY 12 p.m. dismissal -Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER

7 Picture Re-take Day
9 PTO Meeting 9 a.m.
11 Veteran's Recognition 9:30 a.m.
18 Popcorn Sale
22 **HALF DAY 12 p.m. dismissal**
23-25 Thanksgiving Break
28 School Resumes



THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program run by the Federal Communications Commission to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet. You are likely eligible if your household's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, or if you or someone you live with currently receives a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. Parties that qualify can earn up to \$30 per month discount on internet service and a one time \$100 credit for laptop, tablet, or desktop computer.




Interested parties can visit the link below for more information:

<https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>

We're Serving Up HAPPY & HEALTHY

**Student Lunch Price \$2.25 Reduced \$.40
October 2022**

All A Carte Snack .60 Adult Lunch: \$5.25 All A Cart Milk \$.60

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Mini Corn Dogs Seasoned Carrots Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit	4 Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Biscuit Fresh Fruit Carrot Sticks Applesauce "LUCKY TRAY DAY"	5 Hot Dog Lunch Bubbly Baked Beans Banana Fresh Broccoli	6 Cheesy Pizza Garden Salad Fresh sliced Cucumbers Juicy Pears Fresh Fruit 	7 Mini Pancake Sausage Apple Slices Cherry Tomatoes
10  French Bread Pizza Mixed Veggie Rosy Applesauce Peaches	11 Cheese Quesadilla Sour Cream & Salsa Seasoned Refried Beans Bell Pepper Strips Mandarin Oranges	12 Not So Sloppy Joe Tater Tots Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Cherry Tomatoes Fresh Fruit	13 Corn Dog Oven Baked Fries Side Kick Frozen Treat Grapes Celery Stick w/Ranch	14  Chicken Tenders/Roll Fresh Sliced Cucumber and Cauliflower w/Ranch Seasoned French Fries
17 Chicken Nuggets And a Roll Steamed Broccoli Garden Fresh Salad Chilled Fruit Cocktail	18 Taco Salad w/Refried Beans Turkey Meat Cheese, Sour cream & salsa Refried Beans Chilled Pineapple Baby Carrots	19 Macaroni & Cheese Please Dinner Roll Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Fruit Grape Tomatoes	20 Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Bell Pepper Strips	21 Lasagna Roll Up w/Cheese Garlic Bread Green Beans Garden Salad Applesauce Cucumbers w/Ranch
24 Taco for lunch Lettuce, Sour Cream, Salsa Seasoned Refried Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit & Veggie	25 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Corn Sliced Cucumbers Peaches Fresh Fruit	26 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs Sausage Mini WG biscuit Tater Tots Orange Juice Apple Slices Baby Carrots	27 Bosco Sticks Green Beans Fruit cup Celery Stick & Ranch BIRTHDAY TREAT DAY Mini Ice Cream Sandwich	28 Ham & Cheese Mini Sub Fresh Sliced Cucumbers w/Ranch Warm Cinnamon Apple Slices
Monday 2 nd choice	Tuesday 2 nd choice	Wednesday 2 nd choice	Thursday 2 nd choice	Friday 2 nd choice
Crispy Chicken Patty On a Bun	American Classic Cheeseburger	Chicken Nuggets And a Roll	Cereal Fun Lunch	Bosco Cheese Sticks

Questions or Comments? Please contact Joanne Faille @ 810-387-4542 or jfaille@vpsd.us [Menu](#) Subject To Change

KINDERGARTEN ON THE ROAD TO READING

The kindergarten classes are off to a great start learning to read! They worked on a letter each day, practicing writing the letters and their sounds. Students have done a variety of activities to strengthen their letter knowledge. They've built letters in Play-Doh, matched upper and lower cases, put letters in ABC order, matched letters to a word's beginning sound, and more. This has also been a great opportunity for some cooperative learning- another skill worked on in kindergarten! In no time, these kids will be putting letters together to read and write!



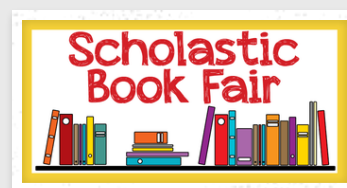


THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Scholastic Book fair is coming to Avoca Elementary the week of October 24th. The book fair will be open for shopping through October 28th and during Parent Teacher Conferences.

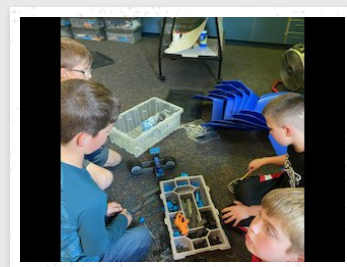
Students will have one day scheduled to browse the book fair, and another day scheduled for shopping. Parents are welcome to visit the book fair before or after your child's scheduled conference. Thank you in advance for supporting the book fair which raises funds to purchase new books for our library. Follow this link to access more information about the Book Fair:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/avocaelementaryschool>

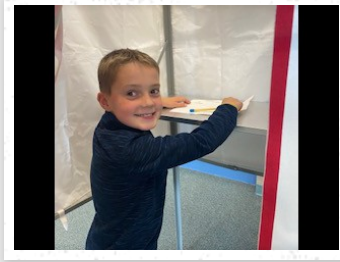
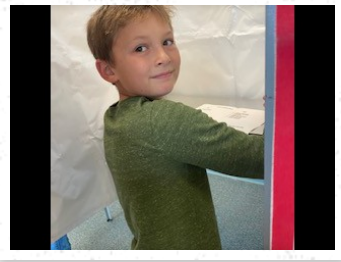


3RD GRADE NEWS – MISS HOIST & MRS. WISNER

Miss Hoist and Mrs. Wisner's third grade students have been busy learning the different simple machines. One of the key things they have learned is simple machines are meant to make our lives easier. Students have been using the Vex kits that accompany Project Lead the Way to build their own examples of simple machines. These students created a wheel and axle capable of moving a load of six blocks from one spot to another.



Third graders also participated in the student council voting even this year. Students learned how to use the voting box to cast their votes.



SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT FOR HOMECOMING WEEK

Celebrate Bulldog Homecoming Week!

October 17th-October 21st

Yale Homecoming Week is here!

We are inviting students to participate in a week of spirit to celebrate so many things! In addition to celebrating, we are using this opportunity to be helpful members of our community by donating toiletries that will be given to local families in need.

Please contribute if you can.*

Day:	Theme of the day:	What to wear:
<i>Monday , October 17th</i>	Take a walk on the <i>wild side</i> with animals!	Shirts with animals or clothes with animal prints!
<i>Tuesday, October 18th</i>	Bulldogs are the opposite of tacky, but it's fun to be silly!	Tacky & wacky attire!
<i>Wednesday, October 19th</i>	Farmers are fantastic - let's show them our support! Helping others is Bulldog-style!	Farm clothes!
<i>Thursday, October 20th</i>	Put on your thinking caps - think of all the ways we could help others!	Hat day!
<i>Friday, October 21st (Yale Homecoming!)</i>	Bulldogs are kind! If you can, give the gift of helping others by remembering to bring in toiletries to support our Bulldog families.	Bulldog spirit wear and/or school colors!

*Toiletries needed are: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, chapstick, kleenex. :)

MRS. POULSEN'S CLASSROOM

Our ECSE and CI Classroom kicked off October by going to Blake's Apple Orchard after learning about apples and the season of fall. We had a beautiful day picking apples, a pumpkin and joining our friends for cider and a donut. For the month of October, we have continued learning about fall by going on a nature walk, learning about the various colors we see, how an apple grows, and learning about how the tree changes.



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Staff and students at Avoca Elementary are preparing for a Veterans Day drive-through celebration on November 11th beginning at 9:30 a.m. Next week students will be bringing home an invitation that they can extend to family and friends. (The invitation is also included below.) We are asking veterans to RSVP so that we can recognize them individually and make sure that we have a gift for those who attend. We would like to include families and community members in the parade and would love to see your cars decorated if you would like to do that. We are so grateful for the sacrifices our veterans have made to ensure our freedom, and we are happy to have the opportunity to honor them for that.

Dear Veteran,

Avoca Elementary staff and students would like to honor you on Veteran's day. We will safely celebrate by having our honorees and guests drive through the school parking lot and through the bus loop to hear our students sing patriotic songs, see the patriotic artwork students have been working on, and receive a special token of appreciation handmade by Avoca students. Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for the sacrifices you have made to protect our freedom. We hope this small gesture will demonstrate our appreciation for your service and bravery.

You are invited to join us for a
Veteran's Day Drive-through Celebration

Friday, November 11, 2022
Avoca Elementary School
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Veteran's Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Invited by: _____

Relationship to student: _____

☐ Yes, I will be attending the Drive-through Celebration

☐ No, I am unable to attend

If you plan to participate, you will receive a sign to display in your car window that identifies you as an honored guest. Please RSVP by November 1st by returning this form to school.



ACCELERATED READER PRIZE LIST



Avoca Elementary School Accelerated Reader Prize List

Points	First Grade Prizes
5	Sticker
10	Yale Bakery Cookie Coupon
15	Pencil
20	Bookmark
25	Eraser
30	AR T-Shirt
40	Bracelet
50	Slushie Coupon
60	Top Pup Picture and Sweet Treat
70	Lunch with Mrs. Damman 5/26/23
85	Dog Tag
100	Mighty Reader Medal

Points	2nd & 3rd Prizes
10	Sticker
20	Bookmark
30	Yale Bakery Cookie Coupon
40	Pencil
50 2nd/ 60 3rd	AR T-Shirt
70	Eraser
80	Slushie Coupon
90	Homework Pass
100	Top Dog Picture & Sweet Treat
125	Lunch with Mrs. Damman 5/26/23
150, 200, 250	Slice of Pizza Coupon
200 2nd/ 300 3rd	Mega Reader Medal

Points	4th & 5th Prizes
20	Bookmark
40	Pencil
60	Yale Bakery Cookie Coupon
80	Slushie Coupon
100	AR T-Shirt & Top Dog Picture
125	Homework Pass & Sweet Treat
150	Lunch with Mrs. Damman 5/26/23
200, 300, 400	Slice of Pizza Coupon
500	Mega Reader Medal

- The last day to earn AR points is 5/19/23



- Prizes can be collected in the Media Center.
- T-Shirts can be picked up in the office.



Dear Avoca Families,

Each year, our school holds a meeting with families to let you know about our Title I program. At this meeting, parents also have an opportunity to provide feedback on the program and our parent involvement plans. Any family member who is interested in participating is encouraged to join us for our Annual Title I Family meeting. If you are unable to attend at the selected time, information can be found on our website, www.ypsd.us. You may also contact the building Principal or Assistant Superintendent at your convenience to answer any questions you may have.

Title I Informational Family meeting

Date: November 9

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Avoca Elementary Media Center

At this meeting the following information will be shared:

- [Our District Parental Involvement Policy](#)
- [Our Parent and Family Engagement Plan](#)
- Our Parent-School Compact
- As well as a general overview of why we have Title I and how funding is used to improve student achievement within our school.
- We will also ask parents to complete a brief survey to provide feedback on how our programming can improve in future years.

We look forward to your participation and feedback as we continue to grow our Title I opportunities for all students!

Sincerely,

Therese Damman
Avoca Elementary Principal




AVOCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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