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Hickory Principal
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Hickory Assistant Principal

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Hickory Back to School Newsletter 2024-2025

Greetings Hickory Families:

It is with great pleasure that I write to welcome you and your child(ren) to the 2024-2025 school year at Hickory Elementary. After 28 years in education, I still get so excited for the first day of school! For those families that I have not had a chance to meet yet, my name is Keary Rininger-Hickory Principal. I am beginning my tenth year as Principal at Hickory Elementary. My wife, Kendra, and I live in Avon with our two children: Carter (17 ½) and Claire (16). Claire (junior) and Carter (senior) will both be at Avon High School this school year. We are all looking forward to the start of this school year! Mrs. Kuepper our amazing Assistant Principal introduces herself below.

Mr. Keary Rininger
Hickory Principal

My name is Kayla Kuepper and I am so excited to begin my second year as Assistant Principal. My husband, Steve, and I have two children. Carson is almost 6 and Lucy is 2 years old . We also have a mutt named Woody that we rescued almost 11 years ago. I am really looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Kayla Kuepper
Hickory Assistant Principal

Our goal at Hickory is to provide each student a safe, challenging, and nurturing learning experience. This is encompassed in our school mission: We Grow Learners and Leaders Here! Throughout the school year, I encourage you to work closely with your child's teacher as a strong home/school partnership is crucial for student success. Thank you for being a vital part of your child's education, and I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

Keary Rininger

OPEN HOUSE

TUES. JULY 30TH

2:30 PM—4:00 PM

All Hickory students and parents are invited to attend the Hickory Open House on Tuesday, July 30th from 2:30 pm t0 4:00 pm.

- **Class Lists will be posted**
- **Students can find classrooms and drop off their school supplies**
- **Medications can be dropped at the clinic**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July 15 - Hickory Office Re-opens

July 30th-Open House 2:30-4:00 pm

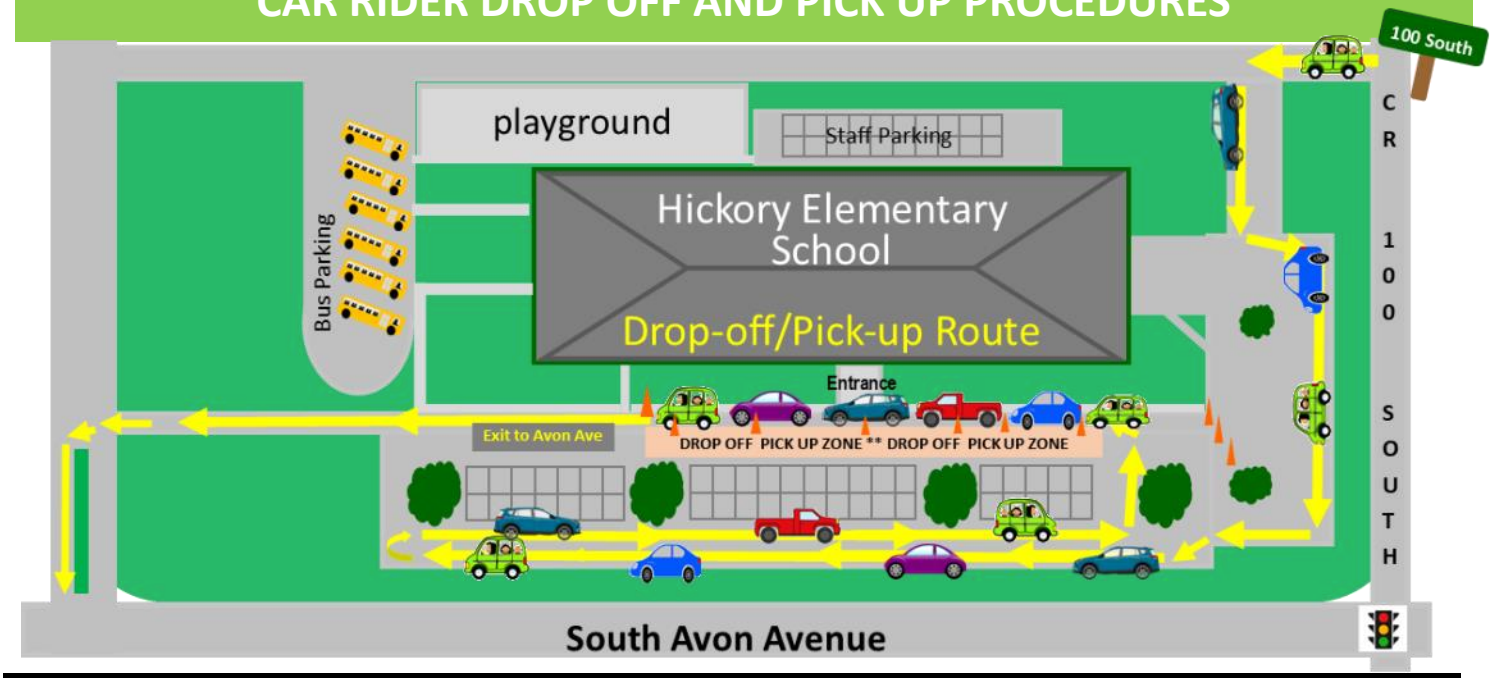
July 31st-First Day of School 9:25-4:10

Aug. 8th- School Picture day

Aug. 13th- Meet the Teacher Night All Grades
Session #1 - 5:30pm
Session #2 - 6:15pm

Aug. 16th—Hickory PTO Back to School Kick Off

CAR RIDER DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES



Vehicles need to enter via the CR 100 South Entrance
(Follow the path indicated in yellow on the map above)

DROP OFF PROCEDURE

—Doors will open at 9:10 AM– School Starts at 9:25 AM

—Please wait until assigned Hickory staff exit the building and invite students in with a wave.

—Students will need to remain in the cars until this time. To help avoid delays, please be sure children have all of their belongings in their hands, ready to exit vehicle as soon as you are in the designated area.

—Be sure to follow staff directions and pull up to the furthest cone before allowing student to exit the vehicle.

—Only parents who need to visit the office or clinic may park their car and walk in with their child.

PICK UP PROCEDURE

—School ends at 4:10 PM
__Parents need to be in the pickup line no later than 4:15 PM
—Parents who regularly pick up their child(ren) will need to display a car sign in front window of vehicle.
—Parents will remain in their cars and students will be dismissed to parents when cars arrive in the designated area next to the sidewalk.
—Students need to enter vehicles from sidewalk side.
__If your child is not normally a pick up, be sure to let the Hickory Office know by 2pm that day that they are a car rider at the end of the school day.

BUS INFORMATION

This year, parents will access their child(ren)'s bus information via **PowerSchool**. Here's how:
1. Login to PowerSchool by going to: https://avonin.powerschool.com/public/home.html
2. Choose your child's name at the top
3. Under "Navigation", click "Transportation Info"
This process will take you to your child's bus information. If you have more than one child, you can navigate between your children's tabs in PowerSchool to view their individual schedules.
Bus information for the 2024-25 School Year will be available by July 24, 2024.

HOW TO GET A CAR SIGN

Parents/Guardians who plan to pick up their students **on a regular basis,** will be issued a car window sign. If you were issued a sign/number last year, we will be using the same numbers this year. You may re-use the original sign. If you need a new or replacement sign, please email Katrina Meyer at KLMeyer@avon-schools.org or call the Hickory office. 317-544-6300
Signs can be picked up the day before school during the OPEN HOUSE from 2:30 - 5:00 PM . Be prepared to show ID. If you unable to pick-up your child's car sign on this day, the office will send it home in student's backpack on the first day of school.

Avon Schools has GPS (Global Positioning System) service on all buses and support vehicles to enhance safety and efficiency. One of the primary advantages for parents is the ability to use your cell phone to track the location of your child's bus. Versatrans My Stop is a free app. Download from the **App Store** or **Google Play**. **Visit Transportation Page** for Set-Up Instructions

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION: All kindergarteners who ride the bus home MUST be met at the bus stop by a parent or guardian. Kindergarten parents who want to give permission for someone other than themselves to meet the bus must complete the Kindergarten Affidavit in PowerSchool on the General Forms tab. If the student is not met at the stop by a parent/designee, the student will be returned to Hickory for pick

First Day Parent Information
Parents dropping students off on the first day of school will need to remain in their cars. We will have staff available to walk students to their classrooms the first few days of school.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Lunch is available for purchase in the Hickory cafeteria each day.
Student Lunch Price: $3.00

Breakfast is available for purchase each day. Students who eat breakfast at school must arrive at school *on time.*
Student Breakfast Price: $2.00

LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Once again this year, we ask that adults wait until after Labor Day to join your child for lunch. This allows time for students to learn and practice lunchtime routines and procedures.
All adults joining students for lunch **must** present a physical state ID or Driver's license.

Please try to limit having lunch with your children to a maximum of once or twice per month.

Parents will be required to pre-register online by 10:00 AM on the day they will visit for lunch to allow office staff to prepare lunch passes in advance.
The pre-registration link will be provided before Labor Day.

ACSC FOOD SERVICES

Visit the ACSC Food Services webpage to access the following information:

- Menus for all ACSC schools
- LINQ Connect to register and add funds to (and monitor) student lunch accounts.
- Apply for Free & Reduced Lunch Fees

Food Services

LINQ CONNECT | FREE & REDUCED APPLICATION | MENU

PLEASE NOTE: These links may not become available until July 20th.

READY FOR THE SCHOOL DAY

It is important that your student is ready for school with everything they need for their school day. Please be sure students have their water bottles, lunches, eyeglasses, homework, and proper clothing/shoes for PE and outdoor recess. We look forward to working with each of you to minimize the items dropped off each day in the office.

Before/After School Care

Washington Township Parks will be offering before and after school care for the Avon Community School Corporation for the 24-25 school year. **Explorer Extended Care** is available at all ACSC Elementary and Intermediate Schools. For enrollment information/cost please visit https://www.washingtontwpparks.org/explorer-extended-care.html

LET'S TALK COMMUNICATION!-PARENTS IN THE KNOW

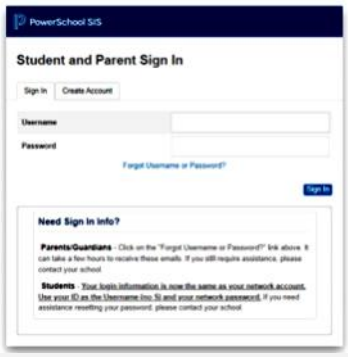
ACSC COMMUNICATES WITH PARENTSQUARE

ParentSquare is the primary communication link with Avon Schools. Whenever there is timely and important news or updates, you will hear it first through ParentSquare. The school office and teachers all use ParentSquare to communicate with our families. Download the ParentSquare mobile app to your phone.

For instructions on setting up your account, visit the **Quick Start Guide.**
Para obtener instrucciones sobre cómo configurar su cuenta, visite la **Guía de inicio rápido.**

PARENTS AND POWERSCHOOL– Parents/Guardians are encouraged to become familiar with logging into PowerSchool for the following information:

--Bus Transportation Schedules/Information
--Student Grades
--Student Attendance
--Teacher Assignments
--School Forms (such as the Returning Student Registration forms collected each spring)
To login to PowerSchool, go to https://avonin.powerschool.com/public/home.html
Once logged in, each student will show as a tab at the top of the page.



If you having problems logging in to PowerSchool, please EMAIL or PARENTSQUARE Rene' Wright @ SRWright@avon-schools.org

TARDIES AND EARLY OUTS

Parents have the primary role in setting standards for their children regarding attendance. Regular attendance is a crucial component in students receiving a consistent education. When children arrive late to school, or leave early, it is disruptive not only to their routine but also to the routine of other children in the classroom. They are missing important instructional time and often spend the rest of the day trying to catch up with the other students.

Excessive tardies & early outs (without medical notes) will result in an attendance conference with the school administration.

Please do all possible to ensure that your child attends as much of the school day as possible on days where they have medical appointments. ***When dropping your child off after the tardy bell (9:30AM), parents need to escort student into Hickory office.***

END OF DAY CHANGES BY 2:00 PM

The Hickory office delivers all end of day changes to the classrooms at 2:15 each day. Parents must notify the office by 2:00 pm each day for any changes. Parents can:
--Call the office 317-544-6300
--Send a note with student in their folder
--ParentSquare Rene' Wright and Rhonda Harris

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Daily attendance is essential for academic growth and development. Students are expected to be in school unless they are ill, attending a funeral or an approved pre-arranged absence on file. You may report your child's absence by any of the following methods:

-Leave a message on the school voice mail system.
-Speak directly to a school secretary during school hours.
-ParentSquare Rene' Wright and Rhonda Harris
Note: For the safety of our students, if the school does not receive a phone call prior to 10:00 AM an automated call from ParentSquare will call the child's home.
If a call or note is not received on the day of the absence, the absence will be unexcused.

If you have questions about your child's attendance, please contact Rene' Wright via ParentSquare or email srwright@avon-schools.org

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Please note that attendance letters are sent out automatically at the following intervals, ***no matter the reason for the absence.***

1. After the fifth (5) absence, an attendance letter will be sent home to inform parents that absences are beginning to accumulate.
2. After the eighth (8) absence, a second attendance letter will be sent home stating that an excessive number of absences have occurred.
3. After the tenth (10) absence the school will work with the family to create an attendance contract.
4. Upon the fifteenth (15) absence, excused or unexcused a referral will be made to Project Attend.

PROVIDE DOCTOR NOTES

If your child is seen by a medical professional causing the child to miss any part of the school day, please provide medical documentation upon return to school. Medical offices can fax documentation to Hickory (fax# 317-544-6301, or parents can email or send notes into school with student.

VISITING THE SCHOOL NURSE

Our school nurse, Mrs. Amber Walker, is a Registered Nurse employed and supervised by Hendricks County Regional Health to provide the best care possible for students and staff. Students who feel sick will be sent to the clinic to be evaluated by the nurse who will then call parents if the student needs to be picked up.

Students who have been sent home sick may only return to school after being fever-free, vomit free, diarrhea free for 24 hours without symptom reducing medications.

All clinic visits are documented in Care Docs by the nurse so that parents receive notifications.

IMMUNIZATIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS

Immunizations Records for NEW TO ACSC students are due before the first day of school. These can be emailed to the school nurse at ALWalker@avon-schools.org OR you can have doctor fax to Hickory at 317-544-6301. For a list of required immunizations, click here.

MEDICATION DROP OFF

Medications can be dropped off at the school clinic. Depending on the type of medication, one of the following forms will need to be completed by parent/guardian.
Prescription Medication Form and Info
Over the Counter Medication Permission Form

VOLUNTEERING AND FIELD TRIPS

Any adult wishing to volunteer at school and/or attend a class field trip, must have a completed Avon Community School Corporation background check on file. To apply for background check, visit https://secure.safevisitor.io/Safe/Volunteer/470/vol

Please Note: If background check is not completed and approved in time for the event/field trip, the parent/guardian/adult will not be able to volunteer in the school or attend the field trip. We apologize for the inconvenience.

SAFETY IS OUR # 1 PRIORITY.

STUDENT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POLICY

Per the Student Handbook, parents may only provide food, treats, for their own child(ren). Each child's birthday will be recognized by the school staff. In order to provide optimum learning time, classroom birthday snacks/ parties and special deliveries are **not** permitted at school. ***Additionally, in order to protect the feelings of all children, students are not permitted to pass out any invitations at school even if the entire class is invited.*** The school is not permitted to release student addresses or phone numbers. Teachers may elect to create a classroom directory

AVON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
2024-25 SUPPLY LIST

NOTE: Teachers may ask for specific items as needed throughout the year.

KINDERGARTEN

1 large backpack (no wheels)
Headphones for computer
Water bottle
1 plastic school box (regular size 8x5x2)
16 Elmer's large glue sticks
12 yellow #2 Ticonderoga pencils, pre-sharpened
1 pair of Fiskars child-size scissors
4 24-pack Crayola Crayons
1-10 pack Crayola Classic broad line washable markers
2 wide-rule composition notebooks
8 black Expo dry erase markers (chisel-tip)
1 large box of facial tissue
1 bottle of hand sanitizer
1-9x12 yellow plastic heavy duty folder

1 box gallon "slider" Ziploc bags (GIRLS)
1 pkg. baby wipes (GIRLS)

1 pkg. Clorox wipes (BOYS)
1 box quart size "slider" Ziploc bags (BOYS)

FIRST GRADE

1 large backpack (no wheels)
Headphones for computer
Water bottle
1 plastic school box (regular size 8x5x2)
3-24 pack Crayola crayons
24 yellow #2 Ticonderoga pencils, pre-sharpened
2 large pink erasers
1 pair Fiskars child scissors
12 Elmer's regular glue sticks
12 black Expo dry erase markers (6 chisel tip & 6 fine tip)
1 10-pk Crayola Classic broad-line washable markers
3 2-pocket folders red/blue/green
2 composition notebooks (no spiral)
2 large boxes of facial tissues
1 container of Clorox wipes
1-9x12 yellow plastic heavy duty folder

1 bottle of hand sanitizer -8oz (GIRLS)
1 box of quart size "slider" Ziploc bags (GIRLS)

1 box gallon size "slider" Ziploc bags (BOYS)
2 yellow highlights (BOYS)
Suggested, but not required
1 pkg. Post-it notes, 1 pkg index cards
1 box (12 ct.) colored pencils
Sandwich size Ziploc bags

SECOND GRADE

1 large backpack (no wheels)
Headphones for computer
Water bottle
1 plastic school box (regular size 8x5x2)
2 24-pack Crayola crayons
30 #2 Ticonderoga pencils, pre-sharpened
1 pair sharp point scissors
2 large pink erasers
8 Elmer's glue sticks (regular, not large)
5 2-pocket folders (paper, no clip)
(1 of each color; rec/blue/green/yellow/orange)
8 Expo black dry erase markers (chisel tip)
1 wide ruled composition notebook
2 spiral notebooks wide rules
1 12-inch ruler with centimeters
1 10-pack Crayola Classic broad-line markers
2 yellow highlighters (Sharpie preferred)
1 12-pack pre-sharpened colored pencils
2 large boxes of facial tissue
1-9x12 yellow plastic heavy duty folder

1 container of disinfecting wipes (GIRLS)
1 box gallon size Ziploc bags (GIRLS)

1 bottle hand sanitizer (BOYS)
1 box quart size Ziploc bags (BOYS)

THIRD GRADE

1 large backpack (no wheels)
Headphones for computer
Water bottle
1 plastic school box (regular size 8x5x2)
48 #2 Ticonderoga pencils, pre-sharpened
1 pink Pearl eraser
1 pkg. pencil top erasers (6 count)
7 " Fiskars scissors (pointed)
4 Elmer's regular glue sticks
1 12-inch ruler with centimeters
1 12-pack sharpened colored pencils
1 pkg. 12-count markers (primary thin)
1 24-pack Crayola crayons
1 pkg. 8-ct black Expo dry eraser markers (chisel tip)
2 highlighters (no gel)
5 composition notebooks
5 plastic 2 pocket folders 1 of each color Red/blue/green/yellow/purple
2 red pens, 2 blue pens
2 pkg. 3" square Post-it Notes
1 pkg. of 3x6 index cards
1 pkg. 1-inch wide-rules loose leaf paper
1 bottle hand sanitizer
2 large box of facial tissue
1 pkg. Clorox Wipes
1-9x12 yellow plastic heavy duty folder
1 box quart size Ziploc bags (GIRLS)
1 box gallon size Ziploc bags (BOYS)

FOURTH GRADE

1 large backpack (no wheels)
Headphones for computer
Water bottle
1 plastic school box (regular size 8x5.75x2.5)
48 #2 Ticonderoga pencils, pre-sharpened
7 " Fiskars scissors (sharp point)
1 box Crayola fine tip markers primary colors (8ct)
4 regular glue sticks
12" ruler (standard and metric)
1 package loose leaf paper
1 12-pack sharpened colored pencils
1 24-pack Crayola crayons
4 highlighters (different colors)
2 Pink Pearl erasers
1 pkg 3" square Post-it Notes
12 Expo black dry erase markers (chisel tip)
4 composition wide-rule notebooks (no spiral)
5 plastic folders red/blue/green/yellow/orange
2 large boxes of facial tissue
1 bottle hand sanitizer
1 container Clorox or Lysol wipes
1-9x12 yellow plastic heavy duty folder

1 box snack size Ziploc bags (GIRLS)

1 box gallon size Ziploc bags (BOYS)

AVON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Supply Our Schools

Donate School Supplies to Avon Classrooms!

The Avon Education Foundation is asking for donations of school supplies, particularly dry erase markers, glue sticks, flash drives, highlighters, pencils, scissors, lined paper, and composition notebooks. Donations can be dropped off at any Avon school during the first two weeks of school.

Thank you for your support!