



March 26, 2021

Focus...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

Notes:

☑ Parents are reminded that, at this time, two choices are available for student learning: in person and virtual. If a student has selected in person learning and is unable to attend school, that student will be marked absent even if he/she chooses to log into class. Advance arrangements must be made with the teacher when students would like to attend class remotely while home sick. Not all requests can be accommodated, as staff requires extra time that is not available on short notice to prepare materials for students' remote participation. Students who choose virtual learning will be marked absent if they do not log into their classes for that day.

☑ Acmetonia Elementary and Springdale Jr-Sr High are working on calendars of events for the end of the school year. Due to the changing health situation, it has been difficult to determine if events will be held, if they will be held remotely or in person, and details for events. Information will be sent after the break for parents to be able to plan. Specific attention is being paid to events involving the senior class.

☑ Allegheny Valley reminds that Kindergarten Online Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will continue through the month of March. Parents of prospective Kindergarten students should go to the [web site](#) to register their child. Parents interested in Pre-K registration should call Judy Pribulsky, 724-274-6500, for information.

Focus On: Electricity



Students in Ms. Newill's fourth grade class use plasma balls to study electricity. The materials were donated over the summer, and perfect for the electricity unit. The plasma balls helped to demonstrate conductors (bodies or materials that allow an electrical current to pass through them) and insulators (materials such as wood and plastic that do not easily transmit heat, cold, or electricity).



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Good Things:

Congratulations to sophomore Addison Schussman who was accepted into the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's (AIU) Apprenticeship for Zoo Animal Care. Addison is part of a small group of high school students participating in the reopening of the AIU's Career Connections program. Addison will spend four Saturdays this spring learning about zoo animal care, the responsibilities of a zoo veterinarian, and the role of keepers.

For Your Information:

- Parents are encouraged to contact Ms. Kandi Conner, School Nurse, to report positive cases of COVID-19 that directly affect their child, including if the child has tested positive, has symptoms related to COVID, or has been exposed and will need to quarantine. In addition, parents with questions should contact:

[Ms. Kandi Conner](#)
724-900-5443

Dates To Remember:

April 1-5 – Spring Break
April 13 – School Board Planning Meeting
April 20 – School Board Meeting

Questions & comments should be emailed to:
[Dr. Patrick M. Graczyk](#)

COVID-19 Information:

The Allegheny Valley School District reports all positive COVID cases on its website with a new [COVID-19 Tracker](#).

The Tracker is updated daily , when new cases are reported, by 4:00 p.m. Cases attributed to the school:

- are identified in the Tracker and are useful in considering if and when schools will close.
- are cases where an individual was contagious while in school or was exposed to a known positive COVID-19 individual in the school.

Please check the [COVID Tracker on the web site](#) for the most up-to-date information.

The District also asks if your child is symptomatic or may have been in close contact with a positive case he/she needs to stay home. Parents are asked to contact the school nurse immediately with information on a positive case or COVID symptoms. The District stresses the importance of contacting the School Nurse directly. Ms. Kandi Conner serves as the District's School Nurse (kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us or 724-274-2110 (office) or 724-900-5443 (hotline). Your cooperation with sharing information with the nurse and reporting any positive cases of COVID-19 within your family or close contacts is very important.