



April 9, 2021

# Focus...

## A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

### Notes:

☑ The District is currently participating in a School Climate survey through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. School climate refers to the quality and character of school life; it reflects goals, values, relationships, teaching and learning practices, and organizational structures. The surveys are intended to provide schools with information to use in needs assessments, program development, and short and long term planning. An email with a link to the survey went out to all parents this week encouraging them to participate.

☑ Allegheny Valley School District's annual Kennywood Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Tickets will be on sale for **ONE EVENING ONLY – May 12, 2021** – at the Administration Office (Acmetonia Elementary School, lower level) from 3:45 pm – 7:00 pm. Additional information is attached below. Please note that Kennywood is not providing bussing this year; everyone will need to provide their own transportation to and from the park.

☑ A reminder to parents that breakfast is now being served daily, in the morning, in your child's building cafeteria.

### Focus On: Special Programs



Congratulations to Elena McCutcheon and Molly Hurley for both earning a first-place ranking in this semester's Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition. Elena conducted a project to see if she could inspire a sense of agency in senior citizens regarding air quality issues, and Molly surveyed her peers to see if they had preconceived notions about others based on hair coloring. They both move on to the state level competition.



Allegheny Valley School District  
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### End of Year Events:

The following events have been scheduled for the end of the school year:

Apr 29 Senior Scholarship Assembly

May 1 May Day

May 20 Honors Banquet

May 20 Kindergarten Graduation

May 21 Sixth Grade Picnic

May 28 Graduation

Jun 23 Kennywood Picnic

Additional information on all events will be provided as soon as details are confirmed. Please note this list is not complete; additional events are being finalized and will be posted as soon as possible.

### Dates To Remember:

**April 13** – School Board Planning Session, 7:00 p.m., Acmetonia Elementary Forum

**April 20** - School Board Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Acmetonia Elementary Forum

*Questions & comments should be emailed to:*

[Dr. Patrick M. Graczyk](mailto:Dr.Patrick.M.Graczyk)

# COVID-19 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

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The Allegheny Valley School District no longer sends individual emails regarding positive COVID-19 cases. The District now reports all positive cases on its website with a new [COVID-19 Tracker](#). The Tracker is updated daily by 4:00 p.m. throughout the week with any new cases reported. Cases attributed to the school are identified in the Tracker and are useful in considering if and when schools will close. Cases attributed to the schools 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](mailto: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.

**KENNYWOOD PICNIC**  
**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

**Ticket Sale Date**

**One Evening only – May 12, 2021**

**Administration Office**

**3:45 pm – 7:00 pm**

**\$29.00/per ticket – Cash Only-Exact Amount**

**No change available**

**Tickets can also be purchased online at**

**[www.kennywood.com/avsd](http://www.kennywood.com/avsd)**

**Cost is \$29.00/per ticket + Processing fee &  
amusement tax**

**Online tickets can be purchased up until the  
Kennywood Picnic date.**

**Kennywood is not providing  
bussing service.**