



March 12, 2021

Focus...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

Notes:

- ☑ It's hard to believe, but the third nine-weeks has ended. Teachers are completing tasks to finalize the grading period. Report Cards are expected to be available on-line by the end of next week. Additional information will be sent with as soon as it becomes available.
- ☑ With students in the buildings four days a week the District reminds parents/guardians to please check your emergency information listed in the Parent Portal and make sure all phone numbers and email addresses are updated.
- ☑ Allegheny Valley staff members have been received COVID-19 vaccines over the last week through a program sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Staff members were able to make appointments to receive the new Johnson and Johnson vaccine at the Waterfront.
- ☑ 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: Computer Science



Acme Engineers is an after-school program for students in third and fourth grade, which promotes computer science skills. In their latest project students were able to program the MicroBit from online Makecode and their Chromebooks to display a beating heart. Microsoft MakeCode is an open source platform for creating computer science experiences that support a progression path into real-world programming. Computer Science jobs are in most demand. Preparing students now, will ultimately prepare them for the future!



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Good Things:

With the participation of both Acmetonia Elementary School and Springdale Jr-Sr High School in The Great Kindness Challenge, the schools are now acknowledged as *Kindness Certified Schools*. Congratulations to all of the students and staff members who participated in this program.

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 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 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.