January 15, 2021

Focus...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

Notes:

☑ The Allegheny Valley School District announced this week that students will be returning to the buildings for Hybrid Instruction in-person learning beginning **Tuesday, January 19.** As a reminder, Group A attends school in person on Mondays/ Thursdays and Group B attends school in person on Tuesdays/Fridays. All students will attend school remotely on Wednesdays.
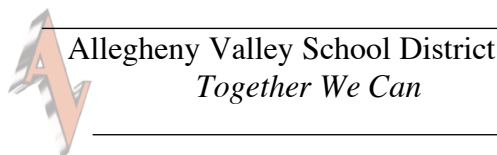
☑ In order to return to in-person learning, the District signed an Attestation that ensures implementation of mitigation efforts for COVID-19. This document states that the District will comply with orders from Pennsylvania Department of Health on universal face coverings, exceptions, and associated guidance and will follow the recommendations for Pre-K to 12 schools following identification of a case/cases of COVID-19. The recommendations include the District begin a rolling tracking of COVID cases within the District. Information will be available on the District web site, under COVID-19 Information tab on the homepage.

☑ Parents are encouraged to contact the District's School Nurse, Ms. Kandi Conner directly, kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us, to report positive cases of COVID-19 that directly affect their child. This information includes if the child has tested positive, has symptoms related to COVID, and/or if the child has been exposed and will need to quarantine.

Focus On: The Extended Classroom

Allegheny Valley students continue to participate in school-wide activities through their online classes. Each year, the elementary grades hold various "special days" where students can dress in various ways. Hat Day, Sock Day, and Tie Dye Day have made calendars this school year, and students love to show their creativity. Crazy Hair Day has become a favorite with students and staff. Held on January 14, students never fail to have fun with these assignments!

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For Your Information:

- Allegheny Valley created a Health Hotline for Covid-related questions. Information texted or called into this number will reach Kandi Conner, District Certified School Nurse.
724-900-5443
All parents are encouraged to utilize this service for our school community.

Good Things:

- Allegheny Valley invites parents, staff, students, and community members to participate in a survey to provide information on District communications. From the District web site, click on the Survey Spot at the bottom of the home page to contribute your opinions. The link will take you to a short survey provided by Survey Monkey.

Dates To Remember:

Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Clerical Day (teachers only)

Jan. 19 – Hybrid Instruction begins.

Questions & comments should be emailed to: pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us

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 a weekly basis through this newsletter. Allegheny Valley is also adding updated information to its website with a new COVID-19 Tracker, which will be updated on a weekly basis for 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.

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 724-274-8888 (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.

All District schools will remain open as personnel closely monitor the weekly COVID-19 cases within the District.

Below is a total summary of cases to date in the Allegheny Valley School District:

Building	Active	Prior/InActive
Springdale Jr-Sr High School	0	5
Acmetonia Elementary School	1	8
District (in both buildings)	0	1
Total	1	14
Out of District Schools	0	2

Additional information on 14-day rolling period.

Additional information on symptoms of COVID-19 can be found on the CDC website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact our School Nurse, Ms. Kandi Conner at kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us. As always, thank you for your cooperation as we continue our mitigation efforts.