



January 29, 2021

# Focus...

## A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

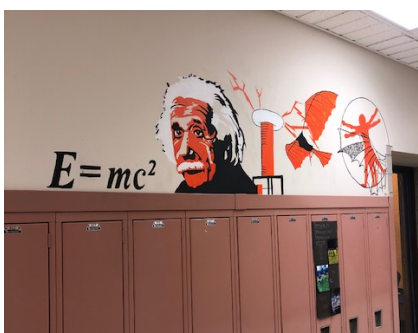
### Notes:

☑ The Allegheny Valley School District is coordinating a Virtual Career Fair for students in grades 4-9 for this coming spring. Organizers are looking for individuals in various careers who may be willing to make a 5-10 minute video to help our students learn about careers. Please email Elementary Counselor Rebecca Garbisch, [rgarbisch@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:rgarbisch@avsd.k12.pa.us); High School Counselor Andrea Sadowski, [asadowski@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:asadowski@avsd.k12.pa.us); or Public Relations Director Jan Zastawniak, [jzastawniak@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:jzastawniak@avsd.k12.pa.us) for additional details on how to participate. We are hoping to gather videos from many varied careers to start a database where students can go for information on their career interests.

☑ Currently, the District is reviewing the Kindergarten and Pre-K registration programs. Registration for 2021-2022 Kindergarten will be held online in March; information will be posted on the web site in February to direct parents in the registration process. Pre-K registration for 21-22 is being evaluated; interested parents are asked to call Judy Pribulsky at 724-274-6500 for information. Updates will be provided to the community as soon as possible.

☑ The Allegheny Valley School Counselors and Social Worker will sponsor a Parent Support Circle on February 10 for parents and families during the pandemic. Support Circles provide a way “to continue relations work without being in the same space.” In other words, it brings people together to help support them through this difficult time. Additional information, along with a video, is provided on the District web site.

### Focus On: Art



Students in the Senior High Art Club have been working on a project that puts student art throughout the school. A-wing walls now showcase images of the subject areas being taught in the classrooms. Math, social studies, and English areas are depicted as you walk the hall. In addition, the library boasts scenes from literature, and C-wing shows off a music mural. Students draw the images, then project them onto the wall, sketch and finally paint the completed project.



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### For Your Information:

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

**724-900-5443**

[kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us)

All parents are encouraged to utilize this service for our school community.

### Good Things:

- Congratulations to Senior Kelly Dugan who received both a Gold Key and an Honorable Mention in the 2021 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Her Gold Key painting, *The Day the Music Died*, will go on to the National Competition.

### Dates To Remember:

- Feb. 9** – School Board Planning Session
- Feb. 15** – Presidents’ Day, District Closed
- Feb. 16** – School Board Meeting

*Questions & comments should be emailed to:*  
[pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto: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](mailto: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:

<b>Building</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Prior/Inactive</b>
Springdale Jr-Sr High School	0	7
Acmetonia Elementary School	0	10
District (in both buildings)	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
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](mailto:kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us). As always, thank you for your cooperation as we continue our mitigation efforts.