



November 13, 2020

Focus...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

To provide additional communication for families, this short newsletter will be available each week.

Notes:

On Tuesday, the District sent a letter to all parents updating them on the testing for legionella. Acmetonia Elementary has ended all restrictions and the high school has begun changing out the affected facets. Once a date for retesting has been scheduled, we will once again notify all involved. Testing results are available on the District's web site.

As was noted on the DYNAmail for this newsletter, through a partnership with T-Mobile's Project Ten Million program, Allegheny Valley has received a limited number of mobile hotspots to help families get connected to the internet. Qualifying families can apply for a mobile hotspot by filing out the application located at www.tinyurl.com/avsdhotspot. Each hotspot comes preloaded with 100 GBs of data per year, built in web filtering, and is free of cost. Questions on the program can be sent to bslezak@avsd.k12.pa.us.

The District has recently sent two letters home notifying households of positive COVID tests from students who live in the District, but do not attend District schools. We believe it is important to provide notification of these cases to keep health and safety within our community a priority.

Next week, the District will celebrate American Education Week. We will focus on a different group that supports education within our community each day – parents, students, staff, alumni, and community members. You will see items on Facebook and hear about activities within the schools that deal with the importance of education. It is our hope that you will join us in this venture.

Committee Reports:

Reopening of School

This committee will be splitting to tackle questions concerning behavioral health and virtual learning. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

Health & Safety

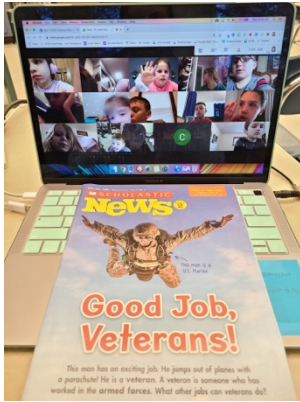
The committee continues to watch the number of positive tests of students, staff, and community, as well as changes in the county and state.

Nurses continue to remind parents to please communicate with them if your child is absent from school for illness.



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Focus On: The Classroom



Veterans' Day activities highlighted this week in the District. Students at all grade levels learned about the holiday, its history, and the meaning behind Veteran's Day and read the Scholastic News that talked about some of the different "jobs" of veterans like medics, mechanics, firefighters, and divers.

The higher grade levels explored other areas in their various classes. Students also colored photos, made cards, wrote letters, and created banners to show the veterans they were thinking about them and thanking veterans for their service. The items were delivered to the Springdale Veterans' Association and Harmar Village/Amber Woods.

Focus On: Support for Students

Allegheny Valley School District is working to connect families who are in need of care during the school day or after/before school programs with returning college students, high school students or families who are willing to help. We are assembling a list of individuals who are interested in providing care to be shared with families who inquire. If interested in providing care, please contact Ms. Danielle Britton, AVSD Social Worker at dbritton@avsd.k12.pa.us or 724-724-6500, option 1.

Need a tutor? National Honor Society students are available to help students in grades 7-12 after school at the high school from 2:30-3:00 p.m. in a variety of subject areas. Contact Ms. Andrea Sadowski, NHS sponsor, at asadowski@avsd.k12.pa.us to request a tutor or for more information.

Focus On: Important Dates

Nov. 17 School Board Meeting
Nov. 25-30 Thanksgiving Break

Friday Flashback is a publication of the Allegheny Valley School District. All questions concerning the newsletter or information contained in the newsletter should be sent to: pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us.

Contact Information:

Nurse Hotline

A resource for parents/guardians to ask medical questions.

cell 724-900-5443
office 724-274-2911

Food Service Department

A resource for questions about the Free Meals Program.

meals@avsd.k12.pa.us

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Help and information on iPads and Chromebooks

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