



February 12, 2021

Focus...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

Notes:

☑ Attached is a [brief video](#) that overviews the AVSD Parent Portal Mobile App which is downloaded from Apple App Store or Google Play. This App is hosted by eSchool Data Mobile. The overview quickly walks parents/guardians through logging into their parent account as well as navigations basics.

☑ The Allegheny Valley School Board holds their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will be discussing expanding the amount of time students are in the schools.

☑ The Allegheny Valley School District hosts TCV Community Services - Student Assistance Program for Surviving the Stress of the Pandemic presentation. Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. on a Google Meet. The [flier for the event](#) is attached; all information is also posted on the [web site](#).

☑ The Allegheny Valley School District will conduct Kindergarten Online Registration for the 2021-2022 school year during the month of March. Parents of prospective Kindergarten students should go to the [web site](#) to register their child. Acmetonia Primary School will also host One Fish, Two Fish – Dr. Seuss Incoming Kindergarten Event online beginning March 3. This fun virtual event will be geared towards new AVSD Kindergarten students. Multiple virtual activities will be included and “how to” registration videos will be linked to help guide parents through the registration process.

Focus On: Science



Springdale High’s Honors Chemistry class completed their first laboratory experiment this week. Students were given magnesium and hydrochloric acid and challenged to create a salt. The next day, their partners in Cohort B had to figure out what salt was made. As with many things, the lab this year had to be run differently since the students were partnered in Google Breakout rooms. The students were taught (in the classroom) what they needed to do and then they had to teach their virtual partners.



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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 should contact Ms. Conner with questions or concerns.

724-900-5443

kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us

Good Things:

- This week, students at many grade levels made Valentine’s Day Cards to give to Harmar Village/ Amber Woods residents. The activity was devised to help spread some cheer, and of course love, for the public holiday.

Dates To Remember:

Feb. 15 – Presidents’ Day, District Closed

Feb. 16 – School Board Meeting

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	1	7
Acmetonia Elementary School	2	10
District (in both buildings)	0	1
Total	3	18
Other	0	2
District Affiliated/Contractors	1	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.