

February 19, 2021

# Focus...

### A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

# Notes:

✓ On Tuesday, February 16, the School Board voted 7-1 for students to return to the classrooms four days a week. This new format will start in both buildings on Monday, March 8. Information will be sent to students and parents from their schools prior to the opening. All pertinent details will be included. Parents are asked to notify the building principal if their child will be attending virtually. Otherwise, the District will expect to see all children in classrooms on March 8.

✓ With vote to return students to the schools four days a week, the District reminds parents to review and update their contact information in the Parent Portal. The District sends important news to parents via email, phone calls, and text through this system. If information is not correct in the portal, parents risk not receiving these announcements. Questions should be referred to your child's building.

✓ 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. Pre-K registration for 2021-2022 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.

### Focus On: Activities



Bring your donations to vestibules of either

Riverview or Springdale High School. There will be boxes marked for your canned goods & nonperishable donations.

The 4th Quarter - Big Reveal - Friday, March 12th: Time for the 2nd Place School's Principals to fulfill their end of the wager.

The rivalry continues!

Springdale Jr-Sr High School's The Future Is Mine group is leading a food drive competition with Riverview High School. Both schools will be collecting food items for their local food banks. One of the friendly wagers plays up the Springdale/Riverview rivalry with the losing district's administration wearing the winning district's spiritwear.

Community members are welcome to participate by dropping off food items at the high school main office's vestibule by March 12.



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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

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#### **Good Things:**

- Acmetonia students have completed two weeks of their annual Pasta for Pennies Penny Drive that benefits the Leukemia Society. So far, they have raised over \$480 for the organization.

#### **Dates To Remember:**

Mar. 8 – Students return with four days a week schedule

Mar. 9 - School Board Planning Session, 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 12 - Act 80 Day, no school for students

Mar. 16 - School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

## **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. Please check the COVID Tracker on the web site for the most upto-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 (<a href="mailto:kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us">kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us</a> 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.