



September 3, 2021

Friday Focus...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

A reminder that the Allegheny Valley School District will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Classes resume on Tuesday, September 7.

☑ September 9 is scheduled as the District's first 2021-22 School-Community Night. Both buildings will be holding primarily virtual events. However, Acmetonia Elementary School will run an informational meeting on instrumental music, a pop-up Book Fair, and PTA meeting in person that evening. SHS families will have an opportunity to go period-by-period through their student's schedule, and families will be able to hear an overview of each course that their student takes. Additional information will be sent to parents from the individual buildings. *Additional information on the Book Fair can be found below.*

☑ Mrs. Britton, District Social Worker, and Mrs. Garbisch, Elementary Counselor, are excited to again offer support circles for students in **grades 2-6** this year. Each circle will begin by reading a book from the "I am..." series by Susan Verde. These books focus on different topics of social emotional learning and wellness. The group will then have a prompt for students to share or pass as they are comfortable. Support Circles will be held from 8:20-8:45 in the morning on a monthly basis. A sign-up sheet will be given to the homeroom teacher the week prior. Each grade level is scheduled on the days below:

Mondays- 3rd Grade
Tuesdays- 6th Grade
Wednesdays- 2nd Grade

Thursdays- 4th Grade
Fridays- 5th Grade

The first Support Circles will be held the week of September 13-17.

☑ Congratulations to Grade 5 teacher Rachel Rhodes for participating in *Encountering History: Teaching 9/11 in Grades 3-6*. The program provided information to educators on how to address the 20th anniversary of 9/11 in an upper-elementary classroom. The program offered educators resources and tools to discuss 9/11 in a factual and informative way, while also addressing the emotions and discomfort that many feel.

☑ The Acting Secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Health issued an order requiring facemasks in public schools K to 12. This order is scheduled to take affect at 12:01 a.m. on September 7, 2021 and shall remain in effect until otherwise determined. For Allegheny Valley, this order means that the District will implement masking of all individuals for indoor events and activities.

*Questions & comments
should be emailed to:
Dr. Patrick M. Graczyk*

The District reminds parents to please look for a survey on your child's District e-mail next week concerning learning loss among students. The survey is an effort to gather student opinion on how to help any learning loss issues that have occurred due to the changing school environment. Parents are able and encouraged to help their student(s) complete the survey.

Back-To-School Questions:

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 3	Contact	Mr. Gregory Heavner, Principal gheavner@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-6500
Grades 4-6	Contact	Ms. Jennifer Vecchio, Principal jvecchio@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-6500
Grades 7-12	Contact	Mr. Andrew Leviski, Principal aleviski@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-8100
Special Education	Contact	Ms. Melissa Holler, Supervisor mholler@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-6500
Transportation	Contact	Ms. Jennifer Vecchio jvecchio@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-6500
Food Service	Contact	Mr. Alan Donnelly, Director adonnelly@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-8100
Heath	Contact	Ms. Kandi Conner, School Nurse kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-8100
Technology	Contact	Mr. Brett Slezak, Supervisor bslezak@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-5300
Enrollment	Contact	Ms. Judi Pribulsky, Adm. Assistant jpribulsky@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-6500
Athletics	Contact	Mr. Peter Simpson, Director psimpson@avsd.k12.pa.us	724-274-8100
Dynamo Virtual Academy	Contact	Elementary – Ms. Jennifer Vecchio jvecchio@avsd.k12.pa.us Secondary – Ms. Rebecca Dyer, Counselor rdyer@avsd.K12.pa.us	724-274-6500 724-274-8100

COVID-19 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. The District also asks if your child is symptomatic or may have been in close contact with a positive case he/she should stay home. 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 724-274-2110 (office) or 724-900-5443 (hotline)). If your child has been vaccinated for COVID-19, parents are asked to please provide a copy of his/her vaccination card as documentation of the date(s) the vaccine was given. COVID-19 vaccination documentation may be sent electronically to the Ms. Kandi Conner at kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us. Copies of vaccination cards may also be sent by US mail to Ms. Kandi Conner, School Nurse, Springdale Jr-Sr High School, 501 Butler Road, Springdale, PA 15144 or dropped off at the high school building. The District will gladly make a copy of the vaccination card.

In addition, parents with health questions should contact: [Ms. Kandi Conner](mailto:kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us) 724-900-5443





POP-UP SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



THURSDAY, SEPT. 9, 2021



4:15PM-6:15PM
ACME PARKING LOT



****MASKS ARE REQUIRED****

