

Avonworth School District News

February 2019

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Girls' Swim Team Earns WPIAL Championship & Boys are Runners-Up in WPIAL Championship



Another Amazing Season for the Avonworth Boys' and Girls' Swim Teams!

WPIAL Championship

On Friday, March 1st our boys' and girls' swim teams took to the pool at Trees Hall at the University of Pittsburgh to compete in the WPIAL



Championship. Both teams were favorites heading into the WPIAL Championship. We couldn't be prouder of our boys and girls for the heart and tenacity they displayed. Both meets came down to the final event. The boys were taking on a strong Indiana team and couldn't quite catch their relay team in the final event and ended up finishing in 2nd Place in the WPIAL! The girls also found themselves in a close meet with Indiana and trailed by 3 points heading into the final event. The girls swam their hearts out in the final event and came out on top capturing the WPIAL Championship!!! Congratulations to both teams and good luck at States!

Section Champs

Earlier in February when the swim teams took on section opponent East Allegheny in their final regular season meet, they honored a group of 12 seniors by doing what they do best, winning! The boys posted a 90-50 victory securing an undefeated season and capturing the section championship.

This is the fourth consecutive undefeated season for the boys which means the current group of seniors has never lost a regular season meet. The seniors include **Wiley Bozada, Mason Herzig, Nick Lockhart, Luke Meyer, Zach Reskovac, and Aidan Sommers.**

The girls earned their second undefeated season and section championship in last four years with a 93-47 win against the Wildcats. The team was led by seniors **Chloe Cropper, Rebecca Hapeman, Brianna Nowka, Karen Siddoway, Samantha Spade, and Tess Theobald.**

Karen Siddoway Repeats as WPIAL Champion in the 200 Freestyle!

Congratulations to Avonworth senior, Karen Siddoway, for her repeat performance as the 200-yard champion at the WPIAL Class AA Championships. Siddoway captured her second consecutive 200 free championship with a winning time of 1 minute 51.30 seconds at the University of Pittsburgh's Trees Pool. Way to go Karen!



Boys and Girls Basketball Teams Reach the WPIAL Playoffs!

Both boys and girls basketball teams qualified for the WPIAL playoffs. The boys had a tough draw in the first round of the playoffs having to face the #2 seeded team, Aliquippa. The boys lost that game 72-50. The

Girls, on the other hand, were seeded 5th and progressed to the Semifinals by upsetting the #4 seeded team Carlynton 48-38. This upset earned the girls recognition as the Triblive.com *Team of the Week* for the week of February 18th. On February 27th they took on the #1 seed, Neshannock. The girls fell to Neshannock by a score of 47-37 having a hard time stopping Neshannock's Belle Burelli who poured in 24 points. Avonworth's leading scorers in the game were **Hayden Robinson with 10 points, Alexa Davis with 10 points, and Anastasia Heinhold with 9 points.** By reaching the semifinals, the girls have qualified for the PIAA tournament for the first time since 2013! Good luck in the PIAA Tournament girls!

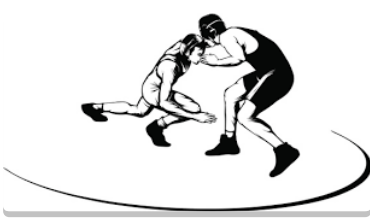




Avonworth Bocce Team to Compete in the WPIAL Championships!

The Avonworth Bocce Team will be competing in the WPIAL Championships at the Allegheny IUS Bocce Championships on Tuesday, March 5th at the Cool Springs Sports Complex. The Avonworth team has enough competitors to field two teams this year and have been doing very well. Good luck in the WPIAL Championships next week! Go Lopes!





Avonworth Wrestlers Qualify for WPIAL Championships

Avonworth had four wrestlers qualify for the WPIAL championships. **Callen Suto 126 lbs, Eli Kauer 132lbs, Joey Boughton 138lbs, and Jake Barbabella 220lbs.** Each wrestled well but only two wrestlers qualified for the Regional Championships that were held at IUP, **Joey Boughton and Jake Barbabella.** Although both boys gave their best effort, neither qualified for the PIAA state tournament. Congratulations to all four boys for their successful seasons and for qualifying for WPIALs!

Soccer Players and Coach Receive Recognition at the WPIAL All-Star Banquet

After an unbelievable season in which the Avonworth boys battled their way to a WPIAL Soccer Championship and then all the way to the PIAA Championship Game, it was inevitable that worthy recognitions would follow. At this year's WPIAL All-Star Soccer Banquet, the soccer team's coach and three players received well-deserved recognition. **Coach Tom Angell** received the WPIAL Class A Coach of the Year honors. Receiving All WPIAL honors were players **Sam Guzzo, Jason Novasel, and Jonah Brandt.** Congratulations to each of you and congratulations again on a historic season!



Avonworth's State Champion Track Stars Receive Rings to Honor their Historic Accomplishment!

Speaking of historic seasons, you may recall the amazing story from last spring when our Avonworth/Northgate girls track team captured Avonworth's first-ever State Championship! This February, the Avonworth and Northgate girls were invited to attend a special ceremony and receive a State Champion ring to honor their historic accomplishment. The coaches and girls were recognized during the halftime of a boys basketball game in which they received their rings. Congratulations again girls on your historic accomplishment!



Avonworth Students Continue to Excel at A.W. Beattie C.C.

A.W. Beattie Career Center students win World of Wheels Peddle Car Challenge

This is the second consecutive year that a team from A.W. Beattie Career Center has won the World of Wheels Peddle Car Challenge. Avonworth's Caitlin Penfield did the work on the propeller system for the award-winning team. Congratulations Caitlin on your team's tremendous accomplishment!



[A.W. Beattie students win W...](#)

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A.W. Beattie Career Center students have won the World of Wheels Peddle Car Challenge for the second consecutive year. The career center is a three-time champion in the competition, having also won in 2015. The most recent victory, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, was in A.W. Beattie's Automotive ...

National Technical Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following Avonworth students who will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.



- **James Benner - Engineering Design**
- **Lissah Fry - Health and Nursing**
- **Jennifer Weiss - Health and Nursing**

Thousands of schools and colleges have a chapter of the honor society, which recognizes outstanding student performance and character in career and technical education. Each chapter has unique standards for induction.

A.W. Beattie students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale in their home school districts, have at least a 93 percent grade in their CTE program, miss no more than five days of school, have no disciplinary actions and be a member of a service organization or participate in an extracurricular activity.

James, Lissah, and Jennifer will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society in a ceremony held at A.W. Beattie Career Center on March 13th. Congratulations James, Lissah, and Jennifer on this well-deserved recognition and accomplishment!



More "Student of the Month" Awards for Avonworth A.W. Beattie Students

Congratulations to the following students for being named a "Student of the Month" for their respective program at Beattie from November - February!

-Erin Z., Stephanie C., Sean B., Kat Z., Kristen B., Caitlin P., and Lissa F.
Great job, everyone!



Congratulations to **Ed Y.** for being named a Gold Slip Winner at Beattie. Keep up the good work, Eddie!

Avonworth Students Excel in the Arts

2019 Scholastic Art Award Winners

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers in the United States, with a noteworthy roster of alumni including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, and Zac Posen.



Avonworth couldn't be prouder to congratulate the following 2019 Scholastic Art Award Winners:

Sarah Fuller (one silver key), Brandon Hammond (one silver key), and Camryn Root (three honorable mentions)

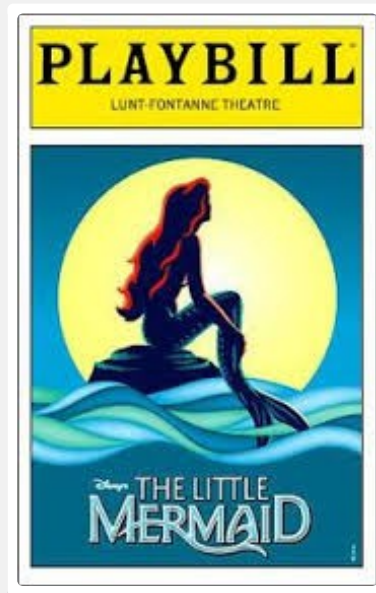
The students' art was on display at the CCAC North Campus from February 8-23 and the students were recognized at an award ceremony held Saturday, February 23rd. Congratulations Sarah, Brandon, and Camryn on your amazing accomplishment!

Avonworth Students Participate in the Twilight Night High School Musical Showcase to Promote Upcoming High School Musicals

Earlier in February, high school students from eight different high schools came together to showcase their upcoming high school musicals. Avonworth students participated to showcase their upcoming musical, *The Little Mermaid*.

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's musical, which will come to our high school stage on April 5, 6, 12, and 13. All performances will be at 7:30 PM.

Photos Below: **Allison Joyce and Emily Tyler** as double cast Ariels.



Avonworth Students Finalists in Shakespeare Contest

Congratulations to seniors **Summer Skillen and Lucas McDonald** for becoming finalists in the Upper Division of The Pittsburgh Public Theater's 25 Annual Shakespeare Scene and Monologue Contest. In the photos below Summer and Lucas are portraying Rosalind and Orlando in *As You Like It*.



 Finalists

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Avonworth Musicians Advance to PMEA All-State Orchestra

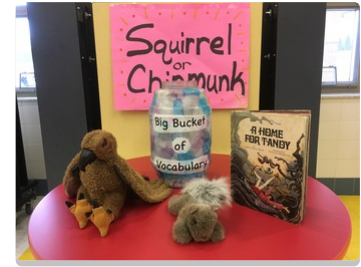
Avonworth students display talent on the instrumental stage as well. **Lea Helsel** and **Claire Chao** earned second chair overall honors in their sections and have advanced to the PMEA All-State Orchestra. Congratulations Lea and Clair on this outstanding accomplishment!



A Look at What's Happening In Our Schools

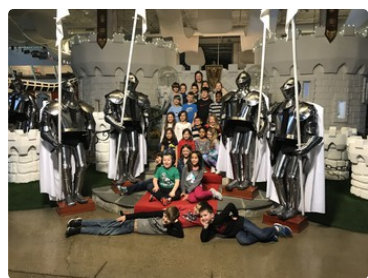
First Graders Learn about Animals in February

The first-grade classes have been learning about animals through a collaboration with Fern Hollow Nature Center. On a field trip to the center, the students engaged in activities to highlight the behaviors of local animals. Learning continued in the classroom by studying the Arctic region and culminated with a play presented by the center which was generously funded by the PTA.



Second Graders Visit Inventionland

In an effort to instill the qualities of creativity and a growth mindset, Avonworth's second grade took a field trip to the Pittsburgh-based company Inventionland. Students learned about the numerous iterations products go through before they become an actual invention ready for public consumption.



Fifth Graders Present Their Vehicles to Judges in Design Challenge

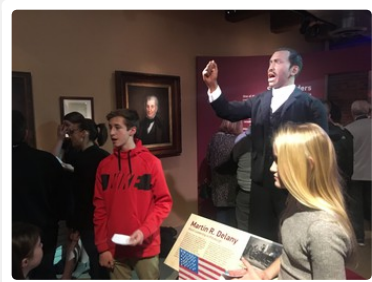
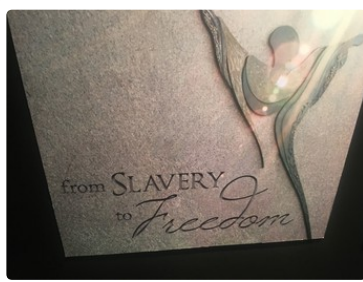
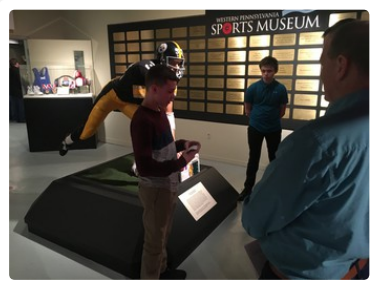
There is never a lack of opportunities for Avonworth students to be in front of an authentic audience to share and communicate their learning. This February, our fifth-grade students welcomed design challenge judges into the classroom so that student teams could present the vehicles they created. Student presentations consisted of a poster board depicting their innovative vehicle and highlighting its unique qualities. Also, students needed to demonstrate their vehicle's performance according to the constraints of the design challenge.





Eighth Graders Host a Night at the Museum

Throughout the month of February, eighth-grade students in our integrated ELA/Civics class prepared projects for their Night at the Museum. Their projects were centered around influential African Americans, as well as their learning about Slavery to Freedom. In addition to learning in the classroom, teaching artists came in to work with students on the creation of their projects. This project culminated in a Night at the Museum at the Heinz History Center in which students acted as docents to present their projects to friends, family, and visitors.



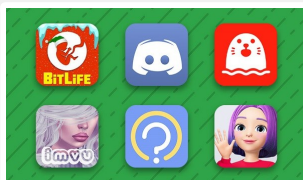
Avonworth High School Students Support Classmate During Rare Disease Week

The last week of February is Rare Disease Week and this past week was quite special at Avonworth High School. Approximately five months ago, Avonworth welcomed a new student, Jay Foster. Jay has the rare disease Friedreich's Ataxia. When the students and staff learned of Jay's rare disease, they were 100% behind showing their support for Jay during Rare Disease Week. Jay and his mother Nikki worked with students and staff to create a series of events during Rare Disease Week that would help raise money for The Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance. The week's events culminated on National Rare Disease Day, February 28th, in a pep rally which brought the entire school together to show support for Jay. When it was all said and done, over \$5,000 was raised for The Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance.





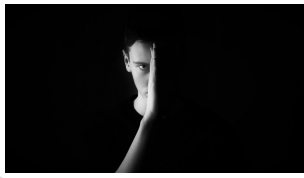
Important Information For Parents on Risky Apps Parents Should Know About and the Momo Challenge



🔗 10 risky apps parents should...

www.kidsburgh.org

it's nearly impossible to keep up with every hot new app on your kid's phone, which makes knowing the risky features a solid first step. it's nearly impossible to keep up with risky apps on your kid's phone, but this guide will help.



[Sick Momo Challenge: Wh...](#)

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Momo starts with simple challenges like waking up at odd hours of the night or overcoming a fear; then the challenges take on a very sinister turn

Avonworth School District Demographic Study

Demographic Study

[Letter from Dr. Ralston - Superintendent of Schools](#)

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Get Registered for Kindergarten

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration is Open

Kindergarten registration is open for the 2019-2020 school year. Please use the link below to access all of the information and forms needed for kindergarten registration. Also, please mark your calendar for our Kindergarten Round-Up event on March 7 at Avonworth Primary Center from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.



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2019-2020 Avonworth School District Calendar

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Important Dates

3/4 - Athletic Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

3/4 - School Board Work Session, 7:30 PM

3/5 - Family Reading Night @ Avonworth Primary Center, 6:30-7:30 PM

3/7 - Kindergarten Round-Up @ Avonworth Primary Center, 6:30-8:00 PM

3/8 - No School

3/10 - Daylight Savings Time Starts - Spring Clocks Ahead an Hour!

3/11 - Curriculum Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

3/11 - Regular School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM

3/13 - Scheduled 2-Hour Delay

3/17 - High School Fashion Show @ The Chadwick, 12:00-3:00

3/20 - AMS Parent Newtowrk Meeting, 7:00 PM

3/25 - School is in Session - Snow Make-Up Day