

Avonworth School District News

January 2019



A Live Well Allegheny School District

Avonworth Recognized as a Live Well Allegheny School District

Allegheny County started a campaign five years ago with the goal of making Allegheny County the healthiest county in the country. Avonworth now joins 62 municipalities, 48 restaurants, 28 workplaces, and 16 school districts as a partner in *Live Well Allegheny*. Avonworth was recognized for our Food Service Department's commitment to serving unlimited fruit or vegetables at all meals, as well as for supporting local farmers as a Community Supported Agriculture pick-up site. Additionally, Avonworth is recognized for encouraging physical activity among students by hosting a 5K run each

spring and offering exercise opportunities after school. Also, Avonworth is committed to offering health and physical education classes and social skills classes through our counseling program.

For more information on *Live Well Allegheny*, a link to the full press release can be found below.



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"Safe2Say Something" Launches in All Districts Across Pennsylvania

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) anonymous reporting system by every Pennsylvania School entity by January 14, 2019. "Safe2Say Something" is a school safety program that teaches students, educators, and administrators to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be a risk of hurting themselves or others. Safe2Say is also an anonymous reporting system. Anyone can make a report through the Safe2Say app, website, or 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline. Please click the link below for additional information on "Safe2Say Something."



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Message to Parents from the PIAA

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association has asked districts to share this OP-ED piece with parents and spectators. Please take a moment to review by clicking on the link below.



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Numerous Student Recognitions Rolled in Throughout January

Avonworth Students Excel at PMEA District Band

We are excited to announce that Lea Helsel earned first-chair French horn at PMEA District 1 Orchestra and also earned the same honor in the PMEA District 1 West Band. Lea will be advancing to Region 1 Orchestra. Congratulations Lea!

We are also excited to announce that Claire Chao has also advanced to the Region 1 Orchestra! Congratulations Claire!

Lea and Claire were the only two students that auditioned from Avonworth and we are thrilled that Avonworth went 2 for 2 sending both students to Regional Orchestra!



Avonworth Students Recognized at A.W. Beattie Career Center

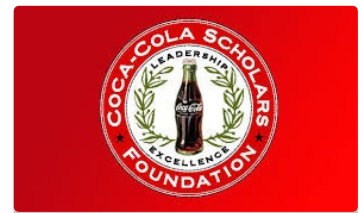
Please join us in congratulating the following Avonworth Students for being recognized as ***Students of the Month for December 2018 / January 2019!*** Way to go Sean and Stepanie!

- Sean Boakes - Emergency Response Technology
- Stephanie Cunningham - Health Science Technology



Congratulations Wiley Bozada!

Avonworth's Wiley Bozada has advanced as a Regional Finalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program! Reaching this level distinguishes Wiley as an extraordinary leader in his school and community. More than 200,000 applicants and more than 1,800 Semifinalists participated in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program and just 251 students were selected as Regional Finalists. We are very proud of Wiley for this outstanding accomplishment. Way to go Wiley and we wish you the best in the next phase of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program!





Caitie Bellotti Recognized in PA School Press Association Best-of-State Collection

Avonews photo editor Caitie Bellotti had two photographs selected by the PA School Press Association for a special best-of-state collection sent to all members schools throughout the state. Caitie, who won the regional competition at Point Park in November for best photography, will join fellow seniors and Avonews editors Patrick Gannon and Katelyn Eng as they compete for state championships in photography, newspaper sports writing and newspaper feature writing. Competitors from 8 regions across PA are invited to Penn State's main campus on Wednesday, March 27th to attend a press conference and use their notes to create photographs or stories in one hour, with winners announced for most categories at the end of the day's events.



Caitie's photos are included in the Best-of-State Collection found below! Way to go Caitie!



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2018 PAFootballNews.com Class 2A Coach's Select All-State Team – PA Football News

We would like to congratulate Avonworth Senior, Ryan Felter, for being named to the PAFootballNews.com's inaugural Coach's Select All-State Football Team. Every team's head coach was asked to submit nominations for their class and others if they wished. Over 700 players were

nominated. Once compiled, the ballots went back out and nearly 200 coaches voted on the 2018 All-State team. Congratulations Ryan for receiving this well-deserved honor!



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January is School Board Recognition Month

Avonworth School Board Members Recognized at the January Board Meeting

The Avonworth School District is fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive School Board. With January being School Board Recognition Month, Avonworth Elementary students attended the January School Board meeting to show their appreciation. Student representatives from Avonworth High School also expressed their appreciation and thanks to the Avonworth School Board members. The elementary and high school students presented books they are donating to their school libraries in honor of our School Board. The elementary students also presented a gift to each Board member. Dr. Ralston presented each Board member with a certificate honoring them for volunteering their time and talent for the betterment of public education in our community.



A Look at What's Been Happening in Our Schools



Kindergarten Students Tackle Fiction vs. Nonfiction

During January, our Kindergarten students have been focusing on the story elements in Nonfiction texts. In both the library and in the classroom, kindergarten students are using *Pebble Go* to research different animals that live in the snow! If you see a Kindergartener, ask them if they can tell you the difference between fiction and nonfiction!

Cows In First-Grade Classrooms

Our first-grade students started the new year with a visit from Turner Dairy Farm. The students learned about Holstein cows and the process of getting milk from the cows to our tables. Turner Dairy Farm provides the milk to our cafeterias and is located in Penn Hills. Thank you Turner Dairy Farm for supporting the education of Avonworth Students!



Second-Grade Students Learn about Inventions

Second-grade students have been learning about inventions with Mrs. Frew and Mrs. Bauer. In February, students will be taking a field trip to Inventionland in RIDC Park. Students will learn everything that goes into making an idea come to life!

Avonworth 7th & 8th Grade Students Sweep Math Competition

On Friday, December 14th, eleven middle school GATE students traveled to Penn State University's New Kensington campus to participate in the AA Math Challenge. This event brought together approximately 20 teams from 10 area school districts to compete in a high-level math competition. The day consisted of both individual and team rounds, testing both problem-solving and computational skills.



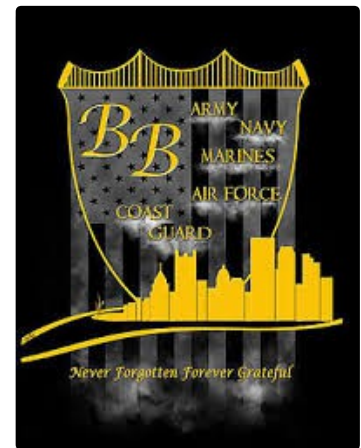
In the end, the students from Avonworth prevailed, sweeping both the team and individual awards. In the team category, First Place went to the team of Dallin King, Sydney Nelson, Colin Brady, Brayden Simmons, and Aidan Tinker. The Second Place team award went to the team of Rohini Pillai, Amanda Roberts, Ciara Anderson, Avery Leffler, and Ryan Hetcko. All five individual awards were taken by AMS students as well: First Place - Dallin King, Second Place - Ryan Hetcko, Third Place - Amanda Roberts, 4th Place - Avery Leffler, and 5th Place - Rohini Pillai. An Honorary Mention went to Abby Boyd, for her remarkable sportsmanship throughout the day.



Eighth-Grade Students Support Boucek's Battalion

Eighth-grade students ran a charity drive for Boucek's Battalion collecting items to be included in care packages that were shipped to deployed service men and women. Boucek's Battalion is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the men and women serving in our country's military and stationed overseas. Our eighth-grade students were able to send the following items overseas to support our military's men and women.

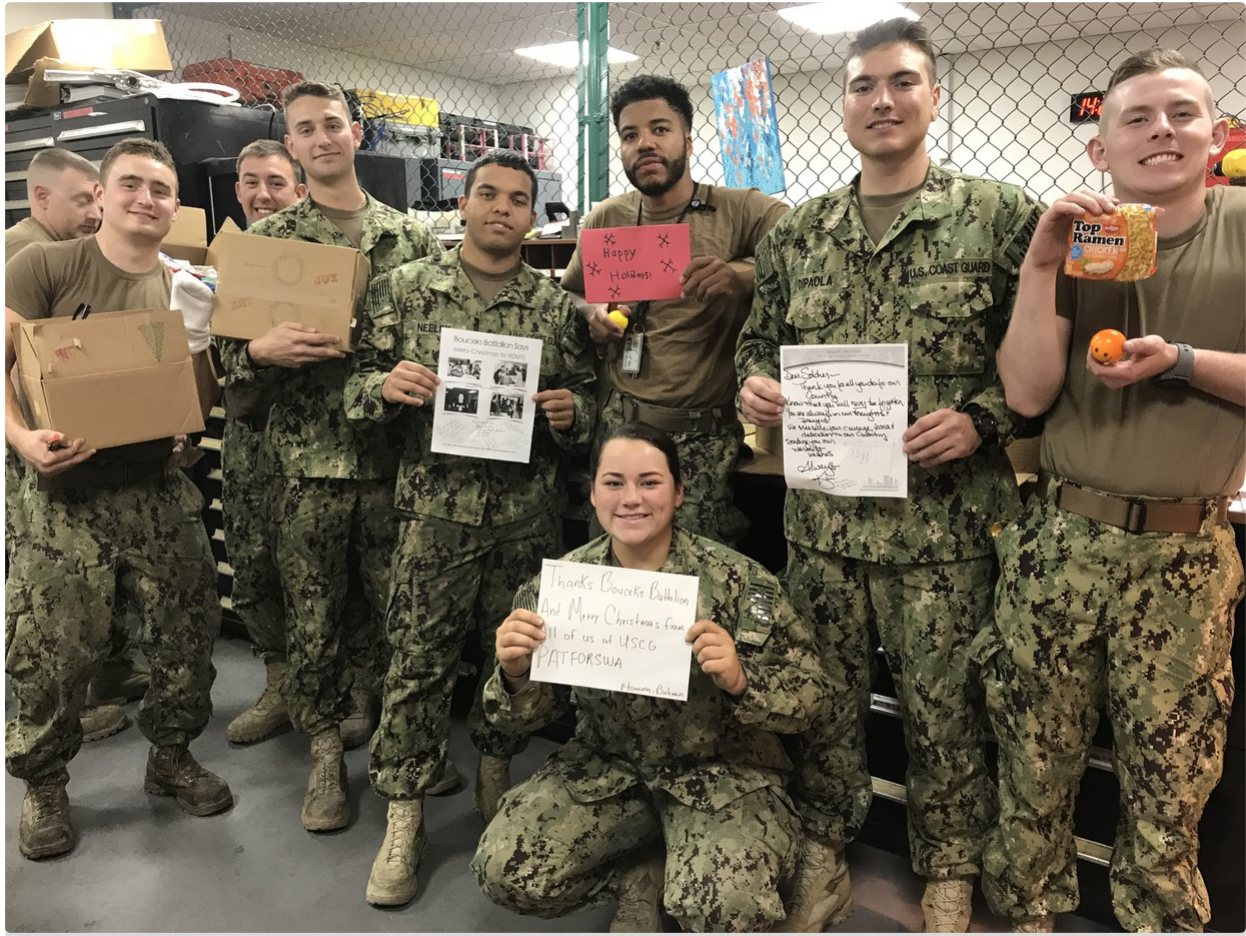
- 564 Ramen noodles
- 214 Drink Mixes
- 100 Pair of Socks
- 106 Protein Bars
- 97 Granola Bars
- 1021 Slim Jims
- 500+ Packs of Gum
- and \$376 !!!!



Below is an excerpt from a letter the eighth-grade received from Boucek's Battalion thanking them for their donations:

"I am overjoyed to announce that we had a fantastically successful Christmas for Our Troops Project 2018! We shipped Christmas cheer to over 1,000 men and women serving in Bahrain, Japan, Iraq, and other countries. We've already received notes of thanks from some of those locations and I've attached one of the photos they sent.

This was the first year we were able to involve so many of our local schools and it was great to have opportunities to speak with so many of them about our mission. Your school had a great collection, and I am extremely grateful for all of the donations! Thank you all, for involving your students in collecting items for the Soldiers and funds for the shipping."



Ninth-Grade Students Prepare for Life After High School

On January 24th, 9th-grade students participated in a college and career event titled: *Life After High School*. The event was kicked off by keynote speaker, Logan Vignovic, motivating students to keep doors open and take advantage of opportunities. Students worked through mini-breakout sessions run by panels of career professionals, military veterans, college admission counselors, and 12th-grade students.



Avonworth School District - In the News

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Reading, writing, arithmetic -- and then on up to Shakespeare, advanced composition and calculus. All lessons taught in schools to prep students for moving on and earning a living. But what about another form of education: the education for life?



🔗 A special experience at ... blog.classroomswithoutborders.org



🔗 Avonworth kindergartners, led...

www.wpxi.com

The kindergartners in Jaclyn Keané's class at Avonworth Primary Center are pretty much all Steelers fans, which isn't much of a surprise.

Announcements

Join our Team

The Avonworth Food Service Department is in need of substitute cafeteria workers. Please see the flyer below for more information or contact our Director of Food Service, Melissa Schad at:

mschad@avonworth.k12.pa.us



Looking for fast-paced and fulfilling work? Need a job that allows you to be at home with your school-aged children or grandchildren?

We have the perfect position for you!

Join our staff for a chance to earn extra \$\$\$ while your children are at school. GREAT HOURS- shifts are generally between the hours of 9 AM-1:30 PM, M-F, with no evenings, weekends or holidays! See the excitement in the students' faces as you serve them their favorite meal!

Compensation: \$8.50/hour

Employment Type: Part-time/on-call

Contact Melissa Schad for additional info



Substitute Flyer.pdf

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Kindergarten Registration is Open for Our Future 2032 Graduates!

Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2019-2020 school year. Please use the link below to access all registration information and forms. Also, please note our Kindergarten Round-Up event, which will be held at Avonworth Primary Center on March 7th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

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Seeking Nominations for Avonworth Hall of Distinction

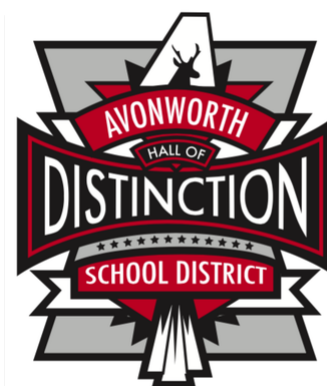
The Avonworth School District is seeking nominations for the inaugural Avonworth Hall of Distinction class.

Individuals eligible for the Hall of Distinction must be alumni, staff, or a community member. Alumni status includes graduates of Ben Avon High School, those that attended the Emsworth School, or the Ohio Township One-Room School Houses.

If you are interested in nominating someone to the inaugural Avonworth Hall of Distinction class, please download and complete the nomination form using the link below.

Once you complete the form, you may mail it to or drop it off at:

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Hall of Distinction Nomination Form.pdf

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Important Dates:

- February 4: Athletic Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- February 4: School Board Work Session, 7:30 PM
- February 6-8: PMEA District Choir
- February 8: Valentine's Day Bingo at APC, 6:30 PM
- February 11: Curriculum Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM (location - LGI Room in HS)
- February 11: Regular School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM (location - LGI Room in HS)
- February 14: Senior Switch Day
- February 14: Valentine's Day Parties
- February 18: No School for Students - Act 80 In-service Day for Teachers
- February 20: AMS Parent Network Meeting, 7:00 PM
- February 20-22: PMEA Regional Orchestra
- February 25: End of 2nd Trimester for Grades K-2

