

Avonworth School District News

March 2019

PIAA State Champion Swimmer - Karen Siddoway

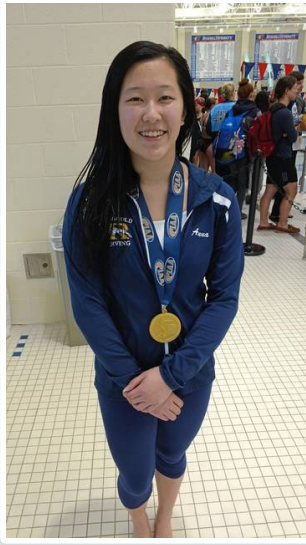


Avonworth's Karen Siddoway Brings Home the Gold as the 100 and 200 Freestyle State Champion

Not one, but two Gold Medals and PIAA State Titles were earned by Avonworth's Karen Siddoway this March at the PIAA Swimming Championships held at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. Karen was certainly one of the favorites heading into the PIAA Championship, but she was up against the best competitive swimmers in the state. Being up against the best only motivated Siddoway to put together her best swims ever. Her first gold came in the 200 Freestyle where she swam a personal best of 1:49.08. With the 200 Freestyle Championship in hand, Karen was ready to take on another lineup of

the best from across the state in the 100 Freestyle. Once again, Karen swam her way to another personal best time of 50.36. Next year, Karen will continue her academic and swimming career at James Madison University.

Note: Avonworth swimmers participate in a co-op with Northgate School District for swimming.



[Trio of WPIAL stand...](#)

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LEWISBURG — Northgate-Avonworth's Karen Siddoway trailed Northern York senior Kate Luft for most of the girls Class AA 200-yard freestyle final Wednesday evening at Bucknell University.

Avonworth Swimmers Have Success at the PIAA State Swimming Championships

Avonworth swimmers had a lot of success at the 2019 PIAA Swimming Championships held at Bucknell University the week of March 11th and we are very proud to share their accomplishments!



Karen Siddoway came away with two gold medals as the 100 & 200 yd Freestyle Champion!

The 200 yd Free Relay team of Isabella Salerno, Angelina Patarini, Anna Neiss, and Karen Siddoway swam a best-ever time of 1:38.93 finishing in 5th.

The 400 yd Free Relay team of Kaylee Madey, Isabella Salerno, Karen Siddoway, and Anna Neiss finished in 8th place.

The 400 yd Free Relay team of Luke Tomczak, Clark Bernauer, Aiden Sommers, and Cooper Groll finished in 9th place.

Congratulations to all of our amazing Avonworth swimmers!



Avonworth Girls' Basketball Team Competes in PIAA Playoffs

The Avonworth Girls' Basketball Team finished the season with an 18-8 overall record and 11-3 in their conference. Their efforts in the WPIAL Playoffs earned them a spot in the PIAA Playoffs. After taking down Fairview High School in the first round of the PIAA Playoffs, they had to take on Neshannock High School for the fourth time this season. Having just faced Neshannock in the WPIAL Playoffs and losing by 10, the girls knew they were in for a challenge. Playing the game at Hampton High School, the girls found themselves down by only a basket midway through the third quarter. The Avonworth girls fought hard, but Neshannock was able to pull away toward the end of the third and through the fourth quarter taking the second round game with a score of 60-37. Congratulations on a great season!



Three More Avonworth Athletes Commit to Compete at the Next Level

Congratulations to the following Avonworth athletes. Each has made a commitment to take their academic and athletic talents to the next level.

Jacob Gustic will be heading to Slippery Rock University to wear the Green and White and to continue to play baseball. Jacob is being recruited as a pitcher. Slippery Rock is a member of the PA State Athletic Conference (PSAC), which is a highly competitive Division II athletic conference. Slippery Rock currently has four players playing professionally in the minor leagues.

Ryan Felter is headed a little further north to New Wilmington, PA to become a Westminster Titan and play football. The Titans are part of the Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Jason Novosel has committed to play soccer at Juniata College. Juniata is considered one of the best liberal arts schools in the country. Juniata competes in the Division III Landmark Conference.



Avonworth School District Recognized as One of the Best
Communities in the Nation for Music Education



For the second year in a row, Avonworth School District has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation as one of the best communities in the nation for music education. This award recognizes the commitment and dedication the Avonworth School District has made to music and the arts as innovative learning opportunities for a well-rounded education. Avonworth continues to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive music education for all students. The credit for this recognition goes to our outstanding music educators, dedicated students, and their supportive parents. Congratulations!



The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,400 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. For more information about the NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.

Avonworth Celebrates Music In Our Schools

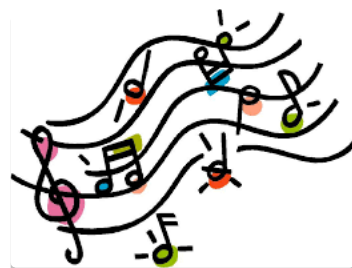
On March 14th, Avonworth School District celebrated *Music in our Schools* with concerts at our elementary building and middle/high school. Our choral director, Mr. Michael Warren, and our band directors, Mr. Ronnie Ziccardi and Mr. Will Guess put together an extraordinary day of music for our students to enjoy. In the morning, our elementary, middle, and high school choruses and bands performed at the elementary building and in the afternoon they performed at the middle/high school. All of the performances were amazing, and it was awesome to see the support given to our musicians and singers from their peers. We encourage you to come out to see our band and chorus spring concerts. You will be happy you did!





Avonworth Musicians to Perform in the All-State and All-East Concerts in April

On April 6 and 7, Avonworth musicians Lea Helsel, Claire Chao, and Lukas Helsel will be performing at David L. Lawrence Convention Center. On April 6th, Lea and Claire will be performing in the PMEA All-State Orchestra and on April 7th, Lukas will be performing in the NAFME All-Eastern Orchestra. Congratulations to each of you on this tremendous accomplishment and honor.



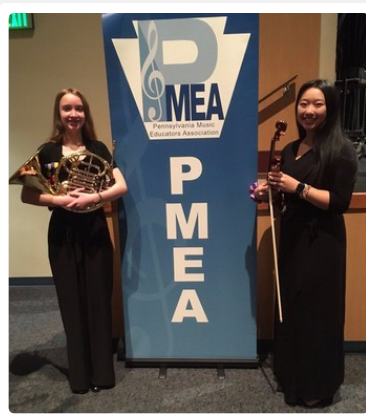
These performances are open to the public. If you are interested in attending, please use the following link to purchase tickets.



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Avonworth Students Are Accomplishing Great Things

Avonworth High School Senior Wiley Bozada, Named a 2019 Coca-Cola Scholar

Wiley Bozada, an exceptional senior at Avonworth High School, has been recognized as one of the country's most outstanding high school leaders by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and has been awarded a \$20,000 college scholarship. As a member of the 31st class of Coca-Cola Scholars, Wiley not only exemplifies superior leadership, service, and academics – he is a change agent, positively affecting others in his community. Wiley is one of 150 selected from 95,715 initial applicants from across the country to receive this scholarship.



**COCA-COLA
SCHOLARS
FOUNDATION**

A joint effort of Coca-Cola bottlers across the United States and The Coca-Cola Company, the Coca-Cola Scholars Program is one of the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind. With the addition of the 2019 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 6,300 Coke Scholars nationwide with over \$69 million in scholarships over the course of 31 years. The 31st class of Scholars alone will collectively be awarded \$3.1 million in scholarships.



Avonworth Student Recognized as "Student of the Month" at A.W. Beattie

Avonworth regularly has students who are recognized for their outstanding effort and accomplishments at A.W. Beattie Career Center. This February/March of 2019, Avonworth's Erin Zdrojowy was recognized as a *Student of the Month* in Cosmetology. Congratulations Erin!

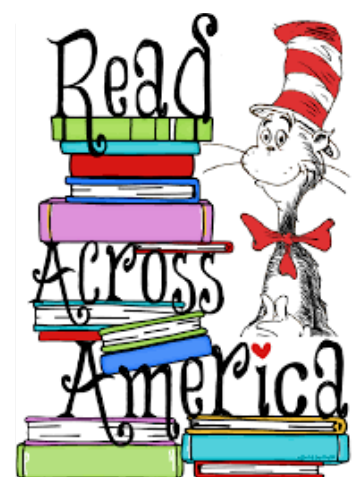




A Look At What is Happening In Our Schools

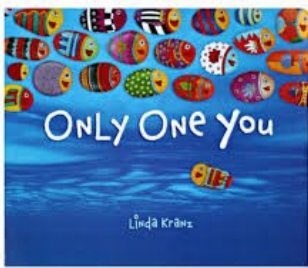
Literacy Night and March Book Madness at Avonworth Primary Center

Literacy Night was held at Avonworth Primary Center on Tuesday, March 5th to wrap up their Read Across America celebration. In the gym, demonstrations of student-designed Rube Goldberg machines were on display. First-grade GATE and Enrichment students presented their original fables and second-grade GATE students presented their *Who Was* investigations. Students could visit the library to listen to a story and use their thumbprint to create a unique character bookmark or scene. The Book Fair was also open for families to purchase books.



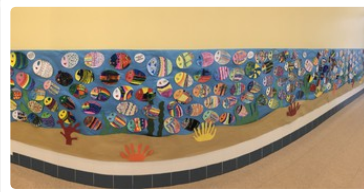
Excitement is also growing for *March Book Madness* at Avonworth Primary Center! Mrs. Gould enlisted the help of homeroom teachers, as well as special area teachers to ensure everyone is

involved in reading our sixteen books designated for *March Book Madness*. At the end of the month, voting will begin. This is a bracket-style tournament that matches books in one-on-one *games*. Each round, winners are decided by a simple vote on a Google Form. After each round, the brackets are updated and the next round begins. This year books were selected for their diverse characters or message of acceptance. Which book will be the winner? Stay tuned to find out!



“Only One You” School-Wide Project at Avonworth Primary Center

All students and teachers in the Avonworth Primary Center participated in reading the book *Only One You* on World Read Aloud Day! In addition, everyone created a fish to add to a school-wide collage. Each one is creative & unique!



Beattie Career Center Students Visit Avonworth Primary Center

Child Care students from A.W. Beattie Career Center visited the Primary Center this month. They taught the Junior Achievement Curriculum which fosters work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills with standards-based social studies learning objectives. First-grade focused on families and the way businesses provide goods and services to them. Students studied the importance of entrepreneurial businesses in the community, the goods and services they provide, and why families must earn money to pay for their wants and needs. The second-grade lessons emphasized how citizens benefit from and contribute to a community's success.



Turner Dairy Promotes Smart Snacking with First Grade Students

Turner Dairy visited the first-grade classes for the second time this school year. Becky Turner spoke to the students about smart snacking and food choices to fuel and nourish their growing bodies. The afternoon ended with a smart snack milkshake. Turner Dairy provides the milk products to our school cafeteria.



Avonworth Primary & Avonworth Elementary Students Give Back

Students at both Avonworth Primary Center and Avonworth Elementary School took part in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge in February. The students at the Primary Center collected \$7,731 and the Elementary School students raised \$4,130. What a great effort from the students and their families!

Avonworth Elementary School Raises over \$1,000 during Read Across America Week!

The students at Avonworth Elementary showed their school spirit through a week-long celebration for Read Across America! The students dressed up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character, wore mismatched outfits, wore their favorite Avonworth gear, and topped the week off by wearing crazy hats. In addition, every student was given a free book courtesy of the Avonworth PTA. Special guest, Dave Gray, talked with the students about sportsmanship. The Ohio Township Police Department visited every classroom as guest readers. The week ended with a faculty basketball game. The students also participated in a school-wide change challenge. Fourth-grade classrooms filled their container with the most change and collectively the school raised over \$1000. The Avonworth Game Changers helped organize and promote all of the activities and also helped Senior Emma Ronk raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by donating half of the money raised.



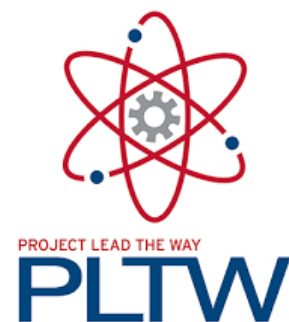
Pi Day is Always a Fun Day in Math Classes Across the Country

Sixth-grade math students at Avonworth Elementary School learned about rational and irrational numbers through their Pi Day celebration. Ten students memorized at least 25 digits of Pi. Students also measured the circumference and diameter of circles, dividing to see if "The Pi is Right." Students participated in a hula hoop contest and made a linked chain of the first 950 digits of Pi, each color representing the digits 0-9. It was a great day!

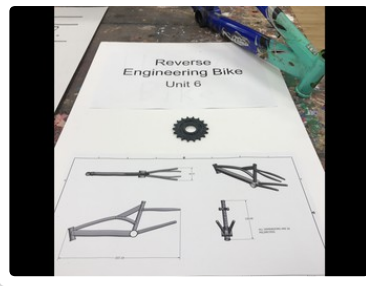


Reverse Engineering Projects Completed in Introduction to Engineering Design Class

What is Reverse Engineering? Through reverse engineering, all aspects of a product can be analyzed. Reverse engineering can provide important information about products when documentation is not available. The information gathered can help designers improve the product or manufacturing process, provide interoperability between existing and new products, or provide information on competitor products.



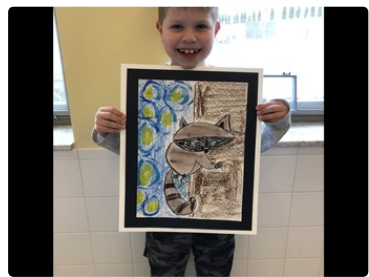
Students in our Introduction to Engineering Design Class were given an opportunity to reverse engineer a product by analyzing the product's function, structure, and visual elements. Students brought in something from home that they either had an interest in learning more about how it worked or something that they could take apart. From there, students had to completely disassemble the item and create a spreadsheet of all of the parts contained in the item. This spreadsheet mainly documented the size of the part; however, it also included how parts interact with other parts, as well as information regarding material and finish. Once students were finished with their disassembly chart, they began creating three-dimensional parts using the program *Inventor*. The last piece of the puzzle was to create a drawing file for each part and place the printouts on a display board.



Student Artwork Selected to be Sent to PA House Rep, Valerie Gaydos

Three Avonworth Primary Center artists were chosen to have their artwork sent to PA House Representative, Valerie Gaydos, to be displayed in her office. We are so excited for them! They created beautiful pieces!

- Van Gogh Meets Charlie Harper Raccoon Painting- Nicholas Cimballa (1st grade)
- Mondrian Inspired Watercolor & Oil Pastel Painting- Katherine Vaughn (Kindergarten)
- Warm & Cool Leaf painting- Isabella Leshner (Kindergarten)



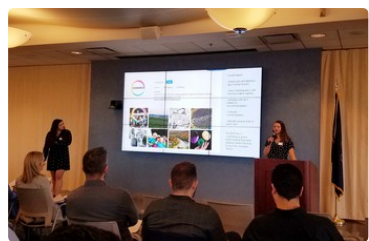
Avonworth Students Present to Covestro Executives

Avonworth partnered with South Fayette to participate in a unique opportunity with Covestro LLC, a leading producer of polymers and high-performance plastics. Students were presented with a problem statement by Covestro's Advocacy Department, which was seeking ideas regarding how they might be able to use social media to reach a new audience and promote positive messages about Covestro products.

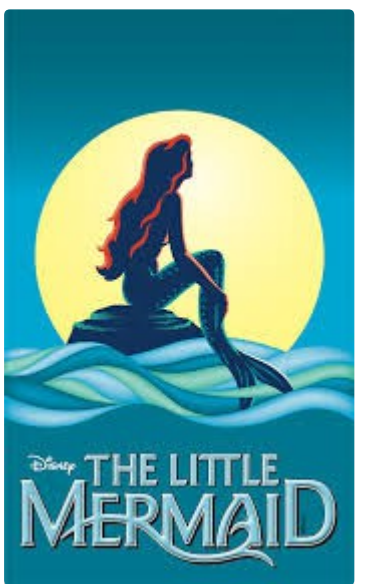


Avonworth's student consultants consisted of Danica Raich, Maya Berardi, Jackson Southern, & Sarah McAdams. After receiving the problem statement from Covestro, the students collaborated on the project. On March 15th, with Danica and Jackson unable to attend, Maya and Sarah presented the group's ideas to Covestro executives. Their presentation, which focused on advocacy and changing the mindset around plastics and chemicals was applauded by those in attendance. Executives were especially fond of their idea of creating the hashtag #rethinkchemicals to help promote their message.

Congratulations on a job well done!



Upcoming Events



Avonworth High School Presents Disney's The Little Mermaid

The Spring Musical will be - ***The Little Mermaid***

For additional information [CLICK HERE](#)

Dates: April 5, 6, 12, 13

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Avonworth High School

Price: Adults \$12, Students & Senior Citizens \$10

To order tickets, email: avonworthtickets@gmail.com

Chase the Antelopes 5K/1 Mile Walk is Back and Better Than Ever!

The race will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 9:00 AM.** The course for both races starts at Lenzner Field, which is next to Avonworth Middle/High School and goes through nearby neighborhoods (Cobblestone and Avonworth Heights).

Registration is open! If you register by April 1st the fee is only \$15. After April 1st, registration increases to \$20. Prizes will be given to the top three runners, both overall and in age groups. Age groups range from the following ages: 1-13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+.



See the flyer below for additional information!

The 30th Annual Chase the Antelopes 5K/1 Mile Walk is back and better than ever!
Just like 29 previous years, this event is planned entirely by the right-grade students. Over the course of a few weeks, they have had to plan and organize this event: getting sponsors, designing posters, t-shirts, and buttons, fundraising, and so on. It's a great opportunity for them to learn about community service, teamwork, and school spirit. This project has helped the right-grade work toward building community skills by giving students the opportunity to make a positive impact in the community.

This entire event will benefit the **Hamish Wilbur Memorial Fund**. Three years ago, Hamish passed away in a fire at his family home. He would have been graduating from Avonworth this year. Therefore, we are doing everything we can to make it the best race yet! All the proceeds from this event will benefit his scholarship fund.

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[ChaseTheAntelopes....](#)

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Upcoming Dates

April 5, 6, 12, 13: Spring Musical, The Little Mermaid, 7:30 PM
April 8: Athletic Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
April 8: Regular School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
April 9-11: English Language Arts PSSA
April 10: AMS Parent Network Meeting, 7:00 PM
April 15-16: School In Session - Snow/Weather Make-Up Days
April 17-19: Spring Break
April 22: School In Session - Snow/Weather Make-Up Day
April 25: APC Art Show, 6:30 PM
April 26: Avonworth Prom @ Heinz Field
April 27: Chase the Antelopes 5K & 1 Mile Walk
April 29-May 2: Math/Science PSSA