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**School Hours:**

7:50 am—All students may enter the building

8:00 am—Classes begin

2:45 pm—School ends

2:50 pm—Buses depart

Students are marked TARDY after 8:00 am

We request that ALL visitors please check into our office!

Collaboration occurs EVERY Monday! Our normal schedule begins 45 minutes later on Mondays!

- March 1-Cookie Sale Kickoff
  - March 5-PTO Meeting-6:30
  - March 7th-SPRING Pictures
  - March 9-Mobile Dentist
  - March 12-17-Grade 3 IREAD Testing
  - Spring Break-March 26-April 8
  - Return to School-April 9
  - April 17-KDG Round-Up-6:30
  - April 20-Spring Carnival
- Save the Dates!**

## What a great time to be a Panther!



We are seeking families and friends of Avilla School to help with our Annual PTO Carnival. The fun this year is set for Friday, April 20th. We really need your help in making this event special for our students and our

community. If you can work for an hour, that would be GREAT! Please give us a call to help us out—897-2301.

### Kindergarten Round-Up

If you know a family that has a five year old **(on or before August 1)**, please tell them about our Kindergarten Round-up scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30pm**. We'll distribute all the necessary forms at that time, and we'll duplicate original birth certificates and shot records. You'll hear from and talk with our teachers, and the school nurse will be on hand to tell you about important health requirements and information. Parents of next year's kindergarten should call us now at 897-2301.



### URGENT Medical Information!



Attention all parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Did you know there are new immunization requirements for all students that will be 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2018-2019 school year? The Hepatitis A series has been added to the required 6<sup>th</sup> grade immunizations for those that have not already received the series. The Hepatitis A series consists of two immunizations given at least six months apart. The students are still required to have a DTaP and a meningococcal immunization for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Nurse Jenny or your health care provider with any questions.

A Reminder...As per East Noble School Board Policy 8120, all volunteers who come into contact with students must complete a limited criminal history background check. This would be to help in the classrooms, chaperone field trips or work with students in a variety of ways. Forms are available in our office and there is no charge. However, it does take 2-3 weeks for the process so we ask that these be done well in advance. Additionally, when limited numbers of chaperone slots are available on field trips, first priority is given to those parents who have contributed their time in past endeavors, especially PTO activities when volunteers are needed.

**SPRING COOKIE DOUGH SALE IS NOW UNDERWAY...**At Avilla Elementary School, we strive to provide a wonderful variety of activities for our students. These activities include field trips, convocations, prizes and special treats. These are paid for with proceeds earned from our fundraiser activities. Any and all funds generated from our fundraiser go **DIRECTLY BACK TO STUDENTS** to enhance the programming at Avilla Elementary School. I hope that you will choose to participate and help our school.



**CARING**----Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need • Be charitable and altruistic **CITIZENSHIP**----Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer

These are two of OUR Pillars of Character that we practice each day at Avilla Elementary School. To promote these two pillars, we will be taking the funds typically spent on prizes, and donating them to two charitable causes close to OUR hearts. The funds will be split evenly, then donated to **Honor Flight** and **Riley Hospital for Children** on behalf of the students of Avilla Elementary School. This spirit of giving models to **OUR** students that it is fulfilling to do something to help others. The amount donated will be dependent upon the total amount of sales.

**Promote what you love instead of bashing what you hate...**Pretty harsh words but they ring true. If you have a concern or are not happy with a situation, **PLEASE** contact **YOUR** school before you take to social media platforms to express your feelings. Many times the entire situation is not presented and this then sends out false impressions of **YOUR** school and can create havoc and bad images of **YOUR** school. At the same time we hope that you do not take as truth everything that is posted to social media sites. **IF** you have a concern, **PLEASE** contact us.



### Spring Break

If your travels take you to places where you can visit a college or university, please take the time to get a picture of your child on campus. Then, if you send it to a teacher or to Mr. Pine, we will be sure to get it printed and framed for our collection.

"The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable." ~ Lane Olinhouse

