



## Let's Hear from the Students of Avona!

Have you always wanted to learn to juggle? If you did you should meet Dave Finnigan or you should ask one of the kids from Avona! Dave Finnigan, also known as Professor Confidence, taught all of us, including teachers (who had private lessons at 8:00 am) how to juggle scarves. The assembly was called Juggling for Success.

Beginning early in the morning on Monday, September 20, Professor Confidence taught us one grade at a time. Depending on our grade we learned Tummy Catching, Criss Cross Applesauce, Two in One Hand, Columns, Cascade, and Reverse Cascade. If we were ready to try it, he also showed us how to transition from one move to another. We had a whole school assembly at the end of the day so every class could show each other what they learned. Also, Professor Confidence gave the audience a challenge saying that if you were coming back that night, you should bring something that you thought he might not be able to juggle.

After school, many of the kids and their parents came back. The kids could show their families how to juggle. After they taught their families, the kids juggled on stage for their parents. Then the parents juggled on stage. At the very end of the show, Professor Confidence tried the challenge. He had to juggle three things. They were a traffic cone, a motorcycle helmet, and a hula hoop. If he dropped them, he had to get a pie in the face. If he juggled them, he would get standing applause. Since he didn't have a pie, he used shaving cream. He had three tries and he lost so he got it in the face!!

After the show you could buy a book written by Dave Finnigan, juggling balls, or a stick and a plate to spin. The PTA purchased a set of scarves for everyone in the school so we can juggle everyday! If some of us stick with this juggling act, who knows, maybe we'll become juggling pros!!

Submitted by Shane Duraes, Danica Fairchild, Jenna Hartrum and Lexie Mendall  
Mrs. Wilson's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students



### School Store

Do you have 20 minutes one Wednesday morning a month to help students pick out a few items from the school store cart? We can't do this without parent volunteers. If you can help with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade mornings, please email the PTA or call Sheri Cawley at 610-559-2030

#### Avona Elementary PTA Website

Have you seen the Backpack Express on our website?

PTA communications sent home with students will be posted there.

You can also print extra copies of items if needed.

### Our Next Fundraiser

Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Avona kicks off its' second fundraiser of the year. Students will be selling items such as candles, wrapping paper, candy and magazines.

Some new prizes added for the school this year are...

The top selling class in the school will get to adopt an endangered animal of their choice from the Philadelphia Zoo.

BONUS: Every class who achieves 60% participation or higher will win a pig to be entered into a PIG Race.

See the flyers for more details.

### School Spirit

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Avona All Star Sportswear sale is still going on. Please send in your order by Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We will not be able to accept orders after this date due to the fact all clothing is made to order.

Check out the new logo on the front of the newsletter.

### Volunteers Still Needed

We are in need of AM Kindergarten helpers. No parents have signed up to volunteer for Harvest Festival or Winter Festival parties. We need parents to come in and help run these parties during the morning hours of 10:00 am and 11:30 am on October 29<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, grandparents, aunts or uncles are more than welcome to come and volunteer their time if both parents are working and are unavailable.

**Please send in your volunteer forms.**

### Join Avona PTA

Membership drive is still going on.

To date we have 120 members. Our goal is 130 members. Membership is just \$4.00 per single membership and \$7.00 per family membership of two.

Donut party incentive (75% of the class participation) ends October 22.  
To date no classes have qualified.