

## What's at Our School?

Avona Elementary PTA brings together parents, teachers, staff and the community to share thoughts and ideas on programs and activities that benefit the students of Avona, our faculty and our neighborhood.

The Avona PTA raises money through Book Fair, Faculty Snacks, Fundraising, Membership Dues, T-Shirt Sale, School Store and Special Programs. For more detailed information on **all** programs, events and activities please go to our website at [www.wilsonareasd.org/pta/avona](http://www.wilsonareasd.org/pta/avona). The income from these programs pay for the following activities:

### ❖ For our students

- **Assemblies** – This year 4 assemblies are being paid for and arranged by the PTA. Two of these assemblies will be in the evening for parents to enjoy as well.
- **Class trips** – All classes go on a minimum of three trips per school year. All trips are of educational value and/or curriculum based.
- **Computer Camp** – Wilson Area School District offers all Fifth graders the opportunity to go to computer camp. Avona PTA pays partial or full reimbursement of camp fees depending on participation.
- **Family Fun Nights** – *New this year!* Family Book Bingo, Family Game Night and Family Movie Night. Night without Mom and Family Skate Night events are also on the schedule.
- **Fifth Grade Activities** – The PTA provides all Fifth graders with a T-Shirt for Field Day, a copy of the yearbook and a swim party at the end of the year.
- **Folders and Planners** – These items are provided to all Avona students annually.
- **Holiday Shoppe** – All items priced at cost to allow all children to enjoy purchasing items for their family members for the holidays. This encourages responsibility as well as basic math facts.
- **Read Across America** – Hosted during the first week in March. This program encourages reading and literacy. In the past authors and illustrators have come to the school for assemblies. Last year funds permitted all students to receive one free book.
- **Fall / Winter / Last Day Festivals** – Planned activities so the children can socialize and do crafts.
- **Science Fair** – Demonstrations created by students showing their interest in the sciences. Hands on projects make the learning even more fun while teaching how an experiment is done.
- **Yearbook** – This service provides our students with memories of their time spent at Avona. The Yearbook committee is at each activity in our school preserving memories. Yearbooks are priced at cost.

### ❖ For our faculty and staff

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - Held the first week in May. A breakfast, luncheon and gift are provided to show our appreciation for their dedication to our children.
- **Crossing Guard and Bus Driver Tea.** – A light breakfast where each employee is given a gift on behalf of the PTA in appreciation for their service to the safety of our children.

### ❖ For our community

- **Mitten Tree** – Held annually to provide the Third Street Alliance with outerwear to keep children warm in the winter months.
- **Jump Rope for Heart** – The PTA helps the school district with this event to organize volunteers and provide healthy snacks for all participants.
- **Earth Day** – Teaches students what they can do to give back to our environment and keep it clean.
- **American Education Week** – The PTA helps meet and greet parents and grandparents who wish to spend time in their child's classroom.
- **Grandparents Day** – The PTA provides refreshments for the grandparents of our kindergarten students. This day honors grandparents and gives them an opportunity to see what their grandchildren are learning.

*Thank you for your time, your support and your voice!*