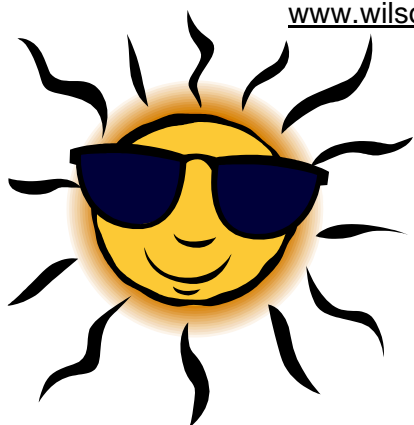


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Letter from your PTA President

Proud to Belong! When I heard those words, it struck a note with me. Yes, am I very proud to belong to such a wonderful community here at Avona! From our principal, to our faculty, to our students and families, we are all working together towards one goal, SUCCESS for our students! What a great reason to become involved!

This year has been a tremendous year. When I look back at the calendar, I can't believe all the events that took place this year. Book bingo, movie night, FAMILIES program, family game night, book fairs, science assembly and class trips to name a few. PTA sponsored its' first after school program, etiquette classes, with much thanks going out to Mrs. Meyers and Miss Burns for sharing their knowledge with our students.

The PTA would like to thank you for all your support. You have contributed to our fundraisers so much this year that we were able to make additional purchases, not included in the budget. The memorial tree, new welcome mats for the three entrances to the building and field trips that would not have happened if we did not have the funds to support the chartered busses. For this we THANK EVERYONE!

We have already started for next year. Dates have been set and we are working on providing more opportunities for after school programs. Keep checking the website as this source provides the most up to date information available.

Great Job Everyone,

Cathy Smyth

Look where our students have been this school year.

5th Grade – Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and Constitution Center

4th Grade – Harrisburg State Museum and Capital Building
Food Tour at Wegmans

3rd Grade – Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm

2nd Grade - Sol y Canto at Moravian College

1st and 2nd Grades - Junie B. Jones Musical at the State Theatre

Kindergarten - Klein Farms

As well as the Shawnee Planetarium and Weller Center

Upcoming Events For School Year 2005-2006

August 2005

- 29 - First Day of School
- 30 - Students Fall Book Fair
- 31 - Avona Open House
Family Night Book Fair

October 2005

- 6 – Picture Day

November 2005

- 11- Family Night Book Bingo

December 2005

- 6 – Holiday Shoppe

January 2006

- 13 – Family Game Night

February 2006

- 7 – Nights Without Mom

March 2006

- 1 – Read Across America
- 10 – Family Movie Night

April 2006

- 7 – ShopFest & Tricky Tray
- 11 – Family Night
at Skateaway
- 27 – Art Show, Science Fair
and Spring Book Fair

May 2006

- 19 – 5th Grade Pool Party

President's Award for Educational Excellence

were presented this morning to the following 5th Grade Students:

David Ackerman, Dustin Benes, Shane Duraes, Kristen Fisher, Lexie Mendall, David Rice and T.J. Pinkerton



Good Luck to all our 5th Graders as they move on to Philip Lauer Middle School.

You will be missed!

Avona PTA Scholarship Winner

Avona PTA gives out two \$500 scholarships annually to graduating seniors. This year one of the scholarships is awarded to Sarah Austin. Sarah moved to Texas a few years ago, but has gone on to achieve success in her academics in Texas. The other winner can not be named yet because the graduation ceremony is tonight, June 6th. Mr. Wright will be making the presentation. Check back to our website on June 7th to see the name of the winner from Wilson Area High School. Congratulations to both our winners! May your college education bring you many successes in life.

Keep Saving those Box Tops!

The following students were the top Box Top collectors for the 2004 - 2005 school year.

Jarrett Hanni - 405 Box Tops
Ben Purcell - 458
Kianna Unangst - 433

Paige Flanagan - 457
Emily Purcell - 459
Dustin Benes - 805

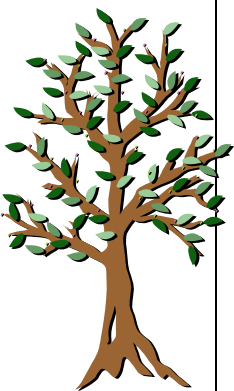
On Thursday, June 2nd, these students had lunch with Principal, Mr. Wright. Thanks to Domino's on William Penn Highway, their pizza was donated. Each student will also receive a movie pass courtesy of Regal Cinemas.

Thanks to all our collectors and donators for another successful year of Box Top collecting!

Need A Vacation Idea

At the request of my son, Ryan, last summer we went to Washington D.C. Our first stop was the new Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. Some of the artifacts in the Smithsonian's newest museum include the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR 71 Blackbird, The Enola Gay, a Boeing 727, a Concord and much more, all under one roof! They also have an IMAX theatre with four shows. We found them to be worth every cent. If you are heading to D.C., we highly recommend this Hot Spot. Learn more at <http://www.nasm.si.edu>.

The Smyth Family



Avona has a new tree in memory of a former student. A tree was planted back in 1996 in memory of a second grade student at Avona, Michael John Johnson who passed away that same year. In 2000, the tree was transplanted to the Johnson's yard for safe keeping while the demolition of the old Avona School and construction of the new Avona School took place. After the new Avona school was re-opened in 2001, the memorial tree was brought back to Avona. Unfortunately, it did not do well and died.

The Avona PTA purchased a new tree in memory of Michael. The tree was planted by the rear entrance and All Purpose Room doors. Since students wait in this area to enter school each day and pass this spot when having gym outside, this is the perfect spot for this particular tree.

The original plaque that Michael's grandmother had made, has been placed at the foot of the tree. The students were told of the importance of this tree and the memory it preserves. We ask that everyone respect it and treat it with great care.