

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 Fairs, Faculty Snacks, Fundraising, Membership, 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. This website provides details of all activities at Avona. The income from these programs pays for the following activities:

❖ For our students

- **After School Programs** – Opportunities for students to attend educational and fun programs after school. PTA is to pay for all fees associated with these programs.
- **Assemblies** – This year 3 assemblies are being paid for and arranged by the PTA. .
- **Class trips** – All classes go on a minimum of three trips per school year. All trips are of educational value and/or curriculum based. Chartered buses are required for the 4th and 5th grade trips.
- **Computer Camp** – Wilson Area School District offers all Fifth graders the opportunity to go to computer camp. The Avona PTA budgets \$650 and that is divided between the students who attended. Maximum reimbursement is the \$65 fee for camp.
- **Family Fun Nights** – Family Book Bingo, Family Game Night, Family Movie Night, Night without Mom and Family Skate Night.
- **Fifth Grade Activities** – The PTA provides all Fifth graders with a T-Shirt for Field Day, a free copy of the yearbook and a swim party at the end of the year.
- **Folders and Planners** – These items are all provided to 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 all students received a free book.
- **Fall / Winter / Last Day Festivals** – Parties so the children can socialize, play games 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 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 of their service to the safety of our children.

❖ For our community

- **Mitten Tree** – Held annually to provide the Third Street Alliance with outer wear 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 the school meet and greet all family members who wish to see spend time in their child's classroom.

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