

# Frequently Asked AELC Questions



## **Welcome to the Avon Early Learning Center**

Kindergarten is an exciting and wonderful time in the life of any family. Few milestones can be compared to the first day of school in the life of a child, and we welcome your family as you all embark on this adventure with us.

Please know that we seek to partner with you as you raise and educate your child. No one knows your child better than you do, so we will be seeking your help in the issues of student progress and discipline. Working as a team at this primary level, the school and home can accomplish great things in the development of your child.

**We also welcome your help and volunteer time at the Avon Early Learning Center. There will be many opportunities to serve with others on committees, assist in the classrooms and help children in our volunteer programs. Your time is a great gift, and we hope to enjoy some of it with you.**

Remember to feel free to call me at school (934-5124) if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to offer any assistance that we can. Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Mrs. Colleen Mudore

Principal

**Front Office Staff:**

Mrs. Mudore-Principal  
Ms. Rush- Preschool Director  
Mrs. Yeagley-Secretary  
Mrs. Smith-School Nurse

**Address/Phone:**

3075 Stoney Ridge Road  
Avon, Ohio 44011  
**Office**-440-934-5124  
**Attendance**- 440-695-0561  
**Fax**- 440-934-2147

**Hours of AELC:**

Office Hours- 8:00 -4:00  
All-Day Kindergarten/Preschool- 9:00 - 3:45  
K Morning Classes-9:00-12:10  
Preschool Morning Classes-9:00-11:45  
K Afternoon Classes-12:10-3:45  
Preschool Afternoon Classes- 1:00-3:45

**Admission to Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is mandatory in Ohio. Any child who shall become five years of age on or before August 1 is eligible for admission to kindergarten at the beginning of school in August, according to the Ohio Revised Code. (ORC 3321.01)

Parents/Guardians must provide the following:

An original birth certificate (we will copy) Parent/Guardian Proof (driver's license, state ID or passport), 2 proofs of residency in Avon, one of which must be a purchase/lease agreement, a rental agreement (signed by the landlord), a construction contract, homeowner's mortgage statement/coupon or a homeowners deed. The other can be a recent utility bill, recent bank statement with address, insurance bill, property tax bill, or pay stub with address.

Any court-ordered custody papers for the child

Completed immunization record

Students will not be officially registered until all documents have been submitted.

## **All Day Kindergarten Fees**

The cost for all-day kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school years is \$2300.00. A \$300.00 nonrefundable deposit is due when you register your child.

## **Reduced Fees**

Reduced all-day kindergarten fees are available to families that qualify. If you believe that you might qualify for the reduced all-day kindergarten fee, please complete the form at our website: [avonlocalschools.org](http://avonlocalschools.org) after Aug. 1st. The reduced cost of All Day Kindergarten would be dependant upon your income.

## **Kindergarten Screening**

All students must be screened before admission to kindergarten. The screening process is a team approach, involving the kindergarten teachers, the school nurse and the speech pathologist. It takes about 30 minutes, and involves tests of the child's vision/hearing, speech, fine motor and basic kindergarten skills. Screening takes place in June. Appointments will be scheduled at the time of registration.

## **What if my child is going to be late or absent?**

Please call 440-695-0561 before 9:00 am. For doctors appointments, please get a doctor's note to bring with your child when they return to school.

## **When should I keep my child home from school?**

Please keep your child home if he/she has had a fever of 100 degrees or higher, diarrhea, bad stomach ache, or vomited in the last 24 hours, or if they have any redness/drainage from the eyes, an unknown rash or itching, sore throat, persistent runny nose, and/or coughing. If they have any symptoms of head lice please keep them home.

## **When can my child return to school?**

They may return when they have been fever, vomit, and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours **unmedicated**. Students may return after they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours from the time of the 1st dose. If they have been diagnosed with head lice, they need to be lice free prior to returning to school and must be checked by a school nurse in the Avon district.

## **How do I find out if school is cancelled?**

Follow @MikeLaubAvon on Twitter. The school cancellation will be posted there first. Please also check the homepage on the website. As long as there is power, we post to the website before sending out any other notification. Don't forget to refresh the page if you are leaving it open and waiting for an update. After sending an alert message, we contact the local television stations. We contact channel 3, 5, 8 and 19 (in that order).

Please have up-to-date information in PowerSchool by contacting your child's school office. Our automated phone messaging system pulls phone numbers from that PowerSchool to make the calls. Emails are also pulled from PowerSchool. If you would like a text message as well, text the word "join" to 56360.

Sign up for enews by clicking on the "eNews" link found under the "About" tab on the menu. You should know that enews is used regularly by the district and does not immediately send.

## **Transportation and Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:**

**Eagles Nest:** <http://www.avonlocalschools.org/about-us/eagles-nest>

Eagles Nest is available for kindergarten students from 6:30-9:00 am M-F at AELC and 3:30-6:00 pm M-F at AELC.

**Bus-** Bus routes are typically assigned the week or so before school begins. Transportation tags will be given at Open House to all students regardless of their type of home transportation.

**Car Rider-** Pick-up begins at 3:40.

## **Start of School:**

The front doors will open at 8:45 am to begin student drop-off. Students are to be in their classrooms by **9:00 am**, as this is the start of our school day, therefore the doors will close at **8:57 am**. If you miss the drop-off time, you will need to park in the visitor lot and walk your child into the office to sign them in as tardy.

## **Drop-off Procedure:**

Drop off is at the front of the school at the main entrance. Cars will come into the main driveway, stay to the right into the parking lot and circle the parking lot to the drop-off area which will be the front circle. Cones will be set up indicating the drop off area. There will be several cars dropping off as the cones will indicate. It is critical that they exit from the passenger side of the car **ONLY**. This will ensure the safety for all our children. Once your child is out and the cars in front of you are moving you will then exit using the main driveway. Please note: If your child needs assistance unbuckling, we ask that you park in the visitor lot, unbuckle your child, and then proceed in the line once again to drop off.

**End of School:**

Every family will be issued one car tag with your family name on the tag. Additional tags may be purchased for \$1.00 in the main office should you require more. Please make sure you have your tag visible for staff at pick-up.

**Pick-up Procedure:**

Cars will come into the main driveway and stay to the right into the parking lot and circle the parking lot to the front pick-up area which will be the front circle. It is critical that students enter the passenger side of the car **ONLY**. Once your child is in and the cars in front of you are moving you will then exit using the main driveway. Please note: If your child needs assistance buckling, we ask that you park in the visitor's parking lot after getting your child and assist them with buckling and then exit via the main exit.

**Buses:**

Buses will be dropping off and picking up in the back of the school building. Please be aware that buses will be driving through the visitors' lot to access the back.

**STUDENT DAY**

- 8:45 a.m. Buses and car riders arrive (doors close at 8:57 a.m.)
- 9:00 a.m. Class begins
- 11:45 a.m. AM Preschool students dismissed
- 11:50 a.m. Lunch/recess for all day students
- 12:10 a.m. Morning K students dismissed
- 12:25 p.m. Lunch/recess for all day students
- 12:10 p.m. Afternoon students arrive
- 12:45 p.m. PM preschool students arrive
- 12:55 p.m. All day students return to class
- 3:40 p.m. Student dismissal (NEST and Car Riders)
- 3:45 p.m. Student dismissal (Buses)

If your child's transportation changes for any reason, please contact the school office.

**Lunch:**

Students can choose hot lunch, fun lunch or pack a lunch.

Lunch costs: \$2.75 (reduced lunch \$.40)

You can pay for lunch using PayforIt.net or send a check made out to Avon Local Schools with your child to school.

**Breakfast:**

Students have the option to eat breakfast at school. The cost of breakfast is \$1.50 (reduced breakfast \$.30)

The lunch menu is available online on the Early Learning Center homepage <http://www.avonlocalschools.org/buildings/early-learning-center> at the bottom there is a lunch menu link.

### **Can I visit my child at lunch or recess?**

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate guests during lunch or recess. You are welcome to take your student out to lunch at their assigned lunch/recess time, providing you send a note to school that day.

### **How should I dress my child for school?**

More details are found in our handbook, but we recommend comfortable play clothes, socks and closed toe shoes daily. Tennis shoes are needed for PE. Flip-flops, Crocs and sandals are discouraged due to playground wood chips and mulch.

### **Birthday celebrations:**

Per district policy, we ask that all birthday treats be non edible items. (For example: pencils, stickers, erasers, etc)

Invitations to parties: Teachers are only permitted to hand out invitations for parties if all students in the class are being invited.

### **Allergies:**

All allergy classrooms are labeled. Due to allergies all classroom party food must be store bought with labels for all classrooms.

Safe Table: The cafeteria has a Safe table for students with allergies. Students may choose to have a friend to sit at the Safe table with them, but the child must either purchase a school lunch or have their lunch checked.

Epi-pens: We have emergency Epi-pens available for staff to use in an emergency situation. All staff is trained on the proper use of Epi-pens.

### **Medications at School:**

**NO MEDICATION IS TO BE TRANSPORTED IN A STUDENT'S BACKPACK!**  
Medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, may be given at school with proper documentation. Medication forms are available online. Prescription medication must be in its original packaging and contain a pharmacy label on both the medication and the packaging. All forms for prescription medication must be signed by the prescribing physician and the parent. Over the counter medication (in its original packaging) may be administered at school, providing proper documentation is on file with our nurse.

## **How do I receive communication from the school?**

### **➤ Twitter-**

Follow Mrs. Mudore on Twitter @AvonELCMudore

Follow Mr. Laub on Twitter @MikeLaubAvon

### **➤ Remind App-**

Text 81010 enter the message:@avonearly

### **➤ eNews-**

Go to the Early Learning Center webpage:

<http://www.avonlocalschools.org/buildings/early-learning-center>

Go to the link at the bottom titled eNews and subscribe to the Early Learning Center eNews

## **Change of clothes:**

We suggest sending a change of clothes, including socks and shoes, for your child in a ziplock bag labeled with their first and last name.

**The AELC Staff is committed to make your child's and your experience at the Avon Early Learning Center as amazing as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns.**

**Thank you,**

**Mrs. Mudore, Principal**