



Dear Avon East Parents and Students,

Welcome to our Avon East family! I hope you were able to have a relaxing summer. Our staff has been working hard to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to welcome students back to school in just a few weeks!

I am absolutely blessed to have the opportunity to lead our first and second graders, alongside an incredible staff! This is my fourth year as Principal of Avon East and 16th year overall in education. I reside in Avon, with my family, where we love sports, staying active, and spending time together.

Thank you in advance for your support of our Avon East family; I truly hope your child and you, as parents, have a wonderful experience with us. If you ever need anything, have questions, or want to talk- please reach out to me.

Enjoy these last few weeks- stay present, soak up each moment, and create memories with your loved ones  

Go Eagles!

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[All About Avon East](#)  
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**At this time the following protocols will still be in place for the upcoming school year.**

- Visitor access to the building will be limited.
- We will have a designated area in our entry space to drop off supplies and sign students into the building.
- If you're picking up your child from school and you are not familiar to our staff, you will be buzzed in to show your ID. Please follow social distancing and only 2 visitors in the office at a time.
- Recess will take place outside in zones.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

The following links provide important information regarding fees and supplies, calendars and programs for your reference. All documents can also be found on the district website:

[www.avonlocalschools.org](http://www.avonlocalschools.org).

### School Fees & Supplies 2021-2022

\*\*\*Information on school fees forthcoming

Any outstanding balances for school fees will be sent home with Open House information. Families are welcome to stop by the office to pay fees during Open house.

***\*\*For parents that purchased "1st Day of School Supplies" kits - these will be delivered to your home!***

[Avon School Calendar](#)

[Avon Eagles Nest Info \(before/after school care\)](#)

[Avon East's Main Webpage](#)

[Avon East Student Handbook](#)

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

### **Friday, August 13th- Teachers Announced**

Individual class assignments will be sent via PowerSchool Messenger. Please make sure you have completed your back-to-school update in order to receive your child's classroom placement ([Click Here to Update PowerSchool](#)). You will receive an email with your child's teacher through School Messenger and a link to schedule their Open House appointment. We will also post class lists on the front doors of Avon East that afternoon at 4:00.

### **Tuesday, August 24th- Open House from 2pm-6pm (By Appointment Only)**

On August 13th, you will receive a link, through School Messenger, to sign up for a 10 minute time slot to meet your child's teacher. Your child can see their classroom, briefly meet their teacher and drop off their supplies. These times are **VERY** specific so that we can adhere to the social distancing guidelines. If you have any problems scheduling, please call our office at 440.937.6015.

### **Thursday, August 26 – First Day of School!**

**Wednesday, September 15th-** Pride Day (wear yellow and purple)

**Friday, September 17th-** Fall Picture Day

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## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL REMINDERS**

STUDENT SCHOOL DAY: 8:50AM-3:35PM

CAR RIDER DROP OFF: 8:25AM-8:45AM- DOORS WILL CLOSE AT 8:45AM

BUS ARRIVAL: 8:35AM-8:50AM

CLASS BEGINS: 8:50AM

STUDENT LUNCH TIMES (30 min. lunch/30 min. recess)

1st grade: 11:15-12:15

2nd grade: 12:15-1:15

3:30- NEST RELEASED- STUDENTS CANNOT BE PICKED UP PRIOR TO 4:00PM

3:30- DISMISSAL BEGINS FOR CAR RIDER

3:35- DISMISSAL BEGINS BUS RIDER

**DROP OFF and PICK-UP PROCEDURE**- please read prior to the 1st day of school

**PLEASE EXPECT DELAYS the first week of school. We appreciate your patience as students learn their new routines.**

## **OFFICE PROCEDURES**

To promote safety, we will be limiting guests entering our Main Office areas. Therefore, parents needing to drop off items at the school will be doing so within the double door vestibule areas, where a table will be set up to leave the marked item(s) example: lunchbox.

This table will also have a sign-in area if your child were to arrive late due to a given reason. Guests can always push the buzzer to ask questions with the office personnel. In the event your child is sick, the office will contact you directly.

If you're signing your child out for the day, we will ask you to fill out a slip with the early dismissal reason. Once this has been completed, we will call for your child to come down. We do not call children down to the office until a parent arrives.

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Student Backpack Tags:**

Student backpack tags will be provided to you at Open House. These tags will indicate how your child should be getting home- bus, car, or NEST.

For the first couple days, teachers will have you fill out your information on an index card (provided at Open House) and pin this to your child's backpack. The backpack tags mentioned above will replace the index card and should remain on your child's backpack all year.

**We ask that you have a consistent weekly schedule for your child's transportation. At this age, it is simply too difficult to make changes to 1st and 2nd graders' routines. If you have an appointment or emergency, please send in a note and pick your child up as a car rider by 3:15 in the front office.**

Carefully review **Bus Routes** and **Safety Rules**:

[Bus Routes](#) (will be updated closer to the start of school)

[Bus Safety Rules](#)

If you have moved or your transportation needs have changed, please complete the electronic Transportation Survey below –

[Transportation Survey](#)

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## **LUNCH MENUS, PAYMENTS, AND RECESS BAGS**

**[View Lunch Menu](#)** -

- Breakfast \$1.50 (reduced \$.30)
- Lunch \$2.75 (reduced \$.40) and Milk is \$.50

### **Depositing Lunch Money & Applying for Free & Reduced Lunch:**

**New Users:** follow this [link](#) to PaySchools Central and click on “register” on the log-in page. Follow the prompts to create an account and add student(s) to your account. Follow this [link](#) to view the Parent User Guide. **\*\*NOTE:** If wanting to fill out a free/reduced application, after creating your account, you MUST log out and log back in to access this feature\*\*

**Current PayForIt Users:** follow this [link](#) to PaySchools Central. Use your current log-in credentials for PayForIt to log-in to PaySchools Central. Auto-replenishments will need to be **RESET** for the school year. Any settings you had last school year will not carry over to this school year.

*\*\*\*PaySchools Central now allows you to see more at once! You can load lunch money, manage lunch auto-replenishment, pay school fees, make before and after school care payments, set up notifications and access the free and reduced meal application. You can also see more than one child's account at a time!*

### **Free and Reduced:**

If you believe you will qualify for free/reduced school fees and free/reduced lunch please [CLICK HERE](#) to login to PaySchools Central.

If you need to create a new account, click on “register” on the log-in page. Follow the prompts to create an account and add student(s) to your account. Follow this [link](#) to view the Parent User Guide.

[Click here for more information about free & reduced lunches](#)

\*\*\*Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Mazzeo at [mazzeon@avoneagles.org](mailto:mazzeon@avoneagles.org) or 440-937-3049.

\*\*\*Click [here](#) for information about Community Resource Services

**[RECESS BAGS](#)**- click the link to learn more about our recess bags!

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## **[AVON PTA](#)**

Please join the Avon PTA this year! PTA supports our students and staff and provides valuable programming and services to our schools. Volunteer opportunities are available. To complete your membership form (once your teacher has been assigned), go to [avonpta.org](http://avonpta.org). You can reach the President, Tricia Alberini, at [avonhiopta@gmail.com](mailto:avonhiopta@gmail.com). Other helpful sites are the Avon PTA Facebook page, your student(s)' Class of 20XX Facebook page, and Twitter [@AvonPta](#).

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## **[COMMUNICATIONS](#)**

**School Messenger (through PowerSchool):** School Messenger will be used for important and time sensitive communication regarding Avon East. In addition, our monthly newsletter link (via Smore) will be sent at the beginning of each month through PowerSchool Messenger.

**Twitter:** Follow Ms. Holzauer to see all the fun at Avon East on Twitter: [@Avon\\_East](#)

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## **[A snapshot of Avon East's School Day](#)**

We've created a schedule for our students that enables our teachers to work on social-emotional standards, academic standards, as well as provide time for our first and second graders to receive enrichment and/or intervention throughout the school day.

I'm excited to announce that we have 40 minute specials this year (Art, Music, PE, Library and Technology)! In addition to specials time, we have blocked off movement breaks in the morning and afternoon. During COVID last year, we realized just how much our students need movement throughout their day to increase their ability to learn and stay focused.

All students will start their day with a "soft start". This start may provide choice time, collaboration with peers, and will also give the teacher time to target individual social/emotional concerns before the academic day starts.

Just like Kindergarten at AELC, first and second graders will have a half hour of Foundations instruction in the morning to build important phonetic skills needed to master basic reading.

At Avon East, students will have a 30-40 minute block of WIN (What I Need) time. WIN time is a period of no new instruction where students may receive enrichment opportunities and/or intervention opportunities based on their individual needs. Every teacher runs this block differently, so if you have specific questions- please reach out to them.

First graders' ELA instruction (English Language Arts) will take place in the morning instructional block with lunch/recess (in either order) from 11:15-12:15. Their afternoons will include a math instructional block, WIN time, and a 40 minute special (Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, and Technology).

Second graders' ELA instruction (English Language Arts) will take place in the morning instructional block as well with WIN time and a 40 minute special (Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, and Technology). Lunch and Recess (in either order) is from 12:15-1:15. Afternoons include a math instructional block.

***Specific questions on the details of your child's schedule should be directed to your child's teacher as each classroom can look different.***

**Homework:**

Our team believes that reading and practicing math facts nightly are beneficial for our learners at Avon East. Beyond those two valued practices, there may be a need for additional assignments based on your child's learning progress, however, it should not be anything overwhelming or detrimental to your family at home. If your child is spending more time on homework than expected- please contact me so we can discuss.

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Let us remember to have patience, grace, and flexibility this school year. We will continue to do our best to educate our students so they feel loved, happy, and safe. Thank you for your support in advance and if you have any questions, concerns or even want to share positives, we are always here for you!

Love,  
Your Avon East 2021-2022 Staff