



The Cub Chatter



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Important dates at Avery to remember!	
August:	
25.....	School Council Elections
25.....	PTA General Session Meeting, 7:00-7:25 PM Open House K-2 nd , 7:30-8:30 PM
27.....	School Council Elections
27.....	PTA General Session Meeting, 7:00-7:25 PM Open House 3 rd -5 th , 7:30-8:30 PM
September:	
7.....	Labor Day Holiday
9.....	Principal's Coffee
10.....	Fall Picture Day
21-25.....	Fall Break
29.....	Parent Information Night (PIN) Love & Logic: Kindergarten
October:	
2.....	Family Movie Night
9.....	Family Movie Night Rain Date
12.....	Winter Spirit Wear Sale Begins
13.....	PTA General Session Meeting, Literacy Night, 7:00 pm
19-23.....	Red Ribbon Week
22.....	Picture Day Retakes
23.....	Winter Spirit Wear Ends

Welcome back, Avery Cubs! We, your P.T.A. Board, hope you had a restful and fun summer vacation. We also hope you are ready for another fun-filled new year at Avery Elementary.

Last school year membership in Avery P.T.A. soared to new heights! We reached just about 80% membership within our school. **This year our aim is 100%.** We know this is very possible with such a dedicated school community. The mission of the Avery P.T.A. is to enhance and maximize the education of every child while aiding them in achieving their highest potential. We also seek to improve our children's education experience at Avery by strengthening the connection between home and school. We support a wide variety of fun and enriching programs and events, support the teachers, and represent the parent community in meetings with school administration. So that we may include the input of each Avery family into the goals of Avery P.T.A., we encourage you to mark your calendars and attend our P.T.A. meetings.

A quarterly calendar of family fun events planned for this year is included in this newsletter. We are adding a quarterly Principal's Coffee this year. It will cover topics parents want to know more about: differentiation, special programs, student clubs and much more. Our first Coffee will be on Wednesday, September 9 at 8:30 AM. I hope you can join us!

The Cub Chatter is going **GREEN** this year! In an attempt to cut costs and save trees, the Cub Chatter will be electronically sent to each P.T.A. member. Therefore, it is **vital** that Avery P.T.A. have your correct email when you complete your membership form. As always, the Cub Chatter will continue to be posted on the Avery P.T.A. website.

The P.T.A. also **needs volunteers** for every program and event that we will sponsor this year. Please take a moment and sign up for the activity you'd like to help out with this year. Volunteering does not mean a huge time commitment. Whatever your time schedule and interests, we have a need for you. We have tasks that can be performed in the evenings, during the day, or that don't even involve coming to the school at all. Remember, **A LITTLE means A LOT** to Avery P.T.A. Let's strengthen Avery's parental involvement and get involved where you are able!

Please feel free to contact me or any of your P.T.A. Board members with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a successful partnership with parents, teachers, and community this 2009-2010 school year!

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The Role of the Avery Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

The objectives of the Avery PTA are to:

- Establish and maintain a working relationship among parents, school and community.
- Support school improvement teams and promote the finest education possible for the students at Avery Elementary.
- Expand technology and supplement equipment and supplies.
- Develop programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum.
- Enhance the quality of education by raising funds for school supplies or programs that fall outside the school budget.



The PTA DOES

- Support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school
- Encourage parents' involvement in their individual children's lives, education, class, and school
- Provide feedback and suggestions for school programs
- Coordinate programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum
- Encourage/fund the increased exposure of students to technology
- Organize fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget
- Support the educational goals of the school and assist with attaining those goals through parent and community volunteerism
- Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts to staff PTA functions and assist with school programs
- Stay aware of legislation and political issues that may impact education and schools
- **A LOT !!!**

The PTA DOES NOT

- Run the school
- Force parents to participate in PTA and/or school activities
- Set policy regarding school programs
- Define the school's curriculum
- Dictate the technology platforms and/or software used by the school
- Define or interfere with the school's security program and policies
- Control the school's budget
- Set the educational goals, testing requirements, or compliance factors
- Have jurisdiction or authority over school staff, teachers, and other employees
- Endorse a particular political candidate or commercial concern
- **DO EVERYTHING !!!**



Join Your 2009-2010 PTA Today!

The 2009-2010 PTA card is available. The benefits definitely outweigh the cost! There are even more cost saving opportunities available to you this year with this purchase of your \$6 card:

1. Many businesses and restaurants offering up to 15% off all purchases
2. Free entry into all Avery movie nights
3. Going Green: Having your PTA card information allows us to save money and go paperless. We will be emailing most information throughout the year such as the monthly newsletter.
4. Fun for our children: There are incentives for classes who reach 80%, 90% and 100% participation.

As you can see, simply using the card twice will more than pay back your \$6 investment.

The Avery E.S. PTA has set a goal of 100% participation for our membership drive. In order to achieve this goal, enough individual memberships must be sold to represent every child in our school. We would like to ask for your help in meeting this goal. We had a nice start at "**Meet and Greet**" but have a long way to go to reach our goal. We hope all families will participate in these great savings.

Membership is available to all family members and even members of the community may join the PTA and benefit from the savings. Please tell your friends and neighbors they can participate and about the great savings the card provides (we could all stand to save a little money in today's economy)! Our local businesses are offering to help, all we have to do is join the Avery E.S. PTA!

Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate it!

Avery Can Earn FREE Money & Supplies for Our Students...

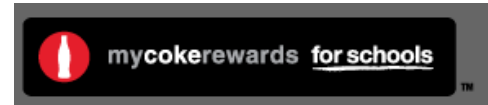
But we need you!! Clip coupons, codes or labels from products in our "Trash Into Cash" Programs. This is a wonderful way for you and others to support our school without having to buy anything but the products you already use!!

Avery participates in FOUR "Trash Into Cash" Programs:



Box Tops for Education
www.btfe.com

My Coke rewards For Schools
www.mycokerewards.com/schools



Tyson Project A+
www.tyson.com/projectaplus

Labels for Education (Campbell's)
www.labelsforeducation.com



Products Lists may be downloaded at www.averypta.org.



School-wide Class Contest:

"Help Our Avery Cub Forest Go Green with Box Tops!!"

Starting out at the bottom of Earnings Elm, over to Money Maple and then to the top of Box Tops Birch, your class collects 500, 1000, and 1,500 Box Tops to reach the top of each tree. Each tree that your Cub climbs wins your class a fun reward from Chick-Fil-A.

Thank you to **Chick-Fil-A at Canton Marketplace** for sponsoring our rewards. Remember that every Tuesday night from 4pm – 9pm is Family Night and kids eat free. Fun activities happening from 5pm – 7pm.



Bonus Offers

LOTS of BONUS Opportunities are happening right now!
Please check the Avery PTA website to learn more.

New Program!! Please save your Printer Ink Cartridges from home or work printers. Send in with your child to earn his class free supplies.



Talented, Imaginative, Capable Individuals to Head-Up PTA Committees



Time Commitment: Varied
Salary: Non-Existent
Contributing to the Welfare of our Children: Priceless

Consider being the Chair for one of the Following Committees:

- Bingo:** Plans and organizes a family night of fun for Avery families; scheduled for February
- Legislative:** Tracks legislation (State & National) that impacts education and its funding, writes short articles to be included in our monthly PTA newsletter when needed.
- Cultural Arts:** Plans cultural arts assemblies for the school (Dec. & Spring) and plans/organizes a school day in May that exposes Avery students to various different art forms.
- Exceptional Children’s Week:** Plans and organizes a week in March devoted to increasing awareness of special needs children.

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Reserve your copy of the first edition of the Avery ES’s Cookbook!
Our cookbook would make a great gift for loved ones.
Please clip the order form and return form with cash or checks to your homeroom teacher. Make checks payable to Avery ES PTA.



Child’s Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Books at \$10/book: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____

