

Musical Moments from the Music Department

We've had a wonderful start to the new year in music! Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grades are learning to say "Hello" in many different languages. 2nd, 4th and 5th grades have been working on rhythms and body percussion. The 4th and 5th Grade Chorus will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 2:30 to 3:30. All 4th and 5th graders are welcomed to join us! I'll be sending home registration forms in September.



The Music Department is meeting with PTA to discuss help with purchasing recorders and more instruments for this year.

Avery Rocks!

Mr. Boggs

Mrs. Medley

Media News



The Media Center is in full swing here at Avery! Media lessons and check-outs have begun for our Avery Cubs, and books are flying off the shelves. Our technology is also flying high as Avery's new Accelerated Reader (AR) program has been upgraded to Accelerated Reader Enterprise. The upgrade has new features that include a *Home Connect* component. This allows students and parents to view their child's work in Accelerated Reader. Students also have access to *all* of AR's reading tests - over 100,000 tests!



Avery Cubs are excited to once again welcome our CARES (Creekview Athletes Reading to Elementary Students) readers. This program is spearheaded by Coach Sapere at Creekview HS. The athletes come once a month to Avery and read to two grade levels. The students enjoy this time immensely and look forward to their visits. The athletes have even been asked for their autographs!

Jennifer Blakey

News from the Cubs' Den, Physical Education



Hello Cubs' fans! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is getting back into the swing of things. The beginning of the school year always brings new excitement in the Cubs' Den. The PE department would like to welcome Ms. Erin Reece to Avery. Ms. Reece will be here in the gym for the 1st semester as a student teacher from The University of West Georgia.

As we continue to get back into our routines, parents please remember that it is essential students have appropriate shoes on PE days. This ensures that your child is participating in a safe environment during their activities. Speaking of activities, for the next few weeks the K-2nd Cubs will continue working on personal and general space, fitness concepts, and hula hoops. The 3rd - 5th Cubs will start to work on fitness, soccer, and football skills.

**THANKS TO ALL THE CUBS FOR A
GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

COACH FITTS

COACH ROUSE

COACH ROBERTSON



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Counselor's Corner

Welcome to another wonderful year of learning here at Avery Elementary! It has been great seeing familiar faces along with so many new ones!

Your Avery School Counselors are Nancy Shaw for grades Kindergarten - 2nd and Angel Jane for grades 3-5. At the beginning of the school year, we work to assist students to adjust to the new year by making the transition from a summer schedule to the more structured school year schedule, with encouragement to gain independence throughout the school day. Throughout the school year we work with students in classroom guidance through the specials rotation (GR 1-5) and will conduct lessons with Kindergarteners in their homeroom classes sharing ideas on:

- Study Strategies
- Bully-Proofing
- Friendship and Communications Skills
- Conflict Resolution
- Stress and Anger Management
- Test Anxiety,
- Personal Safety
- Appreciating Differences
- Career Awareness

As needed, we meet with students on an individual basis or in a focused small group format. The focused small group activities allow us to direct discussions to better address the students' concerns. Students may visit the counselor individually if they are referred by a parent, a teacher, administrator, or self-referral. Parents can contact the Avery School Counselors by phoning Avery's office at 770-479-6200 or by email as listed below.

Nancy Shaw (School Counselor, Grades K-2, nancy.shaw@cherokee.k12.ga.us)
Angel Jane (School Counselor, Grades 3-5, angel.jane@cherokee.k12.ga.us)

ALL ABOUT ART!

Welcome to the world of Visual Art. We are off to a great start this year creating silly self-portraits for an amazing color wheel bulletin board that will be on display in our art room. Our first lessons will be based on color theory and paint!

Throughout the year we will be exploring the different elements and principles of art along with a variety of art media. Art class will be a time for students to learn while exploring their own creativity.

A variety of supplies will be used such as tempera paint, watercolors, crayons, oil pastels, and clay.

I am looking forward to a creative year with your child.

"When you open your eyes, you open your mind."

Kay J. Martin

