

Avon Campus Principal's Report May 12, 20210 Board Meeting

We have wrapped up all testing for IAR, ISA, and MAP for the year. The data will be collected and analyzed for goal-setting for the upcoming year.

ULLC sent a representative, Cheryl Herbert, to perform diagnostic testing of AAMS in late April. Cheryl was able to meet with every staff member, see classes in action, interview students, and meet with parents in order to get an overall perspective of AAMS and help us to identify areas of strength and growth. All the information they have collected will be summarized into a report which will be provided to the district for use in creating goals for our School Improvement Plan. The Building Leadership Team will work with ULLC to meet those goals over the next year.

On May 25th we will be honoring the accomplishments of our students at an awards assembly, although it will look differently than previous years to meet social distancing guidelines. The Rotary Club will be providing 8th grade Promotion certificates for me to award the 8th graders. Each student will also receive a certificate for every extra-curricular activity in which they participated. Other awards include the Illinois Principal Association Awards, Howard Davis Award, and Kiwanis Citizenship Awards. I have listed below the winners of those. AES students will receive MAP awards as well.

IPA for AES: Josie Featherlin and Abby Kemp

IPA for AAMS: Lilya Rakestraw and Justin Fowler

Howard Davis (AES): Payton Kreps and Grace Simmons

Howard Davis (AAMS): Bryson Harn and Adri DeJaynes

During the week of May 3rd - 7th we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Everyday of the week staff received tokens of our appreciation such as gift cards to local businesses, breakfast provided by the PTO, cookies from Carolyn's, and handmade tornado pens. The week was finished off with a cookout by one of our Board members. Thank you to all the support we have gotten this week. My Avon Campus staff is truly amazing and I am excited to have the opportunity to show them how much I appreciate their dedication to our students.

Current entity counts as of May 5, 2021:

Avon Campus Total Student Population: 339						
Avon Elementary School (19 students in Remote)						
Overall: 119						
Pre-K: 20	K: 15	1st: 16	2nd: 17	3rd: 16	4th: 13	5th: 22

Abingdon-Avon Middle School (24 students in Remote)						
Overall: 220						
6th: 68	7th:74	8th: 77				

Remote Attendance

	Average
AES	95%
AAMS	91%

Mrs. McWhorter's class has very exciting news to share. I asked her to do a little write-up for you. We are so excited about this experience and how they are able to include the entire school in their learning opportunity.

Ms. McWhorter's 5th grade class is very excited to have the opportunity to participate in a Zoom meeting with Meg Lowman Ph.D., also known as, Canopy Meg. The class will be able to ask her questions and learn more about her mission. We have been reading about her and her amazing work in our reading series and the book, The Most Beautiful Roof in the World, Exploring the Rainforest Canopy, by Kathryn Lasky. This book describes Meg's work in the canopies of the rainforests.

Meg is one of the world's foremost "arbornauts". In 1999, she co-founded and currently serves as Executive Director of TREE Foundation with the mission to link under-served children to nature and promote tree research, education, and exploration. In 2020, she launched MISSION GREEN — her vision and goal to build 10 canopy walkways in the world's highest bio-diverse forests by 2025. She has worked in 46 countries across all seven continents. She has co-chaired five international canopy conferences; authored over 150 scientific publications; and authored/co-authored many books on forest science and sustainability.

Before our meeting we will be hosting a fundraiser to support her in her mission to save global forests and educate kids in other countries about trees, We have decided we will do a Penny Parade. We have also asked our Art teacher to help us create a "rainforest" in the entryway of our school and then for each student from our Pre K-5 building that donates a dollar, they will get to choose a rainforest related picture to color and place in the "rainforest". These rainforest related pictures will consist of some of the many plants, flowers, insects, and other living creatures that call the rainforest home.