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# Avondale Alive

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## Attendance - Every Minute Counts!



Originally passed in December 2016, House Bill 410 encourages and supports a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy. **Missing too much school has long-term negative effects on students, including lower achievement and graduation rates.** 

That is why is it very important your child(ren) is/are at school **ON TIME** each, and every day. With HB410, truancy and excessive absences were changed from days to hours, making every minute count!

On your child's report card you may see attendance listed as days absent, "but your child has never missed a day!" When students leave early, arrive late, leave and come back during the day – those minutes are counted as absences and add up to days.

Our breakfast doors open at 8:45 am, and that is when your student(s) can enter the building. We recommend arriving between 8:40 and 8:45 am to ensure enough time for breakfast for your student(s).

Halloween Celebration – For Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students



On Tuesday, October 26 students in grades kindergarten through third grade will take a trip to Nationwide Arena to trick-or-treat with the Columbus Blue Jackets!

Information on this exciting opportunity (including permission slips and guidance) will be forthcoming for your child(ren)'s teacher(s)!

## Counselor's Corner, Mr. Fry

Hello Avondale families! I wanted to remind you that by being here on time, and staying all day, also known



as Perfect Attendance can earn you cool prizes like "Principal for a Day," and other fun rewards! Here are some tips to help with attendance:

- Turn off all devices at night because they keep you awake, instead read a book until you get sleepy.
- Make sure to have a routine at night and in the morning: go to bed at the same time and get up at the same time, make sure you get at least 8 hours of sleep time, and turn off the TV's and put phones on Do Not Disturb.
- Plan to be at school at 8:45 every morning!



#### Wise Words from Mrs. Carek, Avondale's School Social Worker

In need of assistance with clothing and supplies? Visit Charity Newsies:

www.charitynewsies.org

As we approach the holidays, are you or someone you know in need of some assistance? Visit the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer 2021 application: https://bit.ly/AESSACC

## October Calendar

- 10/15 Professional Development No School
- 10/26 End of First Quarter
- 10/27 Records Day No School Looking Ahead
- 11/11 **Parent Teacher Conferences** 3:45 7:15p (Information will come from your child's teacher about timing and scheduling)
- 11/16 **Parent Teacher Conferences** 3:45 7:15p

### 11/24-26No School – Thanksgiving Recess

On the go? Need dates quickly? Visit <u>ccsoh.us/AvondaleES</u> for up to date school information, quick links, and a calendar!