

Welcome Back, Avondale!



We are so thrilled to welcome students and staff back to Avondale, in person, full time for the first time in 531 days. August 26 was our first day “all-in” since March 13, 2020.

On our first day back, we welcomed students with Columbus Blue Jackets’ mascot Stinger (above); Dr. Talisa Dixon, Superintendent/CEO of Columbus City Schools; members of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing, and Franklinton’s Emergency Department; Franklinton Tutors; Dowd Center and the Homeless Families Foundation; Gladden Community House; the City of Columbus; North Community Counseling Center; Nationwide Children’s’ Hospital; and many more community members. It truly takes a village, and we are so grateful to have the village we do to support our students.

New Faces at Avondale

This year at Avondale, we have a few new staff members, and many returning staff. We wanted to highlight our new staff for you:



Ms. Molly Hagkull

Ms. Hagkull is joining Avondale as a fifth-grade teacher this year. Ms. Hagkull comes to us with a great deal of knowledge and joy to support our learners. We are so excited to have her join us this year!

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Important Things to Note!



As we begin the school year, we wanted to remind you of a few things, and make you aware of a few changes:

- Breakfast begins at 8:45 am
- Dismissal is staggered this year, again:
 - 3:15 pm
 - **Kindergarten & Pre-K** will dismiss from the **Town St.** doors near the flag pole;
 - **4th grade** will dismiss from the **Avondale Ave.** door;
 - **3rd & 5th grades** will dismiss from the **Hawkes Ave.** door
 - 3:20 pm
 - **2nd grade** will dismiss from the **Avondale Ave.** door;
 - **1st grade** will dismiss from the **Hawkes Ave.** door.
- School Phone number: (614) 365-6511

Infinite Campus (IC) Parent Portal



For password resets and forgotten usernames, parent/guardian can email a picture of their photo ID to: parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us

For assistance navigating the portal or unsuccessful logins, parent/guardian can call: 1-380-997-7245

Student Dismissal Changes

If you need to change your student’s dismissal procedure, we ask that you do so by 2:30 pm by contacting the main office (614-365-6511) so that we may inform the teacher and student. This will allow for the safety of our students, and will aim to not impede the dismissal process.

April D. Knight, Principal
Aileen Porter, Secretary II

Monthly Newsletter for Families

Anthony M Peddle, EdD, Leadership Intern
Corey Fry, Counselor

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Mrs. Patty Austin

Mrs. Austin joins Avondale as the 2nd and 3rd grade Primary Literacy Specialist! We are so excited to have her here to support the work of our students and teachers.



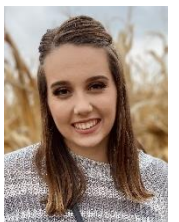
Dr. Anthony M Peddle

Dr. Peddle is joining Avondale as our Leadership Intern. He will be working with Mrs. Knight to learn the ropes as a school administrator. If Mrs. Knight is ever unavailable, you may reach out to Dr. Peddle to assist you. Dr. Peddle has taught in Columbus for 8 years.



Ms. Meredith Mucha has worked in CCS for 15 years, first as a speech-language pathologist and most recently as a mentor to educators who are new to the district. Currently, she is working

on obtaining her master's degree in educational administration and principal licensure through OSU. I am excited for the opportunity to complete my field experience at Avondale Elementary! I have two daughters and I love turtles and watching movies.



Ms. Olivia Wilde is our new North Central Counseling Center therapist! She joins us on Mondays and Thursdays supporting our students. Her partner, Ms. Janice is returning on Wednesdays. Ms. Olivia is

currently in school to get her Master's in Counselor Education; she is involved with counselors for social justice at OSU.



Mrs. Darlena Jones

Mrs. Jones is a Transformation and Leadership Coach for CCS. She works with schools in Region 1 (Avondale is one of them!) supporting their learning and

continued development. Mrs. Jones' office is housed at Avondale, although she supports schools throughout the region.



Ms. Carrie Russell

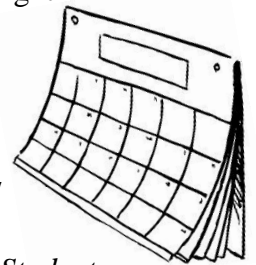
Similar to Mrs. Jones, Ms. Russell is a Transformation and Leadership Coach for CCS who supports the work of our BLT (Building Leadership Team) and the work that is connected to our School Improvement Plan (SIP) required by the State of Ohio.

Title I Parent Information

Avondale receives Title I funding to support the academic achievement of ALL students; to support teacher professional development; to purchase specified student materials to support reading and math achievement; and to support parent engagement. As a parent, it is your right to be made aware of this funding source.

Calendar of Events

September 2021



- 9/2 Opening Emergency Drills (*Students will participate in a fire, reverse evacuation, and lock down drill on this day*)
- 9/6 **Labor Day – No School**
- 9/8 Bus Safety (*Students in grades K through 3 will participate in bus safety drills with our drivers, their teachers and Mr. Fry*)
- 9/9 Pre-K Students Start
- 9/14 Open House 6 – 7:30 pm– Look for more information soon!

Looking Ahead

- 10/15 **Professional Development – No School**
- 10/26 End of First Quarter
- 10/27 **Records Day – No School**
- 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 (*Information will come from your child's teacher about timing and scheduling*)