

Avenue A Owls

August 2015
Newsletter

From the Principal, Beth Redinger

Welcome back to Avenue A Elementary! We hope you had a great summer break and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

School safety is very important to us. All visitors must enter through the doors on Madison Street. This includes parents and volunteers.

For the safety of the children, they will not be allowed to cross at the circle drive without an adult. We ask that parents not call students across.

Limit class interruptions: Classroom interruptions will be limited as much as possible so that students are not distracted from their academic learning.

Parent Information Night: Our first meeting is Thursday, August 27. It will begin at 6:00 and be held in the Media Center. This is an opportunity for me to share with you what will be happening this year as well as to get input from you. Your input is valuable. Please join us.

New at Avenue A: Please welcome to our staff this year Katie Thiessen - Instructional Support, Teresa Blea - Second Grade and Amanda Paulsen - Music. We are excited to have them on our team. I would also like to introduce you to CHAMP. He is our new mascot.

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Safe and Civil Schools

This school year we will implement a school wide behavior management program, CHAMPS, which is a part of the Safe and Civil Schools Program. All staff and students will be trained in this model. Avenue A will offer an overview / training at the first Parent Information Night.

The Safe and Civil School Series is a collection of strategies designed to create a safe, respectful and responsible learning environments. The goals are:

- All students and staff will be treated with dignity and respect.
- Students will be taught skills and behaviors needed for success.
- Safety, respect and responsibility will be encouraged through positive interactions and relationships.
- Student misbehavior provides a teaching opportunity.

Collaboration will be critical.

Boys and Girls Club

Avenue A Boys and Girls Club is up and running every day after school from 3:10 to 5:30. Students must fill out a membership application and make payment arrangements prior to attending. One change this year is that we will not be providing transportation or supervision on early release Fridays. Members are welcome to attend Shadduck Park, 600 West Second, they will need to be taken or walk there on their own.

Be looking for a Boys and Girls Club monthly activity calendar the first of September, for activity and program schedules. If you have any questions please call the club office at 620-615-4961.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 24 - Neighborhood Mtg. 5:00 - 8:00
- August 25 - Neighborhood Mtg. 6:00 - 8:00
- August 27 - Parent Information Night 6:00
- September 4 - Early Release Day 1:00
- September 7 - No School
- September 15 - Birthday Celebration @ Lunch
- September 17 - Neighbor-hood Center Advisory 4:30
- September 24 - Family Night 6:00 - 7:00
- October 1 - School Pictures
- October 2 - Early Release
- October 7 & 8 - Parent / Teacher Conferences
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Go Owls!