Dear Hickory Families!

Habit #4-Think Win-Win is the belief that everyone can win. It’s not you or me—it’s both of us. How do we help our children with this habit? Think of an ongoing conflict you tend to have with your child (homework, cleaning his or her room, feeding the dog) and then discuss a win-win solution to the conflict. Write down the solution and then remind each other of it the next time the situation arises. I recently tried this with Carter when studying for his vocabulary quiz. We laid out a plan to study a few words a day over the two weeks prior to the quiz. He felt so much better being prepared today, and I did not have to press him to study the night before the quiz.

I have a great Win-Win opportunity for families coming up a week from today! Our PTO has planned an awesome event for Friday, February 24th from 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. I hope that you all will be able to join us for the PTO Winter Carnival! Last Friday, raffle tickets were sent home for students to sell to family and friends (must be over 18 yrs. of age to win). Please see the information about all of the wonderful raffle ticket items that can be won later on in the newsletter. Next week, we will be sending home perfect attendance awards for the 1st and 2nd nine weeks. The past several years, perfect attendance was only given at the end of the school year. Come to find out, perfect attendance should be awarded after each nine weeks according to board policy. So, from now on we will following the policy (see policy below) and giving perfect attendance each nine weeks instead of the end of the school year. We will continue to recognize Outstanding Attendance students at the end of the school year.

I hope that you all find time to enjoy the beautiful weather in the forecast over the weekend!

Sincerely,
Keary Riningter

Habit 4 — Think Win-Win


**Habit 4:**


Outstanding Attendance: Students may receive recognition for outstanding attendance over the course of the entire school year. This award is earned by attending a minimum of 178 of the 180 student days in a school calendar year. Three tardies and/or early dismissals disqualify students from receiving this recognition.

Perfect Attendance: Student may receive recognition for perfect attendance during each grading period. (perfect is coming to school on time and attending the full day every day during the 9 weeks to receive this award)
Help our school earn money by signing up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Simply go to krogercommunityrewards.com and click on Sign in or Register. Use the NPO number 61508 to register for Hickory Elementary. If you already have a Kroger Plus card, you can register with your existing card number. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, you can register for one at any Kroger customer service desk.

**Help Hickory Earn Money**

Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program

Note: Current members need to re-enroll after 1 year.

Hickory has currently earned **OVER $1,200.00 with this program!!**
Order Your Yearbook
Hickory Yearbooks On Sale Now!

Turn in order forms by February 25th, 2017
Online orders can be placed at YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM ID CODE: 7557617

From the School Nurse
Parents:
Just a few reminders when sending in prescription and/or over the counter medications

- Please use the forms found in your student’s handbook when sending medication to school.
- Avon School policy does not allow for medications to be sent home with students.
- Medication should be in the original container or the prescription bottle (you can ask pharmacist for separate school bottle if needed).

Please feel free to contact me with any special concerns regarding your student as needed.
-Natalie Dilger, R.N. 317-544-6300 ext. 6325

Hey Hickory Parents, looking for something?
The Hickory Lost and Found area is OVERFLOWING with lost jackets, shirts, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles etc. If your child is missing one or more of these items, please have them visit the Lost and Found area in the Hickory Café’ before unclaimed items are donated to Good Will.

ROAD CLOSING: LATEST UPDATE
The closure at the CSX crossing will occur on or after February 27, 2017 for approximately 15 months. Avon Avenue will be open to 25 South until the summer. During construction, Avon Avenue will be open to Frost Bite, Sun Spot and businesses on Galen Drive. Please continue to support these businesses during construction.
Visit avongov.org for updates!

PTO Winter Carnival
Friday, Feb. 24th
5:30pm-8pm
See Page 4 of this newsletter for more information!

MARY LEE MAIER COMMUNITY Pantry
Open for ACSC families on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 PM
Enter Door #4 at Maple Elementary

The Avon Education Foundation Invites You to
Monte Carlo Night
Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 6:00 in the Evening
Washington Township Park Pavilion Center
Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, a silent auction and entertainment to support educational programs in Avon’s Schools.
Tickets: $75 per person; corporate tables available
Visit www.AvonEducationFoundation.org

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HICKORY WINTER CARNIVAL RAFFLE IS HERE!

PTO sponsors two main fundraisers each year. The money raised from these events fund teacher grants, classroom technology, parent-child special events and much more!

The Winter Carnival and Raffle is our second fundraiser for the 2016-2017 school year. We are asking Hickory parents to sell at least 20 raffle tickets prior to the Carnival for $2 each. Winter Carnival Packets were sent home last Friday, Feb 10th. Included in the packets were the Raffle Prize List, two sheets of Raffle Tickets, and an Additional Ticket Request Form.

Classroom Awards

- The top classroom in each grade level with the highest ticket sales will get a pizza party!
- The top 2 overall classrooms will get to have a silly string party with their teacher in addition to the pizza!

⇒ All tickets need to be completed and returned with the payment by 9:30 AM on Friday, Feb 24 to be counted toward classroom sales contest prizes.

Check out this year’s AMAZING Raffle Prize List!!!

- Disney Experience
- Photography Package
- Taste of Indy
- Fitbit Package
- HP Laptop Computer
- IPad Mini 2
- Protocol Galileo Drone
- American Girl Doll Package
- Midwest Stay-cation
- Colts Tailgate Package

Winter Carnival Donations Needed

Winter Carnival is coming soon and we need your help. On Friday February 24th we will be hosting Hickory’s Winter Carnival. With your donations and time volunteered, we will have another successful year! We appreciate all of you!

HOW CAN I HELP?

1. Donate 2 Liters of Soda or Lemonade (125 liters needed)
   Please drop off liters at school any time before Thursday, February 23rd.

2. Donate Baked Goods (Over 100 items needed)
   We need baked goods for the infamous cake walk. You can donate cookies, cupcakes or cakes. Please bring donated goods to the school on either Thursday, Feb. 23rd or before noon on Friday, February 24th.
Click on the links below to view opportunities and events offered in Hendricks County.

Educational Flyers

- NEW! Camp Invention
- Avon Tri Kappa Scholarship Application
- Kindermusik Classes
- Hendricks Co. Head Start

Athletic Flyers

- NEW! Spring Jump Rope Workshop
- AJAA Spring Registration
- ACST Developmental Swim Program
- AJAA Registration Information

The Arts Flyers

- NEW! Choir Dine to Donate at Yats
- Winter Showcase 2017
- Avon Bands Car Raffle
- Avon Musical Instrument Drive

Community Events Flyers

- NEW! Avon Night Light 5K
- Presidents' Day Trivia Night

Other Flyers

- Flashback Friday Movie Night at AHS
- Washington Twp Parks and Rec Guide Winter Spring 2017
- Hendricks Regional Health YMCA February Newsletter
- Safe Sitter 2017 Program (Hendricks Regional Health)
- Hoopla - Avon-Washington Twp. Library
- Backpack Safety