Dear Hickory Families!

Do you have friends or family who live outside of the Avon Community School Corporation but have a desire to have their children attend Avon Schools? Avon Schools is now accepting applications for non-resident students in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade, as well as grades nine through eleven. Applications are accepted between now and May 1st. Families considering this option must provide transportation, pay all school related fees, and must meet additional requirements, as outlined on the Avon Community Schools website. The majority of elementary students accepted for enrollment will be placed at Maple Elementary, White Oak Elementary, and Pine Tree Elementary.

You might wonder how this could possibly benefit our elementary schools. Here is an example: One of our elementary schools currently has 63 students in third grade, which results in two classrooms of 31-32 students. If a small handful of non-resident students entering fourth grade for the 2017-2018 school year can be added to this elementary school, it will create the need for three sections of fourth grade instead of just two. The dollars that follow those students just helped pay for a new teacher, taking the current third grade classes of 31 students down to fourth grade classes of roughly 24 students.

So if you have friends or family who live outside of Avon but have always wished to be a part of this amazing school district, please share the great news and direct them to the Avon Community Schools website at http://www.avon-schools.org/Domain/4.

I would like to invite all of you to our next PTO meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 7 pm in our media center. During this meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn more about The Leader in Me process for our school.

**Habit 6 — Synergize**

Together Is Better: I value other people’s strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people’s ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.

**Online Kindergarten Registration** will begin Monday, April 3rd.

Kindergarten Assessments will take place on Thursday, May 11th.
Thursday evening’s performance of “Wing It” by the Hickory first and second graders was truly spectacular! Thank you to music teacher Mrs. Maribeth Williams for inspiring our talented students to be such amazing performers. And thank you to all of the parents who put together some really unique and special costumes!
Student Council Buddy Bracelet Sales & Twin Day a Huge Success!

Both students and staff members had fun celebrating Twin Day to help raise money for the Hickory buddy benches. Thanks to the overwhelming support of our students and their families, the student council has earned the funds necessary to purchase the buddy benches for our playground!

The Wedding of "Q" and "U"- Happily Ever After

Hickory kindergarten students from Mrs. Guerrero’s and Miss Shield’s classes celebrated a very special event… the Wedding of Q and U! It is a silly, fanciful, wonderful way to teach students the spelling pattern of “qu” in a way that is truly memorable. The wedding reinforces the idea that every time we write a word with a q in kindergarten, we always follow the q with a u.

(Left) Bride-Marian Archer
Teacher of the Bride-Mrs. Guerrero
(Right) Groom-Austin DeVinney
Teacher of the Groom-Miss Shields
Help Hickory Earn Money

Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program

Note: Current members need to re-enroll each year.

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.

CBS4 Reads to Hickory 2nd Graders

CBS4 Indy Traffic Reporter Rachel Bogle stopped by Hickory Elementary to read a book to the entire 2nd grade class! They also got to ask questions about her job and were happy to learn that she goes to bed before they do--at 6:30 p.m.!

End of Year Convocations

Read All About It!

We are trying something new this year! Our end of year convocations times will be grouped by grade levels at the times shown below. We hope that both parents and students will enjoy the new shorter, grade level-focused award programs.

**Kindergarten**: Awards will be given in the classrooms.
Kdg. will celebrate Polar Express Day Activities and Games.

**First and Second Grade**—9:15-10:00

**Third Grade**—10:15-11:00

**Fourth Grade**—11:15-12:00

**All School Convo**—2:45-3:35

Parents will receive an invitation to the appropriate convocation should their child(ren) be receiving an End of the Year Award, however all parents are welcome to attend.

Hickory has currently earned OVER $1,200.00 with this program!!
Click on the links below to view opportunities and events offered in Hendricks County

**EDUCATIONAL FLYERS**

- NEW! Avon OLC Plant Sale & Every Day is Earth Day
- Camp Invention
- Kindermusik Classes
- Hendricks Co. Head Start

**ATHLETIC FLYERS**

- NEW! ACST Developmental Swim Program
- Avon Summer Tennis 10 and Under Camp
- Avon Summer Tennis Camp
- Avon Free Play Day
- Spring Jump Rope Workshop
- AJAA Spring Registration
- AJAA Registration Information

**THE ARTS FLYERS**

- NEW! Disney's Beauty and the Beast Musical by HCT
- Avon Bands Car Raffle
- Avon Musical Instrument Drive

**COMMUNITY EVENTS FLYERS**

- Avon Night Light 5K

**OTHER FLYERS**

- 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