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ACSC Receives Lilly Endowment Counseling Grant



Avon Community School Corporation (ACSC) has received a planning grant of \$47,558 under Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Comprehensive Counseling Initiative for Indiana K-12 Students. The aim of the Counseling Initiative is to increase significantly the number of K-12 students in Indiana who are emotionally healthy to realize academic success, graduate from high school, obtain valuable postsecondary credentials, certifications and degrees necessary for meaningful employment. These students will also be prepared to compete and prosper in the global society in which they will live and work.

The K-12 Avon school counselors will collaborate with local and regional organizations, such as Fleck Education, to assess the current counseling program and the social and emotional needs of all Avon students. ACSC is one of 284 Indiana public school corporations and charter schools in Indiana receiving planning grants through the initiative.

"There is a growing need for us to assist our students in understanding their social and emotional schema. This grant encourages the local discussion of the current resources and

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programs we have and allows us to explore the wealth of knowledge we have in Hendricks County and beyond," stated Sarah Altman, school counselor at Sycamore Elementary and co-chair of the ACSC committee for this grant. "We want our students to feel connected to our staff and schools, and we know we can play a role in helping our students feel safe at school. We are excited to begin this thorough investigation of our students' needs and how we can advocate for helping them be successful in their lives," she continued.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family - J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli - through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment is primarily committed to the causes of community development, education and religion and has a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and its home state, Indiana.

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AMSS Students Inducted into NJHS



Ninety-six Avon Middle School South 7th and 8th graders were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in a special ceremony recently held at the school. The National Junior Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to recognize students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Thanks to teachers/NJHS sponsors David Rodgers and Kimberly Shambaugh for starting this new chapter.

AHS Interact Club Collecting Prom Dresses



The Avon High School Interact Club will be holding its sixth annual Girls' Prom Essentials Sale to help high school girls live out their dreams of a memorable prom.

To ensure that there is a wide variety of choices, donations are needed. Anyone who would like to donate formal or semi-formal dresses in any size or style, jewelry, dressy shoes, evening purses, etc. is encouraged to drop items off at one of the following collections sites from Feb. 1 through March 1: Avon High School Door #1, Cass & Co. Salon, 7374 Business Center Dr., or Scrubs by Pinque Lady at Prestwick at the Crossing, 5201 E. US 36, #204.

On Saturday, March 11th from 10 am to 1 pm, the AHS Interact Club (sponsored by Avon Rotary) will welcome all high school girls looking to purchase quality dresses and accessories. Dresses will sell for \$10, shoes for \$2 a pair, and accessories for \$1 each. Shoppers should enter door #13, the Advanced Learning Center of the high school on the east side of the building.

Making high school prom more affordable and supporting the residents at Sheltering Wings are the two goals of this group of service-minded high school students. All proceeds from the Girls' Prom Essentials Sale will be donated to Sheltering Wings to support residents in leading healthy, independent lives.

Support Avon Schools--Win a New Car!



The next Early Bird drawing for the Car Raffle is March 3rd! The winner of the \$300 cash prize is still eligible to win a new car donated by Andy Mohr Automotive. Your support brings much needed benefits to all Avon students.

Go to www.car4avonband.com for purchasing details.

Mary Lee Maier Community Pantry Open TODAY



ACSC families and staff are welcome to visit the Mary Lee Maier Community Pantry TODAY from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come to Maple Elementary School (Door 4) and our volunteers will be waiting to assist you!

Be Our Guest!



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Substitute
Teach Today!**

Avon Community School Corporation
welcomes highly qualified and motivated individuals to join us as

Substitute Teachers

Requirements:

- Minimum of 20 credits from an accredited college/university
- OR related experience in an educational setting with a high school diploma

Salary:

- \$80 for a full day
- \$40 for a half day

Benefits:

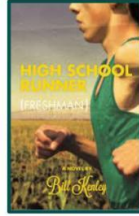
- Flexible Schedule
- Competitive Pay and Free Friday Lunch

Interested?

**Check out the ACSC
Human Resources page
and apply online via
Applitrack
www.avon-schools.org/
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AHS Library Hosting Novel Conversations

MEET THE AUTHOR BILL KENLEY



February 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Avon High School

Advanced Learning Center Lecture Hall

Books available - \$17 plus tax

Author signing after event

Enter at Door 33 (west side of building) or

Door 13 (east side-ALC Entrance)

Author Bill Kenley will discuss setting goals and how to achieve them.



Mr. Kenley has been twice voted the most influential and inspiring teacher in his high school. Kenley's debut novel, *High School Runner (Freshman)*, is his fictional love letter to high-school cross-country.

Kenley is an award-winning high school and college-level creative writing teacher, a three-time Boston marathoner with a 2:47 marathon personal best, and has a 50-miler under his belt.

Made possible by a grant from Indiana Humanities Novel Conversations Program

The AHS Library recently received a Novel Conversations Speakers Program grant from the Indiana Humanities (IH) program. This grant will bring 2016 Emerging Author Finalist Bill Kenley to Avon High School on February 22nd at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and hear him talk about his book, "High School Runner" as well as discuss setting goals and how to achieve them.

Indiana Humanities is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the public humanities. Visit www.indianahumanities.org for more information.

Avon Rotary Hosting Speech Competition

Avon Rotary will host its Annual High School Speech Contest on March 15th at 7 a.m. at the Club's morning meeting at Avon Town Hall. Any high school student living within the Avon school district is eligible to enter.

The topic for the 5 to 7 minute memorized speech is ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY. Cash prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$75 will be awarded to the top three places. The speakers placing 1st and 2nd will go on to the Rotary District 6560 competition in April where they will compete for prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250.

The registration deadline is Friday, March 3rd. Get registration details from Avon Rotary Public Relations Chair Pam Lyons at lyons.pam@gmail.com or 317-460-0739.

AEF News



Did you get your tickets? The Avon Education Foundation is hosting its biggest fundraising event of the year! Funds raised help support educational programs for Avon students. For tickets go to www.AvonEducationFoundation.org

Community Flyers

Did you know that ACSC has a designated page where you can find flyers featuring important information in Hendricks County? Sections include Community Events, Arts, Athletics and Educational. New flyers are added to this page regularly, so be sure to visit often! Click here: <http://www.avon-schools.org/domain/46>

Upcoming Calendar Dates to Remember

Feb. 13	ACSC Board Meeting (9:15 a.m. at AIS-East)
Feb. 20	Snow Make Up Day
March 1	K-12 Staff Development (1-Hour Delay)
March 13	ACSC Board Meeting (7 p.m.)
March 20-31	Spring Break (No School)
April 5	K-12 Staff Development (1-Hour Delay)