

A Message from Superintendent Hoernemann

Who has time to be involved?

As I've talked with parents and friends of the community, a common denominator seems to emerge with each conversation: a lack of time. Rush. Rush. Rush. We are always headed somewhere or thinking about what's next on the never ending To Do list.

Even with the many activities in our lives, I know that parents and other caring adults want to be and are involved in education. If you want to be involved but feel you don't have time, I have an easy first step: The Balanced Calendar Survey. It will only take five minutes to share your opinion with us as we evaluate the first year of this calendar being in place at Avon Schools.

Since the Balanced Calendar has been implemented, we have extended vacation periods at key times of the year which have contributed to better attendance (fewer prearranged absences). They also provide a restful break after a rigorous nine weeks of class for students and staff.

This year ACSC offered an enrichment camp during spring break. It was a reasonably priced program with offerings ranging from science to art to music and technology. By all measures this was an extremely successful experience for students with more than 200 campers participating. We anticipate offering another camp in the Fall with an even greater variety of exciting programs.

Avon's School Board typically approves the school calendar at least 18 months in advance. The 2014-15 calendar has already been determined (it mirrors this year's calendar). However, we are soliciting your input for the 2015-16 calendar year. Please take a few minutes to take the survey by visiting this link: <http://bit.ly/XTVS6T>.

We value your opinion.

Whether this or any other topic we are not too busy to listen. Feel free to email me at mehoernemann@avon-schools.org.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hoernemann
Superintendent