

July

2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2020 – 2021 school year! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and is ready for an exciting new school year!

August 17, 2020 – First Day of School

2020 – 2021 Registration is available on the school website

<https://avistonk-8.org/forms/>

Fees of \$150 per student are due by July 18, 2020.

For your convenience, we have installed a drop box on the south wall of the Main Entrance. Please use the drop box when delivering documents required by our Office Staff.

Class Lists will be posted on the cafeteria windows on August 3, beginning at 9am. If your child's name is not listed, then we are missing your registration information and/or registration fees.

Please practice social distancing when viewing the lists. If you have any questions, please call the office or send an email to schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org.

Don't forget to order your [School Supply Kits](#)- EduKits by July 13 or a [Class supply list](#) is available on the school website for each grade. School Supply – EduKits will be delivered to the school and will be waiting in your child's classroom on the first day of school.

Physicals, Immunizations, Dental, & Vision – ALL EXAMS need to be turned in to the office prior to the start of the school year.

New Students – Physical exam with updated immunization record, Dental exam, & Vision exam

Kindergarten – Physical exam with updated immunization record, Dental exam, & Vision exam

2nd Grade – Dental exam

6th grade – Physical exam with updated immunization record & Dental exam

5th – 8th Grade Athletes – Sports Physical needs to be on file to participate in tryouts

EAGLE ATHLETES

Cross Country: Practice - August 10th 7-8am

Boys Baseball: Practice - August 1st & 2nd 9am –Noon @Park BB Diamonds

A decision on the fall sports season should be made by the SIJHSAA by the end of July.

Sport Physicals must be on file by the time of tryouts.

Student Intake/Needs Assessment

A Student Intake/ Needs Assessment will be mailed out to families and will need to be returned to the school by July 15th at the latest. We are currently working on a plan to start school with students in attendance in August. This assessment will help us with what your needs are.

Happy July Aviston Eagles! I hope all of you are having a fun and safe summer. The question on everyone's mind is "What will school look like when we return in August?"

The truthful answer is that our planned return will need to adhere to the guidance provided by the State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Although the guidance and plans may change at a moment's notice (which is *very* likely), I am approaching the return to in-person instruction as a great opportunity for us to come together and interact as we continue learning. The remote learning scenario that we experienced this spring showed the social and academic importance of in-person learning. Having safety measures in place will ensure our ability to continue the in-person instructional format.

Please consider talking with your children about how handwashing, sanitizing and social distancing will help to keep us in school and learning together. Face masks are a part of the requirements provided by the state and parents are encouraged to have children choose a comfortable mask that can also be fun to wear. We are exploring creative opportunities to utilize outdoor spaces for class to add variety to the times when masks are required. Our approach to the safety guidelines is to be compliant, practical and exercise common sense. Practicing these safety measures at home and in public will help with the transition when returning to school.

Specific details for the return to school will be released in the coming weeks. I am seeking input from our teachers, staff, parents, community members, transportation contractor and area schools to develop the best plan for our return. Thank you for your patience as we work to return in August. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Phil Hamil
Superintendent